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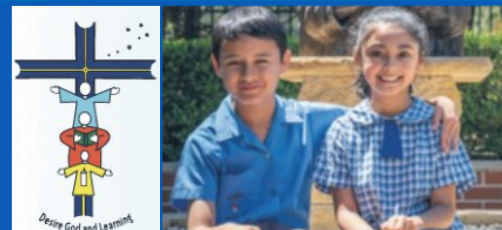
"A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 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

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 October 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 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,
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

Samuel Zarb & Rosa Corso

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 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 us 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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING (Deut 30: 10-14)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

- 1. 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.
- 2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. R.
- 3. The fear of the Lord is holy, a binding forever. The decrees of the Lord are truth, and all of them are just. R.
- 4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold, and sweet are they than honey, than honey from the comb. R.

SECOND READING (Phil 2: 1-4)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Jn. 16:13; 14:26)

Alelluia, Alleluia

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will teach you all truth and bring to your mind all I have told you.

Alleluia

GOSPEL (Jn 14:23-29)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now, before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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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 this 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 Due to the importance of the Plenary Council, Archbishop Anthony Fisher has asked that this 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, this weekend 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.

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.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY—THURSDAY 7TH OCTOBER

This Thursday we celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. The rosary will be prayed during the Novena as usual. However, we will spiritually unite ourselves with the global event: Rosary Crusade for Victory against Darkness. You may also like to continue to offer your rosary in the month of October to this cause.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME—THIS WEEKEND: SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER

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

Next Week: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

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.

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.

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.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND PARISH APPEAL 2021

Again we continue to find ourselves in lockdown. Parishes are closed. Access to the sacraments limited. In addition, many continue to suffer from COVID, whether it be loss of life, or loss of livelihood. These are unfortunate times. However, the Church also has an opportunity to repeat history and shine in midst of crisis. During the Spanish Flu pandemic, Catholics were at the forefront in supporting the sick and providing resources to those in need. Today, we have an opportunity to do the same by supporting the parish Charitable Works Fund appeal. Any donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation of \$50 to support our ministries. Your donation will assist those suffering with mental illness, mothers facing homelessness and members of our deaf and disabled community.

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.

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

NSW COVID ANNOUNCEMENT

You may have heard that on Thursday 9th 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.

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.