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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

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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](mailto: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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## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**26 September 2021**



### We pray for the sick of this parish

John Gissane, Alyssa Ferreri,  
Fr Gabriel Taylor OSPPE, David Lazarus,  
Giuseppina Pignataro, Fr Anthony David OSPPE,  
Kevin Dicconson, Adam Westwood,  
Emile & Mary Kodsy, 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

Rosa Musso, Luciano Marson, Phyllis Berkeley,  
Antonietta Sikora, Maria Blanda, Emanuel Cutajar,  
Mary Portelli, Alan Wong, Pauline Sammut,  
Ermanno Brisa, Giovanni Moretti, Antonio Franco

### Recently Deceased

**And for those whose Anniversaries occur at  
this time**

Jozef Tumanik,  
Hasseina Al-Beno & Edi Contempo

### PARISH INFORMATION

#### Parish Office:

6 Justin St, Smithfield  
Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585  
Email: [office@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:office@stgertrude.org.au)  
Website: [www.stgertrude.org.au](http://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](mailto:catechist@stgertrude.org.au)

**Sacraments:** 9725 4317 Helena Martin  
[sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au)  
Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

**Liturgy:** 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert  
[liturgy@stgertrude.org.au](mailto: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  
1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:wwcc@stgertrude.org.au) (all WWCC renewals)  
[psso@stgertrude.org.au](mailto: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 September

*An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle*

We pray that we all will make  
courageous choices for a simple and  
environmentally sustainable lifestyle,  
rejoicing in our young people who are  
resolutely committed to this..

### 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**



## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** ***Dn 3:31,29,30,43,42***

*All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.*

**FIRST READING** ***Nm 11:25-29***

*A reading from the book of Numbers*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** ***Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9***

***(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.***

- The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. ***(R.)***
- The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. ***(R.)***
- So in them your servant finds instructions;  
great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me. ***(R.)***
- From presumption restrain your servant  
and let it not rule me.  
Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin. ***(R.)***

**SECOND READING** ***Jas 5:1-6***

*A reading from the letter of St James*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ***See Jn 17:17***

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
Your word, O Lord, is truth:  
make us holy in the truth.  
*Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** ***Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48***

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**COMMUNION** ***Cf. Ps 118:49-50***

*Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.*

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Mass for the Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn – 27th September  
The next Mass for the Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn will be on Monday 27th September at 7pm.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Each Mass that is celebrated by the Priest is given an “intention”; i.e. something specific for which the Eucharist is offered. There are so many prayers that we bring before the Lord during the celebration of Mass. These could be death anniversaries, births and birthdays, wedding anniversaries, good health, for students studying particularly at exam time, etc. At these times where our physical contact in church is limited, if you would like to offer a Mass for a special intention in your heart, please write the intention clearly on an envelope and place it in the letter box at the Parish office.

### MASS FOR THE SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF THE UNBORN – 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

The next Mass for the Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn will be on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.

### NSW COVID ANNOUNCEMENT

You may have heard that on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September, the NSW Government and NSW Health announced their vision for the future easing of restrictions. Included into this discussion were places of worship. The details of the plans have not been fully released and there remain a number of areas of concern for places of worship. Whilst we are excited at the prospect of having a congregation physically present in the church again, we ask that you be patient as the details are negotiated between the civic and religious authorities. Please continue to pray for an end to the Pandemic and for our community to be united.

**Next Week:** Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings:** *Deut 30: 10-14; Phil 2: 1-4; Jn 14:23-29*

**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

*Friday*

**3pm:** Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross

*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



### CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAY AT 3PM

Each Friday Parishioners are invited to join us via Zoom to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross a Penitential Act during this time of Pandemic. The meeting and password is per our Mass details.



### OCTOBER—THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

It is a tradition in the Catholic Church to dedicate October to the Most Holy Rosary. We will continue to pray the Rosary in October during our Novena to St. Benedict. We also encourage you to pray an additional rosary either as a family group or maybe start a “virtual group” to pray with other households.

### FIRST FRIDAY—1ST OCTOBER

After the 7pm Mass we will pray the Litany to the Sacred Heart and Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart.

### FIRST SATURDAY—2ND OCTOBER

First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will begin at 11am on Saturday 2nd October. Please join us via the Parish Zoom link.

### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME—NEXT WEEKEND: SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER:

A reminder that daylight saving or summer time (AEDST) begins next weekend (3rd October) in NSW! Clocks are **turned forward** one hour at 2am on Sunday morning.

### PARISH YOUTH GROUP—SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER

The next Parish youth meeting will be on Sunday 17th October. Further details regarding this meeting will be given closer to the date as we anticipate announcements from the NSW Government. Keep an eye on the notices in the Bulletin.

### OPENING MASS OF THE FIRST ASSEMBLY OF THE FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL—SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER

The First Session of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will formally begin next Sunday 3rd October with the celebration of Mass. The Mass will be livestreamed from Perth (2pm Sydney time) via the Plenary Council website [plenarycouncil.catholic.or.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.or.au)  
Due to the importance of the Plenary Council, Archbishop Anthony Fisher has asked that next Sunday we celebrate in our local Parishes the Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit. This will replace the usual Mass for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Therefore, next weekend at the Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning Mass will be celebrated as a Votive Mass to the Holy Spirit with Scripture Readings and Prayers to accompany. These will replace those of the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

### SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

#### HOLY COMMUNION PHOTO COLLECTION: POSTPONED

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

#### CONFIRMATION:

- Reconciliation, Retreat, Rehearsals and Ceremony dates to be advised. These dates may be subject to change beyond our control.
- Confirmation Ceremonies: Tentatively booked for middle of February 2022 –more information will be provided at the end of November. Please refer to email sent out last week.
- Prayer Partners: Sacramental time is a special time of grace for all in our community. On the parish website there is an invitation for members of the Parish Community to pray for our Confirmation Candidates. To view the prayer and see the Candidate's flame display please visit the Parish website: <https://www.stgertrude.org.au/confirmation-programme-2021/>
- Confirmation Saint Projects: The Confirmation Candidates have done a brilliant job researching their chosen Saints. The Candidate's projects can be viewed on the Parish Website via this link: <http://www.stgertrude.org.au/confirmation-saint-projects/>
- Enrolled families, please check your email regularly for updates.

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022:

Enrolments will be collected in November 2021. More information on how to enrol will be provided in the bulletin and on the parish website in the coming weeks.

For all enquiries please email:

[sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au) or phone: 9725 4317 to leave a message.

#### 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:** New regulations have come into effect allowing weddings to take place. Under the Order, a small wedding is a wedding of no more than five guests plus the wedding party (the two people getting married, two witnesses required for the marriage, one person conducting the service, and one person to record the wedding). There are additional restrictions so please discuss these with the celebrant.

#### 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.**