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"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
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10 am—2 pm

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Italian Catholic Federation

Welcomes all Parishioners to join us for
2021 Parish BINGO on 10:00 am
Restrictions permitting
Friday 9th & 23rd July 2021
in Montefano Hall
\$10 entry includes Bingo Games, morning tea/coffee and light lunch.
Come Join us for a morning of fun and prizes.



ST GERTRUDE'S
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(02) 9609 4144 / 1-11 Justin Street, Smithfield



MARY MACKILLOP
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SCHOOL TOURS
MONDAY 12 JULY 2021
Tour 1 @ 9.30am Tour 2 @ 6.00pm
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Please contact Mrs Rosemary Gerardis on (02) 9725 4322 or email rosemary.gerardis@syd.catholic.edu.au to secure a spot

mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au

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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 Strohmayer 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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 June 2021



We welcome the following

Harpo Abdo

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

Silvestro Sganga, Mary Doran, 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:

6 Justin St, Smithfield
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— 3 July
Group D: Grace & Pina
(St Benedict's)
Group A: Frances & Margaret
(St Theresa's)

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

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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon *Ps 46:2*

*All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!*

FIRST READING *Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Death was not God's doing,
he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.
To be – for this he created all;
the world's created things have health in them,
in them no fatal poison can be found,
and Hades holds no power on earth;
for virtue is undying.
Yet God did make man imperishable,
he made him in the image of his own nature;
it was the devil's envy that brought death into the
world,
as those who are his partners will discover.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2*

**(R.) I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.**

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the
grave. **(R.)**
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through
life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.
(R.)
3. The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into
dancing,
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *2 Cor 8:7. 9. 13-15*

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

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of
eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any
cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we
expect you to put the most into this work of mercy
too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he
was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make
you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to
give relief to others you ought to make things difficult
for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what
happens to be your surplus now against their present
need, and one day they may have something to spare
that will supply your own need. That is how we strike
a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered
much had none too much, the man who gathered little
did not go short.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to Go

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *2 Tm 1:10*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death
and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 5:21-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side,
a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by
the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came
up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet
and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little
daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your
hands on her to make her better and save her life.'
Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him;
they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a
haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful
treatment under various doctors, she had spent all
she had without being any the better for it, in fact,
she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus,
and she came up behind him through the crowd and
touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she
had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source
of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in her-
self that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately
aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus
turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my
clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the
crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who
touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to
see who had done it. Then the woman came forward,
frightened and trembling because she knew what had
happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him
the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has
restored you to health; go in peace and be free from
your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from
the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your
daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further
trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of
theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid;
only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him
except Peter and James and John the brother of
James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus
noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and
wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them,
'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not
dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he
turned them all out and, taking with him the child's
father and mother and his own companions, he went
into the place where the child lay. And taking the child
by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kumi!' which
means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl
got up at once and began to walk about, for she was
twelve years old. At this they were overcome with
astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let
anyone know about it, and told them to give her
something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 102:1*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.*

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Next Week: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ex 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

THE IMPORTANCE OF SACRED SILENCE

The church – the House of God – is a special place where God and
his people meet. It is a place of unique sacredness. As such,
alongside actively responding during the Liturgy we are also asked to
respect the sense of the Sacred with silence. *"Sacred silence also,
as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated
times ... Even before the celebration itself, it is commendable
that silence be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the
vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose
themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting
manner."* (GIRM 45). As a courtesy to God and to others, please
maintain this sacred silence.

NEW REGULATIONS

As announced by the NSW Government this week the following are
in effect until further notice:

- 1 person per 4m² in indoor events. Capacity limits are now 150
people in St. Benedict's Shrine, St. Theresa's Church 50 people
and Montefano Hall 90 people.
- Face masks must be worn.
- No congregational singing.

Please also remember to sanitise your hands when entering the
church with the hand sanitisers provided.

Let us continue to pray for an end to the Pandemic and keep each
other safe.

NO CHEWING GUM

Please note that chewing gum is not allowed inside the church. We
have had a number of people attending Mass and other services
whilst chewing gum. Chewing gum actually breaks our fast before
receiving communion! There have also been the increased incidents
of chewing gum being stuck to church furnishings. Before entering
the church please dispose of chewing gum in the bins provided.
Thank you.



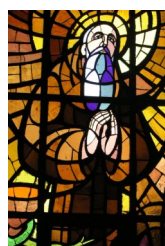
TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

Please remember to turn off your mobile phones – or
switch to silent – when entering the Church.

**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.



ST. BENEDICT'S FEAST DAY – SUNDAY JULY 11TH

The Parish will celebrate the Feast of St. Benedict
on Sunday 11th July at 10.30am. The main
celebrant for the day will be emeritus Bishop Peter
Ingham, who is also a Confrater of the Pauline
Order. More details about the celebration will be
given in the coming weeks.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP – SUNDAY 18TH JULY

The Parish Youth Group meets every third Sunday of the month.
The next meeting will be on **Sunday 18th July**. 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 – 29TH JULY

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.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

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.

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
Thank You.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The Parish Council is a vital part of our Parish community. The Council
meets every two months and helps advise the Parish Priest on important
issues that influence the Pastoral Ministry in the Parish. Some recent
examples being the Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn, celebrations for the
Year of St. Joseph, representative for the Plenary Council, and
navigating Covid-19 and its effects on Parish life. There also comes a
time when sitting members need to resign and new members are asked
to join. This allows for members who have served to have a rest and for
new members to bring fresh ideas to the Council. If you know of anyone
in the Parish who could be a valued member of the Parish please
nominate them. Nomination forms are available at the doors of the
church.

PETER'S PENCE – HOLY FATHER APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

Each year at the time of the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul, the
Church undertakes the Holy Father Appeal. Peter's Pence is the name
given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father
as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of St. Peter
for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the
relief of those most in need. Envelopes are available in your pews.

FAIRFIELD ACTIVE MALTESE SENIORS—CANCELLED

Unfortunately the Mass and Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 29 June at
St Theresa's, Fairfield West has been cancelled due to Covid. Further
meetings in the future will be scheduled once it is safe to do so.
Contact: Marisa on 0414 863 123

FR. ALBERIC ANNIVERSARY MASS – SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST

A Mass of thanksgiving commemorating the 60th Anniversary of
Ordination of Fr. Alberic will be celebrated on Sunday 1st August at
10.30am. More details in the coming weeks.

COVID-19 UPDATE

There have been some changes to the NSW Health directives in
regards to places of worship: The wearing of masks is mandatory. .
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 4m² rule** is observed. As
such, St. Benedict's Shrine can hold a maximum of 150 people, St.
Theresa's Church 40 people and Montefano Hall 90 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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BSB: 062784 Acct. No. 6675001

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