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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."

The Parish does not imply any endorsement for advertisements listed in this bulletin.

Divine Mercy Raffle

Drawn Sunday 7th of April after 3pm Mass
\$2 each ticket or 3 for \$5 tickets

FIRST PRIZE:
Divine Mercy Tapestry
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\$50 VISA Voucher

SECOND PRIZE:
Divine Mercy Statue
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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 Strohmayer 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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, Year B

24 March 2024



We pray for the sick of this Parish

Fr. Anthony David, OSPPE, Fr. Bob Bossini,
Fr Marek Dutkiewicz, OSPPE,
Josica Marotta, Dot Danecek, Michael Hyzy,
Aldo Girardi, Alyssa Ferreri,
Ray Wilson, Gino Mifsud, Adam Westwood,
Kartia Grace Russell, Ivy Fernandes,
Emile & Mary Kody, Joanne Portolesi,
George Jaksic & 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

Br. Charles Kevin Barry, FSP, Frank Ebejer,
Mary Vella, Rosa Papandrea, Maurice Wright,
George Dacoronia, Felice Palma Todaro,
Giuseppe Luppino, Giuseppe Tozzi,
Renato Pesavento.

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Maria CHIAVAROLI, Cornelia BOSWERGER,
Salvatore RIPEPI, Sharron KASSOUTAS,
Salvatore MAUGERI.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

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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: pssso@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

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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their
lives for the Gospel in various parts
of the world inflame the Church with
their courage and missionary
enthusiasm.

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: 30th March

St Benedict: Group B: PPC/Teachers
St. Therese: Group D: Syriacs

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, Year B

GOSPEL Mk 11:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Mark
When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it.
If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately".
And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it.
And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?'
And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go.
And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it.
And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.
And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!
Hosanna in the highest!'

HYMN: ALL GLORY PRAISE AND HONOUR

All glory, praise and honour to you, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. You are the King of Israel, and David's royal son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and blessed one.
2. The company of angels are praising You on high;
And mortals joined with all things created make reply
3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before You went.
Our praise and prayers and anthems before You we present.
4. To You before Your passion they sang their hymns of praise:
To You, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
5. Their praises you accepted, accept the prayers we bring,
Great source of love and goodness, our Saviour and our King.

FIRST READING Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

SECOND READING Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST MARK Mk 14:1-15:47

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Next Week: SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION, YEAR B
Scripture: Acts 10:34,37-43, 1 Cor 5:6 - 8
Gospel: Jn 20:1-9.

PALM SUNDAY – THIS SUNDAY

This weekend we celebrate Passion Sunday or Palm Sunday, which begins the holiest week of the Church's calendar. With the increased presence of Parishioners and guests, please be careful when moving about the Parish, particularly in the Parish Car Park.



PARISH WORKING BEE – THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who attended the Parish working Bee on Saturday.
Many hands make light work! God Bless

COMMUNION TO THE SICK FOR EASTER TUESDAY 26TH MARCH

The priests will be visiting our housebound Parishioners on **Tuesday 26th March**. If you know of anyone who would like a visit, please contact the Parish office to leave their details.

EASTER TRIDUUM PRACTICE TUESDAY 26TH MARCH 7:00 PM

A rehearsal for acolytes and altar servers for the Easter Triduum celebrations will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 26th March at St. Benedict's Shrine. All servers are asked to attend.

CHRISM MASS ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 10:30 AM

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral on Thursday 28th March at 10.30am.
Please note that there is NO MASS on Thursday morning.

EASTER WATER

Blessed Easter water will be available next weekend. Please bring an empty bottle to take home extra water.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Novena will begin on Good Friday following the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and will conclude Saturday 6th April on the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7TH APRIL.

There will be a special afternoon of prayer beginning at 1pm and including rosary, a spiritual talk by Fr. Damian Mosakowski, exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet, then concluding with Mass at 3pm. Images of Divine Mercy will be blessed following the Mass. These can be purchased at the Piety Stall.
Tea & Coffee in the Montefano Hall following Mass.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION MONDAY 8TH APRIL

The Solemnity of the Annunciation this year will be celebrated on Monday 8th April. Normally it is celebrated on 25th March, however this date is in Holy Week and so the Holy Week Liturgy takes precedence. The following week is the Easter Octave, and as such, the first available date is 8th April.

CAREFUL WHEN REVERSE PARKING

The Parish has received a number of concerns and complaints from our neighbours around the car park regarding vehicles that are hitting the boundary fence. I would like to ask that those who are reverse parking to take extra care when parking to avoid damage to neighbouring and parish property.

EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Mass times for Easter Sunday will be as per the usual Mass Timetable with the exception that the Easter Vigil (Saturday) will begin at 7pm and no evening Mass on Easter Sunday. We are anticipating large attendances at our Masses so please be patient, be prepared and be welcoming.

Sacramental News!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion lessons will take place on the following dates from 8:45 am to 10:15 am in the Parish Montefano Hall.

- Lesson 1 – Sunday 5th May
- **No lesson – Sunday 12 May**
- Lesson 2 – Sunday 19th May
- Lesson 3 – Sunday 26th May
- Lesson 4 – Sunday 2nd June
- Lesson 5– Sunday 9th June



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will take place on **Tuesday, 11 June** at 6.30pm in St Benedict's Shrine.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Confirmation will Open on **Sunday, 5th May**.

Further details will be available on this date.



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

STATUE OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

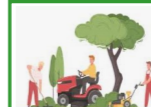
The Parish has recently purchased a statue of St. Michael the Archangel for the church and the Immaculate Conception for the front garden.

If any of our Parishioners would like to donate towards the statues please speak with the piety stall or contact the Parish Office.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The Planned Giving envelopes are available to be collected from the Parish Office.



SHOUT OUT FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to join a roster to assist with the maintenance of the lawns & garden at St. Benedict's Shrine.

Please contact Rob on 0403 320 986 or the parish office to express your interest or if you have any questions.



REMINDER – PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

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

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Order of St Paul the First Hermit

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