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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
"A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes 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."

Italian Catholic Federation
 Welcomes all Parishioners to join us for the restart of
FCI 2021 BINGO
on 10:00 am
Friday 5th & 19th
Feb 2021
 in Montefano Hall
 \$10 entry includes Bingo Games, morning coffee and light lunch.
 Come Join us for a morning of fun and



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ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

St Benedict's Church
 Corner Justin & Neville Street
 SMITHFIELD
Sunday Masses:
 Saturday Vigil 6.00pm;
 9am (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.

St Theresa's Church
 Corner The Boulevard & Stella Street
 FAIRFIELD WEST
Sunday Masses:
 Saturday Vigil 5pm (Vietnamese);
 7:30am (English); 12 noon (Spanish); 6pm (Syriac)
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


Parish Priest
 Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE
Assistant Priests
 Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE &
 Fr Peter James Strohmayr OSPPE

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 14 February 2021


We welcome the following
 Adalind Brown & Kenzie Frew
Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish
 Fr Gabriel Taylor OSPPE,
 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

Remember in your prayers
 Maria Frizzo, Joseph Cortez, Caesar Sammut,
 Adreana Attard, Giovanni Oliverio,
 Maria Caltabiano, Josephine Cachia,
 Constantino Axiak, Therese Do, Dorothy Vella,
Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time
 Maria Oliveri, Angel Mimoso, Bruno Dileo,
 Leslie Spagnol, Francesco Bruzzano, &
 Maria Torresan

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 10am - 2pm
Parish Council: Denise Namroud
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 Mimi Romeo: catechist@stgertrude.org.au
Sacraments: 9725 4317 Helena Martin
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 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
Safeguarding:
wwcc@stgertrude.org.au (all WWCC renewals)
psso@stgertrude.org.au (Parish Safeguarding Support Officers)
Other: FCI (Italian Catholic Federation)
 Tony Coiera 0409 908 424
Parish Playgroup: Thursday during school term. 9.30am - 11.30am

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER
Intention for February
Universal Intention—Violence against women
We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

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—February 20
Group E—Neo Catechumens (St Benedict's)
Group D: Syriacs (St Therese)

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

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING

Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, ‘If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man’s skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

‘The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, “Unclean, unclean”. As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.’

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)

2.

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.
I said: ‘I will confess my offence to the Lord.’
And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R.)

3.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: ‘If you want to’ he said ‘you can cure me.’ Feeling

sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. ‘Of course I want to!’ he said. ‘Be cured!’ And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, ‘Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.’ The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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Next Week: First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

LENT 2021

The season of Lent is almost upon us once again!

Ash Wednesday – 17th February

Mass Times

St. Therese’s church 7.00am
St. Benedict’s Shrine 7.00pm, followed by a shortened Novena to St. Benedict.

Note: Ash Wednesday is a day of **fast and abstinence**. The law of **fast-ing** (one main meal and two light snacks) binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year (18-60). The law of **abstinence** (refrain from eating meat) binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (14+).

Stations of the Cross: Friday during Lent

St. Therese’s Church following the 7.00am Mass
St. Benedict’s Shrine 7.00pm.

Lenten Program

Books & CD’s have sold out.
You can download /purchase from the following link for the Lenten Program: <https://www.dow.org.au/shop/>

Due to Covid we will not hold group sessions in the Parish but encourage you as a family to use these resources in your homes. A great way for the family to gather and pray together!

Year of St. Joseph – Votive Mass

As part of our celebrations for the Year of St. Joseph, the 19th of each month will be celebrated as a Votive Mass for St. Joseph, except for when it falls on a Solemnity or a Sunday. Our first Votive Mass will be Friday 19th February.

Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Child

What is Spiritual Adoption?

It is a prayer for the child in the womb who is threatened by abortion.
It is a prayer of healing for those suffering because of abortion.
It is a prayer of consolation for those sorrowing because of a miscarriage.
It is a movement of life and fruitfulness inspired by the Holy Spirit.

The Spiritual Adoption lasts for nine months. The prayer consists of praying one decade of the Rosary each day for nine months and a prayer for your adopted child. We will start this spiritual adoption on the Feast of the Annunciation – 25th March. More information will be given in the parish bulletin.

Communion to the Sick

will be given on a fortnightly basis. The next date is **16th February 2021**.

CATECHIST NEWS:

Catechist Commissioning Mass – This Weekend.

This weekend we celebrate the commissioning of our Parish Catechists at the **10.30am Mass at St. Benedict’s Shrine**. All catechists who are teaching will be commissioned and sent forth to bring the Word of God to the children in our State School System. May God continue to bless you as you bring the hope and joy of Jesus to the children you teach.

We will also celebrate those who have served our Parish for a number of years:

5 years: Kasia Serafin
10 years: Royola Fernandes, Marlene O’Connor, Aloma Rebeiro
15years: Josephine Carbone, Anick Mifsud, Gloria Wilson.

We also thank and congratulate those who received certificates of service from the Archbishop at St. Mary’s Cathedral last Sunday:

25 years: Mary Andrew, Felicia Riviera.
20 years: George Andrew, Dee Vranjes

Well done, good and faithful servants. God bless you!

Statistics show that 75% of Catholic students attend Government Schools. Our Smithfield Catechists are currently teaching approximately **900 students in 4 primary schools**. An amazing commitment and great representation of our Parish! If you would like to become a Catechist please contact our Catechist Co-ordinator Mimi Romeo on 9725-4317 or catechist@stgertrude.org.au

Thank you Parish Choir

We would like to extend our thanks to Anna Kleibert and members of the Parish Choir who led the singing at the Annual Catechist Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral last Sunday. You all did a wonderful job and represented our Parish wonderfully. We are very proud of you!

