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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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Tuesday 19 March
4.00-7.00pm

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ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

St Benedict's Shrine

Corner Justin & Neville Street
SMITHFIELD

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm;
9:00 am (Italian); 10:30am; 6:00pm.

Weekday Masses:

9:15am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday;
7:00 pm Wednesday

Weekday Public Holidays: 10:00am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Adoration:

Wednesdays after evening Mass with Novena to St Benedict until 8:30 pm; Saturday from 4:30pm—5:30pm; & Friday after the 9:15am Mass

First Friday of the Month:

9:15 am followed by Devotions
7pm Mass & Adoration followed by Devotions

Chaplet of St. Michael: Tuesday after Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Friday after Mass



Parish Priest

Fr Peter James Strohmayr OSPPE

Assitant Priest

Fr Casimir Zielinski OSPPE

St Therese's Church

Corner The Boulevard & Stella Street
FAIRFIELD WEST

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm (Vietnamese);
7:30 am (English); 12 noon (Spanish); 6:00 pm (Syriac)

Weekday Masses:

Mon - Fri 7:00 am; Saturday 8:00 am

Weekday Public Holiday: 8:00 am

First Friday of the Month:

6.30 am Exposition & Confession; 7:00 am Mass

First Saturday of the Month:

7:00 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

Chaplet of St. Michael:

Tuesday after Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Friday after Mass

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, Year B

18 February 2024



Welcome into our Parish

Matteo Salvatore GIANCOTTI &
Matteo Giuseppe PJ FONTANA
Baptised this weekend

We pray for the sick of this Parish

Fr. Anthony David, OSPPE, Fr. Bob Bossini,
Josica Marotta, Dot Danecek, Michael Hyzy,
Aldo Girardi, Alfred Muscat, Alyssa Ferreri,
Ray Wilson, Gino Mifsud, Adam Westwood,
Kartia Grace Russell, & Ivy Fernandes,
Giuseppe Tozzi, Emile & Mary Kodsy,
Lawrence Briffa.

*Bless our sick today so that they may bear
their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and
restore them quickly to health.*

Recently Deceased

George Dacronia, Felice Palma Todaro,
Giuseppe Luppino, Giuseppe Tozzi,
Renato Pesavento, Raymond Cunico.

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Angelina VACCARI.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

22 Neville 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)

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Parish Council: Denise Namroud

Finance Chair: Robert Esposito

Andrew Maia: Work Health & Safety

Catechists: 9725 4317

Mimi Romeo: catechist@stgertrude.org.au

Sacraments:

Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

Contact: Jodie Micallef

Mob: 0412-804-465 (to leave a message)

sacraments@stgertrude.org.au

Liturgy: 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert

liturgy@stgertrude.org.au

Adult Sacraments (RCIA): Fr. Peter James

Every Sunday at 8:30 am in the

Crying Room (in front of St Benedict's)

Contact: Parish Office

Children's Liturgy: Currently not available at
this time

Reconciliation:

Smithfield - Saturday 4:30 — 5:30 pm

Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:00
noon in St Benedict's Shrine Church Smithfield

Marriages: Parish Office 9604 1199

By appointment only (6 months required)

Sick Calls: 9604 1199 — Any Time

Safeguarding: psso@stgertrude.org.au (Parish
Safeguarding Support Officers and all WWCC
renewals)

Parish Youth:

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month following the
6pm Mass.

Contact: Fr. Peter James via Parish Office

Other: FCI (Italian Catholic Federation)

Tony Coiera 0409 908 424

Parish Playgroup: Thursday during school term.
10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Our Schools

ST GERTRUDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SMITHFIELD

Boys & Girls: K-6: Ph: 9609-4144
Principal: Mrs Linda Katsibras
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PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE FAIRFIELD

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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal
illness, and their families, receive
the necessary physical and
spiritual care and accompaniment.

Novena to St Benedict

Wednesday after the 7:00 pm Mass with
Rosary & Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament.
Reconciliation is available during this time.

Church Cleaners

W/E: 24th February

St Benedict: Group B: PPC/Teachers
St. Therese: Group C: Spanish

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 am—4:00 pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
(closed Wednesday)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING

Gen 9:8-15.

A reading from the book of Genesis

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Pet 3:18-22.

