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CATHOLIC Care Volunteer Program

The Archdiocese of Sydney is working alongside our social welfare agency Catholic Care to roll out a volunteer program to help the needy access groceries, cooked meals, medicines and other necessities at this difficult time. You are asked to nominate a volunteer coordinator (not your Parish Priest or parish secretary) and 5-10 people in your parish who are young and healthy enough to carry out these visits to the needy. Please provide their contact details to Laura Rahill at laura.rahill@sydneycatholic.org

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

ABUSE IS A CRIME. THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE TO DEAL WITH A CRIME ARE THE POLICE. IF YOU – OR ANYONE YOU KNOW – HAVE BEEN ABUSED, PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE. ALTERNATIVELY, YOU CAN CONTACT THE SAFEGUARDING AND MINISTERIAL INTEGRITY OFFICE AT (02) 9390 5810 OR SAFEGUARDINGENQUIRIES@SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG.

YOU MAY ALSO WANT TO SPEAK TO YOUR PARISH PRIEST WHO WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE. THE ARCHDIOCESE HAS A LEGAL OBLIGATION TO REPORT **CRIMES TO THE POLICE.**

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Do you own a business? We would love to help you by letting everyone know. If you would like to advertise your business in our Weekly Bulletin, Please contact the Parish Office on 9604 1199. Limited spaces available. Low and flexible rates apply.

Advertising Space Available - Beginning New Financial Year

Quarterly (No Easter Ads): \$330
Half Year (26 Weeks - No Easter Ads): \$550
Annually (No Easter Ads): \$990

- 10% discount for parishioners who are actively donating via the St Gertrude's Fund.

Contact Parish Office - 9604 1199
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10 am—2 pm

ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

St Benedict's Church

Corner Justin & Neville Street
SMITHFIELD

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm;
7.30am (Italian); 10.30am; 6.00pm.

Weekday Masses:

9.15am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday;
7pm Wednesday

Weekday Public Holidays: 10.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Adoration:

Wednesdays after evening Mass with Novena to St Benedict until 8.30pm; Saturdays from 4.45pm—5.45pm; & Fridays after the 9.15am Mass

First Friday of the Month:

7pm Mass & Adoration

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tuesdays after Mass & Fridays after 9.15am Mass with Exposition.



Parish Priest
Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE

Assistant Priests

Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE &
Fr Peter James Strohmayr OSPPE

St Theresa's Church

Corner The Boulevard & Stella Street
FAIRFIELD WEST

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5pm (Vietnamese);
9.00am; 12 noon (Spanish); 6pm (Arabic)

Weekday Masses:

Mon - Fri 7.00am; Saturday 8am
Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am

First Friday of the Month:
from 6.30am

First Saturday of the Month:
7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Tuesdays after Mass

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 September, 2020



We welcome the following

Michael Berlangieri, Emelina Mancini

Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish

Fr Gabriel Taylor, David Lazarus,
Giuseppina Pignataro, Fr Anthony David OSPPE,
Kevin Dicconson, Adam Westwood,
Emile & Mary Kodsy, Kartia Grace Russell,
Gino Mifsud & Ivy Fernandes.

Bless our sick today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health

We remember in your prayers

Rose Farrugia, Carmelina Oliveri, Ivan Stefulj,
Vera Klish, Caterina Cassarino, Providenza Viteta,
Giuseppe Busa, John Donnantuoni, Teresa Ianelli
Edwin Bruce, Jeanne Jarkey, Eddie Rogers,
Joseph Ruggier, Elisabetta Meduri,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Larry Catania, Giuseppa Garozzo
Philomena Greenwood, Grace Saliba
Giuseppina DeZordo, Stephen Posa &
Nancy Maklouf, Gabriella Kim

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

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Website: www.stgertrude.org.au

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (closed Wednesday)
10am - 2pm

Parish Council: Denise Namroud

Finance Committee: Tan Do
Andrew Maia: Work Health & Safety

Catechists: 9725 4317

Mimi Romeo: catechist@stgertrude.org.au

Sacraments: 9725 4317 Helena Martin
sacraments@stgertrude.org.au
Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

Liturgy: 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert
liturgy@stgertrude.org.au

Adult Sacraments (RCIA): Mariola Herbert
Every Sunday at 8.30am in the
Crying Room (in front of St Benedict's)
Contact Mariola: 0421 944 051.

