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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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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

St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop) Virgin

8 August 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

Mary Portelli, Alan Wong, Pauline Sammut,
Ermanno Brisa, Giovanni Moretti Antonio Franco,
Silvestro Sganga, Mary Doran, Gina Wilson,
Marija Stefulj, Anton Jarkey, Lawrence Cachia,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Providenza Vitetta, Caterina Cassarino,
Carmelina Oliveri, Ivan Stefulj

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

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Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585
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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 August
The Church**

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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**

St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop), Virgin

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Mt 25:34,36,40

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord: I was sick and you visited me. Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me.

FIRST READING 1 Kgs 17:7-16

A reading from the first book of Kings

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, ‘Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.’ So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, ‘Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.’ She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. ‘Please,’ he said ‘bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.’ ‘As the Lord your God lives,’ she replied ‘I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.’ But Elijah said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

“Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.”

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 623:1-8

(R.) My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

- O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
- So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
- So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
- On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

SECOND READING Col 3:12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You are God’s chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the

Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 27:55

Alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 6:25-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear. Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith? So do not worry; do not say, “What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?” It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God’s saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION Cf. Jn 13:35

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

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Next Week: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56

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

6pm: Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary and Novena to St. Benedict and Benediction

7pm: Mass

Wednesday

7pm: Mass followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary and Novena to St. Benedict and Benediction

Saturday

6pm: Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary and Novena to St. Benedict and Benediction

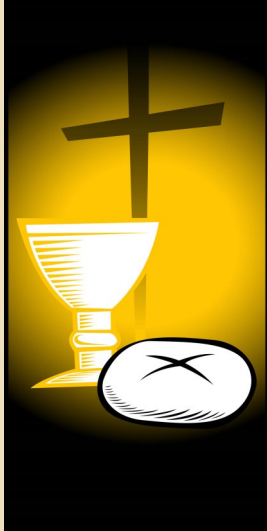
7pm: Mass

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.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

Following our 10.30am Mass we will pray the Litany of St. Mary MacKillop. In a special way we invite the St. Gertrude’s Primary School community to be with us at today’s Mass and for our Litany.

- Pastoral Letter on the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross. 8th August, 2021. (Attached)

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION – SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST

Next Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption. Following the 10.30am Mass we will pray the Rosary and the Litany to Our Lady as a community. If you would like to stay on after that, we will have the opportunity to have a small chat together via zoom.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP & MEN’S ROSARY GROUP

During this time of restriction, the Parish Groups will be postponed. We apologise for the inconvenience and look forward to getting back together to celebrate our faith shortly.

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.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

HOLY COMMUNION PHOTO COLLECTION: POSTPONED

Will be rescheduled when restriction have eased. Please wait for email advising collection date.

CONFIRMATION: Date to be advised.

- Workbooks have been delivered.
- Zoom lessons to commence this weekend: 7/8 August.
 - > Group A: Saturday 4 pm to 5:30 pm.
 - > Group B: Sunday 9 am to 10:30 am.
 - > Lessons will take place for 4 weeks.
 - > Zoom information has been emailed to candidates.
- Confirmation Flames DUE THIS WEEKEND. Please email completed flames.
- Reconciliation, Retreat, Rehearsals and Ceremony dates to be advised. These dates may be subject to change beyond our control.
- Confirmation Saint names and Sponsors were due last weekend. Please email selection.
- Enrolled families, please check your email regularly for updates.

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.

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. (excluding those who are conducting the funeral)
- Baptisms, unless in case of emergency, are prohibited.
- Weddings are postponed pending further government announcements.

NEW CHURCH ACCOUNT BANKING DETAILS

Please note for those who are using direct debit or electronic transfer that recently the CDF has made some changes to bank account numbers. There is now a new BSB and Account Number for our Church Account – second collection. BSB 062784 Account no. 100001084. Apologies to those who have had difficulties in transferring funds. Thank you to all who have been contributing to our Parish especially during the Lockdown period.

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. 100001084

Thank you for your continued support and generosity . God Bless.