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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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Contact Parish Office - 9604 1199
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FCI-Italian-Catholic-Federation
Invites ALL Parishioners & friends to join us for Bingo.

Next FCI Bingo is Friday 11 & 25 June 2021

10:00 am - Montefano Hall
\$10 entry Bingo Games, morning tea/coffee & light lunch included.
Member's meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 8 June.
St-Therese Church Hall Fairfield West



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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:
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.



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:
6.30am Exposition & Confession; 7am Mass

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

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Tuesdays after Mass

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 June 2021



We welcome the following

Nevaeh TALO

Baptised in our Parish Community

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

Gina Wilson, Marija Stefulj, Anton Jarkey,
Lawrence Cachia,
Gabrielle Palozzo, Rina Spisso, Anthony Dimech,
Giovanna Fedele; Placy D'Souza,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Elisabetta Meduri, Joseph Ruggier

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: Currently not available at this time.

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

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

Intention for June

The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

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— 19 June
Group B: PPC/Teachers
(St Benedict's)
Group D: Syriacs
(St Theresa's)

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

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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 26:7,9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

FIRST READING Ez 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this:

‘From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

- 1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
- 2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
- 3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

SECOND READING 2 Cor 5:6-10

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

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to Go

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 26:4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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CHANGES TO MANAGEMENT OF CEMETERIES

You may be aware that this week the NSW Government has announced sweeping changes to the management of cemeteries, namely that all cemetery trusts will merge into a single government trust. In effect, this dismisses faith-based operators. The consequences of this decision are:

- That faith groups (including Muslims, Jews and other Christians) who manage and operate cemeteries will be replaced by government run agencies. For Catholics this ends 150 years of the role of the Church in burying the dead (a corporal work of mercy), the upkeep of graves and support of grieving families.
- That assets set aside to manage cemeteries will be forcibly acquired by the NSW Government without proper consultation.
- Uncertainty about graves being kept “in perpetuity” (forever).
- Almost certainty of increased costs for funerals.
- Uncertainty as to the use of Chapels for funeral services.
- Lack of understanding on the Government’s behalf that burying the dead is a spiritual mission which needs to be met with sensitivity and Pastoral Care.

A copy of an article written by Archbishop Anthony Fisher and a sheet outlining in more detail the concerns over this government decision are available at the foyer of the church

We encourage you to write to or telephone your local Member of Parliament appealing a reverse in this decision.

Please sign the petition at saveourgraves.com.au

Next Week: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ON TIME

It is never good practice to be late for anything, especially for Mass. The Vatican II Document *Lumen Gentium* tells us that the Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian Life” (LG11). It is in the Eucharistic Celebration “that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being” (CCC 1325). One of the important elements of expressing that unity is **the gathering**. When we gather we prepare ourselves to meet Christ in the worshipping Community, in the Priest, in the Word, and in the Eucharist. *Arriving late is not only disruptive to the worshipping community, but it is also a distraction to our own full and active participation in the Mass*. The same is with leaving early. It has become practice for some to receive communion and then walk out of the church or to leave during the announcements. It is always good practice and recommended to **arrive at least 5 minutes early for Mass** to prepare ourselves for Mass and **to stay a few minutes at the conclusion of Mass to offer a prayer of thanksgiving**. If this last year of Pandemic has taught us anything it is to appreciate and to celebrate Mass because we don’t know when Mass may not be available to us!

FR JAREK – ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD (13 JUNE)

As a Parish we extend to Fr. Jarek our prayers and congratulations as he celebrates 29 years of Ordination to the Priesthood! May our Triune God strength you in your Pastoral Ministry and Our Blessed Mother intercede for you always. God Bless

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING – SUNDAY 13TH JUNE

Couples who were married in the month of June are invited to receive a marriage blessing this Sunday 13th June at the 10.30am Mass.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH VOTIVE MASS—SATURDAY 19TH JUNE

Continuing our celebration of the Year of St. Joseph, the Votive Mass of St. Joseph will be celebrated on Saturday 19th June at 8am at St. Theresa’s Church.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP – SUNDAY 20TH JUNE

The Parish Youth Group meets every third Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be next **Sunday 20th June** Join us for Mass at 6pm and following the Mass, youth meeting in the Parish Demountable. New members are always welcome to join.

MEN’S ROSARY GROUP – THURSDAY 24TH JUNE

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 24th June**. New members are always welcome to join.

FAMILY AND CHILDREN’S MASS—SUNDAY 27TH JUNE

A family and children’s Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 27th June at St. Benedict’s Shrine at 10.30am. All welcome!

MASS FOR SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF THE UNBORN—MONDAY 28TH JUNE

Mass for the Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn will be celebrated on Monday 28th June at St. Benedict’s Shrine at 7pm. Those who have committed to this Spiritual Adoption are encouraged to attend.



PUBLIC HOLIDAY—MONDAY 14TH JUNE

Mass times: St Theresa’s Church 8am
St. Benedict’s Shrine 10.30am

CONGRATULATIONS MR. KEVIN BOURKE

The Parish offers our congratulations to Mr. Kevin Bourke who this week received a citation from Patrician Brothers’ College Fairfield in recognition of his 53 years of teaching service to the College. Kevin was presented the citation at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Terrence Brady at Patrician Brothers’ College commemorating the Bicentenary of Catholic Education in Australia.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the 118 young people who received Eucharist for the first time over the last two weeks. We pray that all our First Communicants and their families will be strengthened by their continued reception of Jesus in the Eucharist at Sunday Mass.



The prayer support from members of the Parish Community was much appreciated by parents and children. Thank you, parents, for the sacrifices you made in preparing your children for this special time. Special thanks also to the many people who were involved in the preparation program, meetings, rehearsals and to all who assisted in making the Holy Communion ceremonies a wonderful and memorable time for the children.

HOLY COMMUNION PHOTO COLLECTION EVENING:

Holy Communion Photos can be collected from the Montefano Hall on Friday 2nd July from 6:30 pm to 8 pm.

CONFIRMATION will be celebrated on Sunday 12th September 2021

- Parent Information Meeting: Tuesday 20th July, 7 pm in the Montefano Hall.
- Sessions commence weekend of 24/25th July.
- Enrolled candidates will be contacted at the end of June, by email, with more information regarding preparation classes and ceremony time.

The Sacramental Office is currently closed and will re-open on Friday 25th June.

For all enquiries please email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or phone: 9725 4317 to leave a message. If you wish to see Helena face-to-face, please email/call the Sacramental Office to make an appointment. Thank You.

THANK YOU

Thank you to those volunteers who have been keeping the church gardens trimmed and clean. A lot of work has been done recently at both St. Benedict’s Shrine and St. Theresa’s Church. Your time and efforts are much appreciated!

FAIRFIELD ACTIVE MALTESE SENIORS

Will celebrate the Feast of St Peter & Paul With Mass @ 10am
St Theresa’s Church, 129 The Boulevard Fairfield Heights, followed by Festive M/tea in the Hall.
All Members & Friends welcome.
Contact: Marisa on 0414 863 123

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
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.