Children's Liturgy: Mariola Herbert

Reconciliation:

Smithfield - Sat 4.45—5.45 pm
(or by appointment)

Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199
1st Sundays of the month during the
10.30am Mass at St Benedict's Church; &
Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict's

Marriages: Parish Office 9604 1199
By appointment only (6 months required)

Sick Calls: 9604 1199
Any Time

Other: FCI (Italian Catholic Federation)
Tony Coiera 0409 908 424

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

Intention for September

Respect for the Planet's Resources
We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Novena to St Benedict

Wednesday after the 7pm Mass with
Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament.

Reconciliation is available during this time.

Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

Church Cleaners -September 26
Group D: Grace & Pina (St Benedict's)
Group C: Spanish (St Therese)

Parish Office Hours: 10am—2pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
(closed Wednesday)

*** COVID19 Safety Procedures—**
Please see Church Notice Boards

The Parish does not imply any endorsement for advertisements listed in this bulletin.

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| TWENTY–FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | |
| ENTRANCE ANTIPHON | |
| I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever. | |
| FIRST READING <i>Is 55:6-9</i> | |
| A reading from the prophet Isaiah | |
| Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. | |
| The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God. | |
| RESPONSORIAL PSALM <i>Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18</i> | |
| (R.) <i>The Lord is near to all who call him.</i> | |
| 1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. (R.) | |
| 2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.) | |
| 3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R.) | |
| SECOND READING <i>Phil 1:20-24. 27</i> | |
| A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians | |
| Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. | |
| Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ. | |
| The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God. | |
| GOSPEL ACCLAMATION <i>See Acts 16:14</i> | |
| Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia! | |
| GOSPEL <i>Mt 20:1-16</i> | |
| A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew | |
| Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers | |

for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Next Week: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

Monday 21st September ~ Feast
St Matthew, apostle, evangelist

ARCHDIOCESAN OCTOBER FAMILY
ROSARY PILGRIMAGE
The official Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady Help of Christians will be travelling through the parishes of the Archdiocese during the month of October. It will be visiting our parish on 25th October.
Our Parish Family Rosary will commence at 7pm .
Please feel free to bring flowers as a gift to Our Lady during her visit to our parish.

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Gradual Reopening It is good to see that we have been transitioning very well with the gradual reopening of our Parish. Recent Government regulations which came into effect on Friday 24th July have limited funerals and places and worship to a maximum of 100 persons, providing there is a four square metre space around each person, with the exception of people from the same household. Therefore, St. Benedict's Shrine can have a maximum of 100 people. St. Therese has a maximum of 50 people, and the Montefano Hall a maximum of 90 persons.

We will still have in place an “overflow” Mass in the Montefano Hall if the need should arise. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has also issued a **Seventh Pastoral Letter**. This is available on the Parish Notice Board outside St. Benedict's Shrine, or you can access a copy on the St. Mary's Cathedral website: <https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/>. Again, we thank you for your patience and understanding as we try to accommodate these new regulations.

NSW Health Recommendation: Wearing face Masks
Recently, the NSW Premier has now **recommended** that people wear masks when they are in crowded places and social distancing is not easy to maintain. She cites as examples public transport and places of worship. I thank our parishioners for their great efforts maintaining their social distance, but because people remain together there for 40 or more minutes, it would seem that masks will provide an **additional safeguard**. It is not compulsory in NSW but **strongly recommended**. The primary precautions remain hand sanitising and distance.

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

◇ **Contact Tracing:** Write your name and contact details on the sheets provided at the doors of St Benedict's, St Therese's, & Montefano Hall (these are kept for contact tracing and will be destroyed after 28 days)

◇ **Hand Sanitiser:** Use the hand sanitiser at the doors of the church. This is essential.

◇ **Sanitising the church:** After each service the churches and Montefano Hall are sanitised using commercial grade disinfectant detergent.

◇ **Seating:** Sit in the allocated seating. In both the churches there is an 'X' marked on the Pews, and in the Montefano Hall chairs placed at social distancing for you to be seated safely. Please **ONLY** sit where the Pew is marked. People living in the same household may sit together in the Pews.

◇ **Confession:** Confession times have resumed. Again, please only sit on the pews with the **yellow X**.

◇ **Sign of Peace** – with a nod, bow, smile or wave. No physical contact.

◇ **Receiving Holy Communion:** The recommended way of receiving Holy Communion is on the hand. Please remain in your pew and Holy Communion will be brought to you.

◇ **Planned Giving & Collections:** At ALL Masses, there are two boxes at the doors of the church for 1st and 2nd Collection. You can place your offering as you enter or leave the church. Alternatively, you may wish to make use of electronic transfer. Details are in the bulletin Thank you for your continued support of your Parish and your priests.

◇ **Limiting exposure:** Health guidelines encourage us not to remain for unnecessary amounts of time in groups. It is essential to maintain social distancing.