A reading from the letter of St. Peter

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Mark

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

or

The Lord will conceal you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will trust.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES



The new set of planned giving envelopes are ready for collection. These are available this week at St. Benedict's Shrine.

The Giving envelopes are a vital way that the Parish can plan for future expenses. Your weekly contributions allow us to calculate and forecast income to pay for expenses such as Parish loans, utilities, maintenance, etc.

If you would like to join our Planned Giving System, please contact the Parish Office.

There is also the option of direct debit.

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish!



BLESSING OF BACKPACKS: SUNDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 10:30 AM MASS

The annual blessing of School back packs will take place next Sunday the 25th February at the 10:30am Mass.

In particular our Kindergarten students are invited to bring their backpacks.

This will also be the first of our "Stage" Masses for the year.

You are invited for tea and coffee after Mass to meet our new families.



HOLY WEEK CHOIR

We will rehearse at St. Benedict's Shrine
on Mondays, starting 26th February at 7:30 pm.

Enter via the back door of Church through Justin Street opposite the school.

Please email Anna at liturgy@stgertrude.org.au if you have any queries.



REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

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

Next Week: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

Scripture: Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18, Rom 8:31-34.

Gospel: Mk 9:2-10.

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Lent

LENTEN PROGRAM 2024

LENTEN MEDITATION GROUPS

Lenten Meditation Groups will be held in the St. Augustine Catechesis Centre on:

Tuesday – following the 9.15am Mass

Thursday evening – beginning at 6.30pm

The first groups will be held on **Tuesday 20th** and **Thursday 22nd** February.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & MASS EACH FRIDAY OF LENT

St. Therese's Church:

7am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

St. Benedict's Shrine:

7pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass



PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

Project Compassion boxes are available in the Foyer of the church.

MASS INTENTIONS

For those who would like to offer a Mass for a particular intention this can be done by contacting the Parish Office. To avoid disappointment, please book your intention at least two weeks in advance. The Intentions are allocated weekly.

Please also note that the Sunday 10:30 am Mass is offered

"Missa Pro Populo", "Mass for the People".

This is a Mass celebrated for all the people entrusted to care of the Pastor and is requirement by Canon Law to be celebrated on each Sunday and each Holy Day of Obligation, normally by the Parish Priest.

ST THERESE CHURCH 70TH JUBILEE & PAULINE FATHERS 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF MINISTRY IN SMITHFIELD.

This year the Parish celebrates two very special milestones in our history. St. Therese Church Fairfield Heights celebrates its 70th Jubilee. We also commemorate the 20 years of Pastoral Ministry of the Pauline Fathers in the Parish. There are plans for a Parish celebration in October 2024.

If you would like to be part of the planning for this occasion, please speak to Fr. Peter James or contact the Parish Office via telephone or email.

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SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

FIRST RECONCILIATION IMPORTANT DATES

First Reconciliation lessons will take place from

8:45am to 10:15 am in the Parish Montefano Hall.

Lesson 1 – Sunday 25th February

Lesson 2 – Sunday 3rd March

Lesson 3 – Sunday 10th March

Lesson 4 – Sunday 17th March



For all enquiries, please contact the Sacramental Office by emailing sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or

text/phone 0412-804-465 to leave a message.

God bless

Jodie



PRIMARY KIDS YOUTH GROUP:

YRS. 3 - 6

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 6:30 PM

The Parish is starting a new youth group this year for our Primary School children in year 3 to year 6.

This youth group will meet once a month on the third Friday of the month during school term at 6:30 pm (and finish no later than 8:00 pm) in the St. Augustine Catechesis Centre.

All Primary Youth are welcome.



PARISH YOUTH GROUP

NEXT SUNDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY

Our teenage and Adult Youth Group

will recommence for 2024 next Sunday 25th February

following the Sunday 6pm Mass.

New members always welcome to attend.



PARISH PLAYGROUP

When: Thursday 22nd February 2024
Where: St. Augustine Catechesis Centre
Time: 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Playgroup will meet every Thursday during the school term. New and existing families are invited to attend. Hope to see you all there!



FCI – Italian Catholic Federation

Bingo Numbers called out in English & Italian

Next Bingo 10:00 am Friday, 1st March 2024.

**Montefano Hall \$15 entry includes
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light lunch.**

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Second Collection (Parish) Account : Smithfield Catholic Church

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