Sacramental Programme 2021

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion
If your child is in Year 3 and above, and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion this year, please contact the Sacramental Office no later than Friday 19/2/21.
Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the parish website.

Please visit: <http://stgertrude.org.au/sacramental-program/>

Please email the form back to sacraments@stgertrude.org.au

If you need a paper copy, please contact the sacramental office.

2021 Families who enrolled last year and 2020 enrolled families, will be contacted in the next 2 weeks with more information.

Reminder

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting - **Tuesday 23rd February at 7 pm** (please note time change).
Enrolment information and any changes will be published in the parish bulletin.

For all enquiries, please email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or call [9725 4317](tel:97254317) to leave a message.

Welcome back to School

As school commences for 2021, we would like to welcome our staff, students and parents – new and returning – to the new academic year. We pray that 2021 is a successful year for all.

Kindergarten Mass – Sunday 21st February 2021

Mass for our Kindergarten students and the blessing of backpacks will be held on Sunday 21st February at 10.30am

Thank you to Neo-Catechumenal Way

The Parish would like to acknowledge and thank the Neo-Catechumenal Way who presented Archbishop Anthony Fisher with a generous donation to be used for the needy in the Archdiocese.

Men’s Rosary Group – 25th February

It’s back!! The Men’s Rosary group will meet this month on **Thursday 25th February at 7.00pm at St. Benedict’s Shrine**. We will then continue to meet the last Thursday of every month. New members are always welcome to join.

Thank you FCI

The Parish would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to the FCI who recently made a generous contribution to our Parish. May God return to you grace and blessings for your generosity.

Youth Group is Back ! Sunday 21st February

Youth Group returns! After a long absence our Parish Youth Group will resume on **Sunday 21st February**. Join us for Mass at 6pm and following the Mass, youth meeting in the Parish Demountables. This year there will be 2 groups: Kindergarten – Year 8, and Year 9 and above. New members and returning members are most welcome.

COVID-19 UPDATE

There have been some changes to the NSW Health directives in regards to places of worship: The wearing of masks is no longer mandatory. However, NSW Health does maintain that this is **strongly recommended**. The number of people attending church services has also changed. Under the new regulations, there is no longer a “cap” of people attending provided that the **one person per 2m² rule** is observed. As such, St. Benedict’s Shrine can hold a maximum of 300 people, St. Therese’s Church 100 people and Montefano Hall 180 people. This includes regular Mass, weddings, funerals and baptisms. Unfortunately, congregational singing is still not allowed at this time.

Dispensation Lifted

Archbishop Anthony Fisher has lifted **the dispensation from our Sunday Mass obligation**. The Catholic faithful are once again obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation when this is reasonably possible. Those who are of great age, have health conditions or are otherwise anxious about the risks of COVID-19 are free to remain at home and find another way of keeping the Sabbath holy.

QR Codes:

The NSW Government strongly recommends the use of QR Codes for contact tracing should the need arise. There are QR Codes at the doors of St. Benedict’s Shrine, St. Therese’s Church and the Montefano Hall. For those who are able, we ask that you use the QR code when entering the parish sites and to show the usher at the door your successful registration. For those who cannot use the QR Codes you are still able to ‘sign-in’ using the sheets at the doors of the parish buildings.

Sacristy Regulations

Please note that the church sacristy is for the use of the priests and those who minister at Mass. No other persons should enter the sacristy or use the sacristy as a thoroughfare. If you have a Mass intention, please hand it to the Acolyte who will give it to the priest. Likewise, if you need to use the bathrooms at St. Benedict’s, please **do not walk through the sacristy**, but rather walk around the church building. For our ministers at Mass, please note which sacristy is available to you. Junior Altar servers should not congregate in the priest’s sacristy. These regulations are in place according to our Safeguarding Protocols, WHS, and current Covid practices. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Working With Children Check (WWCC)

It has come to our attention that a number of Parish volunteers have expired WWCC. Due to Covid, the NSW granted a 6 month period of ‘grace’ until 15 September 2020. This time has now passed and all WWCCs must be current. **If your WWCC expired in 2020 it is imperative you renew your WWCC to continue with your Parish Ministry.** Failing to renew your WWCC will mean that you will have to re-do the application from start resulting in a NEW WWCC number. Once you have renewed your WWCC please email your documents to wwcc@stgertrude.org.au or contact the Parish office. If you are having difficulties renewing, please contact the Parish Office for assistance.

Tap n Go Donation

The Parish has recently installed an electronic *Tap n Go* collection point at St. Benedict’s Shrine. The amount that is automatically deducted is \$10 which goes directly into the Church Fund or second collection loose. If you want to donate \$20, then you just need to tap twice. It is still very important that those who contribute via the Parish Planned Giving System (envelopes) continue to do so and if anyone would like to join Planned Giving, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

Where do my Collections Go?

In Australia there are two collections at Sunday Mass. The allocation of funds is as follows:
First Collection: to the Priests. This collection is used for the needs of the Parish Presbytery expenses for our priests.
Second Collection: to the Parish. This collection is used for the maintenance and repairs of Parish buildings and for expenses to the Parish such as utilities, staff wages, liturgical needs (bread and wine), etc.