◇ **At Risk Persons:** According to recommendations those at risk - **(those over 70 years of age, those with any symptoms, those with compromised immune or respiratory systems)**, are asked to consider carefully your health and safety when considering attending a Church Service.
If you show any symptoms, please refrain from attending church services at this time.
The dispensation from Sunday Mass is still in place by Archbishop. However, in his latest Pastoral letter the Archbishop states that *'those who are at low risk of infection and able...are exhorted to take all reasonable steps to attend Sunday Mass'*.

I understand that we may feel some frustration at this time around certain regulations and recommendations but know that we are working in the best interest of all in our community. *Thank you for your patience and understanding.*

Church use during COVID-19 Please take note that during the current Pandemic situation if a family has chosen a priest from outside the Smithfield Parish to preside at a wedding or funeral or other religious service, then it is a requirement that the family arrange for the church to be cleaned and sanitised. The Parish will only take responsibility for Parish events with our priests.

Parish Donations
First Collection (Priests)
Account : Smithfield House – Order of St Paul the First Hermit
BSB 066711 Acct. No. 007392

Second Collection (Parish)
Account : Smithfield Catholic Church
BSB: 062784 Acct. No. 6675001

Thank you for your continued support and generosity . God Bless.

Blessing of Pets 25th October Due to the ongoing health situation the decision has been made not to hold the Pet's Mass this year. However, you are invited to bring a picture of your pet to the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 25th October for a blessing.

New Mass Timetable: NEXT Weekend
Please note the new Mass timetable
St. Therese's: 7.30am in English. *There is no longer a 9am Mass.*
St. Benedict's: 9.00am in Italian.
All other Masses are the same.

Parish Maintenance Update
Over the past few months there has been a lot of activity in the church with maintenance projects. Some of the more major works include:
St. Benedict's Shrine
- Replacing exterior tiles under the stained glass windows
- Upgrades to data projector
- Upgrades to the sound system and microphones
- Installation of Wi-Fi to stream Mass
- Repair of window roller shutters
- Professional cleaning of marble floors throughout the church
- Installation of cleaner's sink in sacristy
- Repair to external flood lighting
- Replace internal pelmet lighting and other lighting
- Refurbishment of Parish Demountables

St. Therese
- Connection of hot water for cleaners
- Repair and reconfigure church sound system
- Installation of new boundary Colourbond fencing.
- Repaint and repair rental property

Montefano Hall
- Repair downpipes and part roofing repair
- Installation of new hot water system to kitchen
- Electrical works
- Exit signs and external sensor lights

These works are only made possible by the generous donations of Parishioners and Benefactors.

Upcoming Urgent Maintenance.
There are a number of maintenance projects that still need to be completed. Some have been put on hold due to Covid but others are unavoidable and are urgent. In particular:
- Roof repairs to St. Benedict's Shrine, estimated at \$12,000
- External security upgrades of CCTV security, estimated \$12,000

If you are able and would like to make a contribution to our upcoming maintenance please contact the Parish Priest via the Parish office. Thank you for your continued support of the Parish.

Communion to the Sick. The Parish will resume Communion to the sick on a fortnightly basis. The dates for Communion to the sick for September is Tuesday 15th September and Tuesday 29th September.

Sacramental Programme
First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation has been deferred to 2021. Children currently enrolled will be contacted when classes are ready to resume.
Enrolment information and any changes to the programmes will be published in the parish bulletin.
The Sacramental Office is currently closed. For all general enquiries, please email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au.

Parental Petition – First Holy Communion
The Church has always held the view that parents are the first educators of their children in the Catholic Faith. Parishioners who attend weekly Mass, are known in our parish and to our parish priests, whose child is of age, and who feel that their child is suitably prepared to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, may contact the Sacramental Office to discuss eligibility for an individual ceremony. Upon contacting the Sacramental Office, a meeting may be organised with the Parish Priest to discuss your circumstances further and a decision will be made at the Parish Priest's discretion.

Safeguarding: The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney have introduced new requirements for volunteers 18yrs and over. All volunteers must sign a **Volunteer Acceptance Form**, a **Code of Conduct for Working with Children** and complete a **Safeguarding Induction Training Course**.
The **ONLINE Induction Training Course** is available to new parish volunteers. Please register by following this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/wSkri3ZO6PzkRfbo1>.
Additionally, some new volunteers are also required to attend an Interview. These include * Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Children's Liturgy, Catechists, Collectors, Acolytes etc.
Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, ALL Safeguarding Training will be postponed until the start of January 2021.
Thank you for your co-operation. Any concerns please contact psso@stgertrude.org.au. or the Parish Office on 9604 1199 .