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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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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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 July 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

Pauline Sammut, Ermanno Brisa, Giovanni Moretti
Antonio Franco, Silvestro Sganga, Mary Doran,
Gina Wilson, Marija Stefulj, Anton Jarkey,
Lawrence Cachia, Gabrielle Palozzo, Rina Spisso,
Anthony Dimech,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Jeanne Jarkey, John Donnantuoni,
Teresa Iannelli, Giuseppe Busa

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 July
Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

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—
Due to Covid
Lockdowns, church cleaning will be suspended until further notice.
Thank you

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

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 16:15*

*As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

FIRST READING *Am 7:12-15*

A reading from the prophet Amos

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."' "

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8*

**(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *Eph 1:3-14*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.
Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.
Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.
He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will;

chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.

Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to Go

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *See Eph 1:17-18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mk 6:7-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 83:4-5*

*The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.*

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TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

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

Next Week: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

During this time of stay-at-home orders, the Parish will continue to stream Mass via Zoom. The details are on the Parish Website.

Mass times:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary;

7.00pm Mass

Wednesday

7.00pm Mass;

7.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Novena to St. Benedict

Saturday

6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary;

7.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

10.30am Mass

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. (Pause for a moment in silence and adoration).

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen



PLEASE REACH OUT!

This time of stay-at-home can be very distressing and lonely for some people, especially the elderly and vulnerable. I encourage all our Parishioners to keep in regular contact with each other. The best way at this time is through technology – social media, various Apps on your phone, telephone, email, etc.

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.

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

With the ongoing restrictions in NSW we have had to change the celebration of St. Benedict's Feast. As it is our Parish Patronal feast we will still use Mass of St. Benedict with the regular Sunday Readings. Later in the year we will have the opportunity to celebrate the Feast together as a community.

RELICS OF ST. BENEDICT

The Parish is extremely excited and honoured to announce that the Parish has obtained first class relics of St. Benedict of Nursia.

In God's mysterious ways, the Relic arrived from Italy as we are undergoing tough Covid restrictions. St. Benedict ... Pray for Us.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

At this time, nominations for PPC are postponed until further notice.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

HOLY COMMUNION PHOTO COLLECTION: POSTPONED

Date to be advised - will be rescheduled when restriction have eased. Please wait for email.

CONFIRMATION will be celebrated on Sunday 12th September.

- Parent Information Meeting: Tuesday 20th July, 7 pm in the Church—To be Confirmed
- Sessions commence weekend of 24/25th July TBC.
- Enrolled families, please check your email for further updates. Due to the change in restrictions and uncertainty at this time, we will advise as soon as we can, if these dates will go ahead. We may need to delay the start or postpone these dates.

For all enquiries please email:

sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or phone: 9725 4317 to leave a message.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK—SUSPENDED

Please be advised that the regular Communion to the Sick (Tuesday) has been suspended at this time. Communion to the Sick will resume as soon as stay-at-home orders are lifted and it is safe for the Priests to once more move about the community. At this time you are encouraged to make an Act of Spiritual Communion. However, if there is an emergency that requires the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish in the usual way.

FR ALBERIC ANNIVERSARY MASS—POSTPONED

The planned Mass of Thanksgiving for the 60th anniversary of Ordination is postponed until further notice. Apologies for the inconvenience.

COVID Update

The NSW Government has announced further restrictions and regulations:

- Churches will remain closed at this time.
- Funerals can have a total of 10 people.
- Baptisms, unless in case of emergency, are prohibited.
- Weddings are postponed pending further government announcements.

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.