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

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 Invites ALL Parishioners & friends to join us for
Mother's Day BINGO LUNCH Friday 7th May 2021

10:00 am—3:00 pm
 Montefano-Hall
 \$20 entry includes 2-Course Pasta-Lunch,
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Bookings essential: Tony Coiera; 0409-908-424.
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 Contact the College on 9728 4488

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:
 9.15 am followed by Devotions
 7pm Mass & Adoration followed by Devotions

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:
 6.30am Exposition & Confession; 7am Mass


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 of Easter

9 May 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 Kody,
 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
 Rina Spisso, Anthony Dimech, Giovanna Fedele;
 Placy D'Souza, Mary Dicconson,
 Debra Spencer, Bishop Bede Heather,
 Ivan (John) Bakic, Roberto Bordin,
Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time
 Giuseppa Portolesi & Teresa Bordin

PARISH INFORMATION

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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 MAY
The World of Finance
 Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

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— 15 May
Group B : PPC/Teachers Group (St Benedict's)
Group C: Spanish (St Theresa's)

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

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. ‘Stand up,’ he said, ‘I am only a man after all!’ Then Peter addressed them: ‘The truth I have now come to realise’ he said, ‘is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.’ While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, ‘Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?’ He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

- 1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
- 2. The Lord has made known his salvation; shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
- 3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Jn 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God’s love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God’s love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to Go

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master’s business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT 14TH-22ND MAY

In preparation for Pentecost the Novena to the Holy Spirit will be prayed at Mass before the final blessing beginning on Friday 14th May.

PENTECOST VIGIL MASS – SATURDAY 22ND MAY 6PM

The Vigil of Pentecost will be celebrated on Saturday 23rd May at 6pm. This liturgy reminds us of the first Mass of the Easter Season – the Easter Vigil, and like the Easter Vigil there will be several readings. These readings will focus on the instrumental role of the Holy Spirit.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS – 24TH MAY

St. Theresa’s Church 7am
St. Benedict’s Shrine 9.15am; 7pm (also celebrated as the monthly Mass for the Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn)

Next Week: The Ascension of the Lord

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

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

Month of May is Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

After each weekday Mass we will pray the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary



Happy Mother’s Day to all our Mothers, Grandmothers & Carer’s

Thinking of you on this special Day and pray that God who knows how dear you are, will keep you in His care. May he bless your life with joy, good health, happiness and a peaceful heart and mind!

CWF MAY PARISH APPEAL THANK YOU!



Thank you for your support to this appeal last weekend. 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. You can still make a donation and find out more at www.ourfaihfourworkds.org/cwf.

DIVINE MERCY FAMILY DAY – THANK YOU

The Parish would like to express our thanks to Fr. Wojtek and the organising committee for all their efforts in planning and producing the Family Day this year. The day was prayer-filled and reflective. A large number of families were in attendance and have given positive feedback from the day. A special thanks also to our guest speaker Bridget Sakr.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS:

First Holy Communion:

- First Holy Communion lessons: Week 3 - 14/5, 15/5, 16/5 on your assigned day and time. They continue for one more week.
- First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Thursday 20th May at 5 pm & 7 pm and on Tuesday 25th May at 7 pm.
- First Communion Ceremonies will take place on the following dates/time:
 - ◊ Trinity Sunday
Ceremony 1: 29th May, 2 PM
Ceremony 2: 29th May, 6 PM
Ceremony 3: 30th May, 2 PM
 - ◊ Corpus Christi
Ceremony 4: 5th June, 2 PM
Ceremony 5: 6th June, 2 PM
- First Communion Rehearsals:
 - ◊ Ceremony 1 & 3: Tues 18th May, 6:30 PM
 - ◊ Ceremony 2: Thurs 27th May, 6:30 PM
 - ◊ Ceremony4 & 5: Thurs 3rd June, 6:30 PM
- Please continue to pray for all the children and their families.

For all enquiries, please email Helena – sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or call [9725 4317](tel:97254317) and leave a message. Face-to-face meetings by appointment - please call/email to arrange a time.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – TUESDAY 11TH MAY

Members of the PPC are reminded of the next meeting on Tuesday 11th May at 7:30pm in the Parish Demountable. Access is via the Parish Parking.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

If you still have Project Compassion Boxes at home, please return to parish as soon as possible and no later than 23 May. Thank you for your generous support!

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.

MEN’S ROSARY GROUP –

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 27 May**. 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. Theresa’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
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Thank you for your continued support and generosity . God Bless.