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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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# 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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**7 November 2021**



### We welcome the following

Liliana GALLOP & Jayce LEDBROOK

**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 13 November

**St Benedict: Group C— Wilson Family**  
**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**



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

FIRST READING 1 Kgs 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING Heb 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to Go

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me  
repose, near restful waters he leads me.

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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.

Next Week: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32



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 lock-down.

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.

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.

BLESSING OF HSC STUDENTS

On Tuesday 9th November 76,000 year 12 students across NSW will begin their HSC Exams. At our Masses this weekend we will pray for our HSC students and give a special blessing for those in our community. Please continue to pray over the next few weeks for the success of our students and for those who have prepared them.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Thank you to those who contributed to the collection for the Catholic Missions. Your generosity raised \$847 for the missions.



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.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

HOLY COMMUNION PHOTO COLLECTION:

Friday 12th November from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Please refer to email on how to book a time 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. Please see 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/>
- Enrolled families, please check your email regularly for up dates.

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 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](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.