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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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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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

21 November 2021



We welcome the following

Christian GARUFI, Siena NATHAN,
Evie PRESTIPINO

Baptised in our Parish Community

Congratulations to

Kim MCCARTHY & Dean AUDICHO

Married in our Parish

May God confirm them in their love.

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 Kodszy, 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:

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 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 26 November
St Benedict: Group E— Neo Catechumens
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**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Rv 5:12; 1:6*

*How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.*

FIRST READING *Dn 7:13-14*

A reading from the prophet Daniel

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became
his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1*

**(R.) The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty.**

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. **(R.)**
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **(R.)**
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *Rv 1:5-8*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from
the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us
and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made
us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to
him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.
It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see
him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the
earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am
the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is,
who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Mk 11:9, 10*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our
Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Jn 18:33-37*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus
replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have

others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a
Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have
handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus
replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my king-
dom were of this world, my men would have fought to
prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my
kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said
Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a
king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to
bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of
truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 28:10-11*

*The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

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REST IN PEACE

RIP – MOST REV. WILLIAM (BILL) WRIGHT 13/11/2021.

Please keep in your prayers the soul of Most Rev. William (Bill)
Wright, bishop of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. Bishop Bill
was ordained a priest in 1977 and served in Sydney
and Parramatta before he was ordained a bishop
in 2011.



RIP – FR. JERZY TOMZINKSI, OSPPE 14/11/2021

Please keep in your prayers the soul of Fr. Jerzy Tomsinski,
OSPPE. Fr. Jerzy was 102 years old. For 85 years he served in
the Pauline order, 77 of those as a priest.

Next Week: First Sunday of Advent Year C

Readings: *Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2;
Lk 21:25-28. 34-36*



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:
 - 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.

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

Copies of the “*Blessed. Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections*”
are available for purchase @ \$4 each.

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 the 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/](https://www.stgertrude.org.au/confirmation-programme-2021/)

FIRST RECONCILIATION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022:

Children who will be in Year 3 or above in 2022, who are Baptised
in the Catholic Faith, may be eligible to enrol in the First
Reconciliation/First Holy Communion Programme.

Enrolments will open on Sunday 21st November and will close on
Sunday 5th December. For planning purposes, please ensure you
enrol your child during the enrolment period. Late enrolments may
not be accepted.

For more information about dates for this programme, please visit
<http://stgertrude.org.au/ministries/sacramental-program/>

To enrol your child, please complete the enrolment form online by
using the link below. If enrolling multiple children, please complete
the online form for each child.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPGbh-
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usp=sf_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPGbh-kaPoA4hVHJzp1GUoTS3fUV65pfaA9jKeeZVMbYbfXg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

For all enquiries please email:

sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or phone: 9725 4317 to leave a
message.

PARISH DONATIONS

First Collection (Priests) Account : Smithfield House – Order of St Paul
the First Hermit
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Second Collection (Parish) Account : Smithfield Catholic Church
BSB: 062784 Acct. No. 100001084

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