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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."

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Welcomes ALL Parishioners & friends to join us

Mother's Day BINGO LUNCH Friday 7th May 2021



10:00 am—3:00 pm

Montefano Hall

\$20 entry include 2 Course Pasta Lunch,

Bingo Games, morning tea/coffee, entertainment with Joe Zappia.

Bookings essential: Tony Coiera 0409 908 424.

RSVP: 3 May 2021

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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.



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);
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:

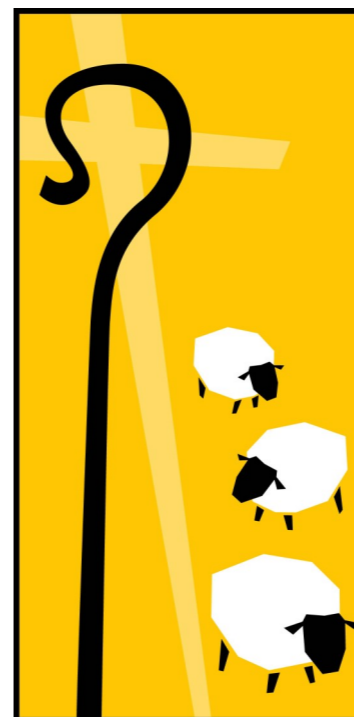
7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesdays after Mass

Fourth Sunday of Easter

25 April 2021



We pray for the sick of this parish

Alyssa Ferreri, 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

Anthony Dimech, Mary Dicconson,
Debra Spencer, Bishop Bede Heather,
Ivan (John) Bakic, Roberto Bordin,
Caterina Nadalinni,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Giuseppe Emmi



PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

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Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585
Email: office@stgertrude.org.au
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

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 April

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

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— May 1
Group E : Neocatechumens
(St Benedict's)
Group B: Vietnamese
(St Therese)

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

* COVID19 Safety Procedures—Please see Church Notice Boards

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 32:5-6*

*The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.*

FIRST READING *Acts 4:8-12*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22*

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **(R.)**
2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *1 Jn 3:1-2*

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to Go

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Jn 10:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia

GOSPEL *Jn 10:11-18*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:
'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.
The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep

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Monday 26 April ~ Feast
Saint Mark, evangelist

CWF MAY PARISH APPEAL



The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd May. Your generous donations help those most vulnerable in Sydney—single mothers facing homelessness, those struggling with mental health, our local Aboriginal communities, and many more. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use, so please keep an eye out for them! You can also make a donation and find out more at www.ourfaihfourworkds.org/cwf.

Next Week: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:4-5

REGINA CAELI

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.

For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.

Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

ANZAC DAY ~ SUNDAY 25 APRIL

*They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them.*

Lest we Forget



HAPPY NAME'S DAY FR. WOJTEK!

The Parish would like to extend to Fr. Wojtek our prayers and blessings on the celebration of his Name's Day. May our Blessed Mother and your Patron Saint intercede for you before God. God Bless.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

First month

"My heart started beating today!" During this first amazing month of life, the baby grows to 10,000 times his size at conception. He is totally dependent upon his mother. Between mother and child lies the vital organ called the placenta. Here vessels from mother and baby intertwine without joining, highlighting this newly formed relationship – mutual, nourishing and deeply connected. By the third week the baby's tiny heart begins to beat. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of the baby's mother to give him the most precious gift of all – the gift of life.

Reminder: Mass 7pm St Benedict's Shrine on Monday 26 April

FAIRFIELD ACTIVE MALTESE SENIORS

Tuesday 27 April @ 10am

St Theresa's Hall, Cnr The Blvrd & Stella St

Fairfield Hts. Talk from **NSW Gov re Savings & Rebates**

Join us for M/tea & Info. Members & friends welcome:

Contact: Marisa 0414 863 123



PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Project Compassion Boxes can be returned by leaving them in the baskets provided at St. Benedict's Shrine and St. Therese's Church. Thank you for your generosity.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME NEWS!

First Holy Communion

- Thank you to those who attended the Parent Information Evening and to those who helped organise the evening.
- Reconciliation Revision lessons and rehearsal to be held on 23/4, 4 pm (Reco-1), 5:15 pm (Reco-2) and 27/4, 5 pm - please check your email for your assigned session.
- First Holy Communion lessons start next week (Week 1): 30/4, 1/5, 2/5 on your assigned day and time. They continue weekly for a further 3 weeks.
- First Communion Ceremonies will take place on the Feasts of Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi - 29/30 May and 5/6 June.

Prayer Partners: Sacramental time is a special time of grace for all in our community. This weekend and next weekend, before or after the Masses, children preparing for First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion may ask members of the community to be "Prayer Partners". Accepting an invitation to be a "Prayer Partner" involves taking the prayer card and praying for the candidate during the time leading up to their receiving the Sacrament. Should you be invited to become a "Prayer Partner" please accept the candidate's invitation and reassure him/her of your support. If you do not receive a prayer card, please pray for all the children.

CONFIRMATION 2021 Enrolments – Children in Year 6 and above, who have made their Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, are eligible to enrol for the Confirmation Programme. Enrolment forms are available from the Church foyer or can be downloaded from the Parish Website: <http://www.stgertrude.org.au/ministries/sacramental-program/>
Enrolments have already taken place. If you missed the cut off date, please contact the Sacramental Office.

For all enquiries, please email Helena – sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or call **9725 4317** and leave a message. Face-to-face meetings by appointment - please call/email to arrange a time.

MEN'S ROSARY GROUP – THURSDAY 29TH APRIL

The Men's Rosary Group meets the last Thursday of every month at **7pm at St. Benedict's Shrine**. The group will next meet on **Thursday 29th April**. New members are always welcome to join.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP – SUNDAY 16TH MAY

The Parish Youth Group meets every third Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday 16th May**. Join us for Mass at 6pm and following the Mass, youth meeting in the Parish Demountables. New members are always welcome to join.

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.

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.

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.