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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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 October 2021



We welcome the following

Olivia Sarah-Rose BARRIOS

Baptised in our Parish Community

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 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

Rosa Musso, Luciano Marson, Phyllis Berkeley,
Antonieta 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

Samuel Zarb & Rosa Corso

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

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Andrew Maia: Work Health & Safety

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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:

wccc@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 October

Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor 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—w/e 30th October

St Benedict : Group A- Frances Group
St Therese's: Group A- Frances Group

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

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING Jer 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:
Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

- 1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
- 2. The heathens themselves said: ‘What marvels
the Lord worked for them!’
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
- 3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)
- 4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

SECOND READING Heb 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See 2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL Mk 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, ‘Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.’ And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, ‘Son of David, have pity on me.’ Jesus stopped and said, ‘Call him here.’ So they called the blind man. ‘Courage,’ they said ‘get up; he is calling you.’ So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ ‘Rabbuni,’ the blind man said to him ‘Master, let me see again.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has saved you.’ And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

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SOLEMNITY ALL SAINTS DAY—MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

Next Monday 1st November, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints Day. Mass times are as follows:

St Therese’s Church - 7am
St. Benedict’s Shrine - 9.15am and 7pm

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED—TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Next Tuesday 2nd November we celebrate the commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, known as All Souls Day. Mass times as follows:

St. Therese’s Church - 7am
St. Benedict’s Shrine - 9.15am and 7pm.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

The box for the appeal will be available at the entrances to our Churches.

Thank you for your support!



Next Week: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34

RETURN TO REGULAR CHURCH LITURGIES

After nearly three months away from each other, we are pleased to say that we are “open for prayers” once again. This means that the Parish will return to its regular Mass timetable. Thank you for your patience this week as we prepared the church in readiness for our resumption of regular worship and particular thanks as we endured the lockdown. At this stage other Parish activities such as Youth, Parish BBQ, FCI, etc. are not encouraged at this time and remain ‘on-hold’ pending further information. Apologies for this.

KEEPING EVERYBODY SAFE

As part of our return to regular timetable there are a few government regulations that need to be followed:

- **QR Code** on entry to Parish buildings. There are separate QR Codes for our Parish buildings (St. Benedict’s Shrine, Montefano Hall, Parish Office and St. Therese’s Church and St. Therese’s Hall, so please remember to QR Code on entry. Those who do not have the Services NSW App, you may still sign in manually.
- **Face masks** must be worn whilst inside the buildings.
- **Hand Sanitiser** is available. Please ensure you sanitise on entry to the building.
- **Social distance** needs to be maintained. The pews of the church are labelled with a yellow X. Please sit where these are marked. Persons of the same household may sit together.
- The church needs to be cleaned after use, so if you could spare some time helping in this matter that would be appreciated.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

November is the month that we traditionally pray for all our deceased relatives and friends. November Mass Offering Envelopes are available in the pews of the church and at the doors of the church for those wishing to have their loved ones included in the November Masses. These offerings for the deceased will be offered as a collective Gregorian Mass.

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 our Parish Rosary in October during the Novena to St. Benedict. In particular the rosary will be offered for the global event: **Rosary Crusade for Victory over Darkness**. You are also encouraged to pray an additional rosary either as a family group or maybe start a “virtual group” to pray with other households.

MASS FOR THE UNBORN

The next Mass for the Unborn will be on Monday 25th October at 7pm.



INDULGENCES FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

There are many indulgences that can be obtained in the month of November for the souls in purgatory:

- Plenary Indulgence:
 - o on any and each day from November 1st – 8th visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the faithful departed
 - o on All Souls’ Day (or on the Sunday preceding or following it, or on All Saints Day) devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite an Our Father and the Creed.
- Partial Indulgence:
 - o Devoutly visit a cemetery and at least mentally pray for the dead
 - o Devoutly recite lauds or vespers from the Office of Reading or the “Eternal Rest” Prayer.

To gain the Plenary indulgence the faithful must be in a state of grace, free from mortal and venial sin, receive the sacrament of confession/ reconciliation, receive Eucharist and recite prayers for the intentions of the Pope.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. WOJTEK

The Parish wishes to extend to Fr. Wojtek our best wishes and prayers as he celebrates his birthday this week.

BEATIFICATION OF POPE JOHN PAUL I

This week Pope Francis authorised the Congregation for the Causes of Saints to promulgate the decree on a miraculous healing attributed to the intercession of Pope John Paul I. The healing is of an 11 year old girl who had been ill with acute brain inflammation, septic shock and other grave medical conditions and was deemed to be on the verge of death by doctors. Pope John Paul I was elected Pope on 26th August 1978 following the death of Pope Paul VI and died 33 days later on 28th September 1978. He was succeeded by Pope St. John Paul II.

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 or phone: 9725 4317 to leave a message.

WELCOME BACK TO OUR STAFF & STUDENTS !

It has been a long few months of home schooling and to the relief no doubt of many parents and carers, students in NSW are gradually returning to on-campus teaching. Last week welcome back the first cohort of students and teachers back on school site: Kindergarten, year 1, year 12 students completing their HSC. This week we welcome the return of all other grades. We pray that all our staff and students return safely and achieve their high standards and goals. Please continue to pray especially for our HSC students as they bring to a close their 13 years of formal education

PROPOSED EUTHANASIA LAWS

Write to your local NSW MP to stop the proposed euthanasia laws is our State! Parishioners are encouraged to please contact your local NSW MP, expressing your opposition to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 proposed by Independent MP Alex Greenwich. The anti-euthanasia coalition, HOPE has developed an online tool that will allow you to send an email directly to your state MP and to all members of the NSW Upper House. More information including direct links and sample letters is available on the Parish Website. The tool is available at https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_ocp_nsw

PARISH DONATIONS

First Collection (Priests) Account : Smithfield House – Order of St Paul the First Hermit
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Thank you for your continued support and generosity . God Bless.