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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](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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**60th Anniversary of Ordination** I HAVE CHOSEN YOU

**Father Alberico Jacovone OSB**  
1961-2021

Please join Father Alberico in the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in thanksgiving for his 60 years of Priesthood in the Benedictine Order and precious memories of Sharing God's Word.



**at 10.30 am  
Sunday  
21 November 2021  
St Benedict's Church  
8 Fagans Road, ARCADIA NSW 2159**  
followed by refreshments.

# 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

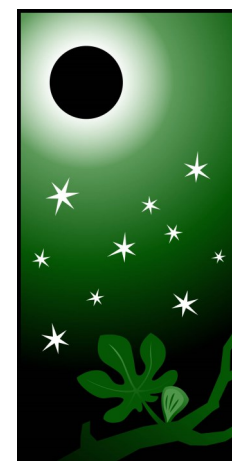
**First Friday of the Month:**  
6.30am Exposition & Confession; 7am Mass

**First Saturday of the Month:**  
7am Rosary 8am Mass

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy:**  
Tuesdays after Mass

## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**14 November 2021**



We welcome the following  
Sebastian Abela

Baptised in our Parish Community

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 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

John Gissane, Rosa Musso, Luciano Marson,  
Phyllis Berkeley, Antonietta Sikora, Maria Blanda,  
Emanuel Cutajar, Mary Portelli, Alan Wong,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Mary-Rose Pace,  
Samuel Zarb & Rosa Corso

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Office:

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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 November**  
**People Who Suffer from Depression**

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

## 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 20 November**  
**St Benedict: Group D— Grace & Pina**  
**St Therese's: Group B— Vietnamese**

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

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



## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Jer 29:11,12,14*

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you,  
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### FIRST READING *Dn 12:1-3*

*A reading from the prophet Daniel*

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1*

*(R.) Keep me safe, O God:  
you are my hope.*

- O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. *(R.)*
- And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. *(R.)*
- You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness forever. *(R.)*

### SECOND READING *Heb 10:11-14, 18*

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to Go**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Lk 21:36*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Be watchful, and pray constantly,  
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.  
*Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL *Mk 13:24-32*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose

its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 72:28*

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.

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#### PARISH PATRONAL FEAST— ST GERTRUDE 16TH NOVEMBER

The Parish Feast Day of St. Gertrude falls on Tuesday 16th November. As a Parish we will celebrate the Parish Feast on Sunday 14th November. Prayers will be from the Votive Mass of St. Gertrude and Scripture Readings of the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.



#### WELCOME BISHOP EMERITUS PETER INGHAM

This weekend we welcome to our Parish His Lordship Bishop Emeritus Peter Ingham who is also a confrater of the Pauline Order. Bishop Peter is here to celebrate the Feast of St. Gertrude at the 10.30am Mass. It is an honour and a delight to have Bishop Peter with us.

#### YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH MASS—FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

The next Mass in honour of St. Joseph will be Friday 19th November at St Therese's Church 7am and St. Benedict's Shrine 9.15am.

**Next Week:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
**Readings:** *Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37*



#### REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

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

#### 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 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.

#### 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.

#### 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:
  - on any and each day from November 1st – 8th visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the faithful departed
  - 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:
  - Devoutly visit a cemetery and at least mentally pray for the dead
  - 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.

Due to the ongoing pandemic and related health and safety measures, the Apostolic Penitentiary is once again extending opportunities to gain indulgences for the benefit of the faithful departed. The Decree allows that the faithful gain plenary indulgences on every day in November, and not just from the 1st to the 8th. Those indulgences related to All Souls' Day are also extended for the entire month of November.

#### PRAYER FOR HSC STUDENTS

Heavenly Father, we bring before you our HSC students. Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage. Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams. May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them. We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability. May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of us, their parish community. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

#### MASS FOR THE SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF THE UNBORN

The next Mass for the Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn will be on Monday 29th November at 7pm.



All welcome to attend.

#### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTIONS

The Parish has ordered a number of copies of the "*Blessed. Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections*". These should arrive in the next few weeks and will be available for purchase after Mass.

#### A FEW CHANGES TO COVID REGULATIONS... AGAIN !

- Religious services are now 1 per 2 square metres.
- Masks must still be worn indoors for all persons over the age of 12.
- Singing is allowed, for the fully vaccinated, with masks on.

**Weddings in NSW** may have up to:

- 1 person per 2 square metres of space for indoor or outdoor areas.
- All people attending a wedding must be **fully vaccinated** (otherwise it is 11 person limit)

**Funerals and memorial services in NSW** may have up to:

- 1 person per 2 square metres of space for indoor or outdoor areas.
- All people attending the funeral or memorial service must be **fully vaccinated** (otherwise it is a 10 person limit).
- Exercise classes within the parish hall, bingo or card gatherings are not permitted: they are not sufficiently connected to the concept of 'worship' to be encompassed by the regulations permitting gathering for people regardless of vaccination status.

#### SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

##### HOLY COMMUNION PHOTO COLLECTION:

If you were unable to attend the photo collection evening on Friday 12th November, please email the Sacramental Office to arrange an alternate date for collection.

##### 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 when the Archdiocese advises 2022 dates. Please wait for email.
- Confirmation Programme: To pray for the candidates, view their work or see updates about the programme, visit the Parish website: <https://www.stgertrude.org.au/confirmation-programme-2021/>

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

Enrolments will be collected at the end of November 2021. More information on how to enrol will be provided in the bulletin and on the parish website next week.

##### For all enquiries please email:

[sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto: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](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  
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.