

Divine Mercy Raffle

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



FIRST PRIZE:
Divine Mercy Tapestry
(59cm wide, 100cm tall)
\$50 VISA Voucher

SECOND PRIZE:
Divine Mercy Statue
(19cm Tall)
\$100 VISA Voucher

THIRD PRIZE:
"Understanding Divine Mercy"
Book
\$50 VISA Voucher

All proceeds go to maintenance of St Benedict's Shrine

FOLLOW ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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.

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."

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

PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



I adore You, Bread from Heaven. I adore You, Bread of Angels. I adore You, My Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. I adore You, Jesus, my true life because You died for love of me.

I adore You, Jesus, Divine Light because You show me the way to heaven. I adore You, Jesus, Divine Lamb. Who takes away the sin of the world.

My God and Savior Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, I firmly believe that You are really and bodily present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. From the very depths of my heart, I adore You.

Sacramental News!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion lessons will take place on the following dates from 8:45am to 10:15am 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

Advertising Space Available - Beginning New Financial Year

Quarterly (No Easter Ads): \$330
Half Year (26 Weeks - No Easter Ads): \$550
Annually (No Easter Ads): \$990

- 10% discount for parishioners who are actively donating via the St Gertrude's Fund.

Contact Parish Office - 9604 1199
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 am—4:00 pm

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 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

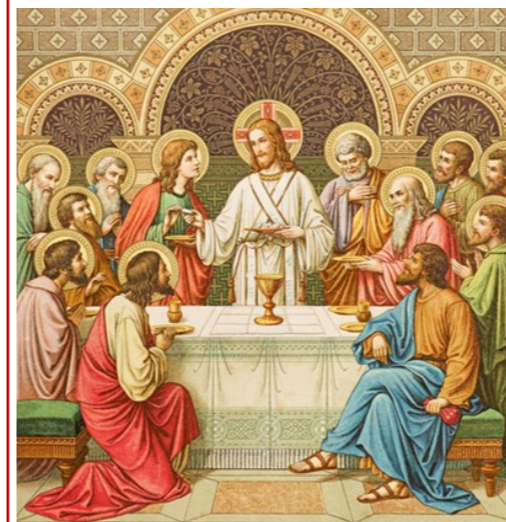
First Saturday of the Month:
7:00 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

Chaplet of St. Michael:
Tuesday after Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Friday after Mass

SACRED TRIDUUM, Year B

Mass of the Lord's Supper



The Mass of the Lord's Supper will include:

- Procession of Holy Oils: Three oils, blessed this morning at the Chrism Mass celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral are brought forward to the Altar. These oils are oil of the sick, oil off catechumens, and oil of Chrism.
- Liturgy of the Word: The readings are guided by the fact that Jesus instituted the Eucharist in the context of celebrating with his disciples a final Passover meal.
- Washing of the Feet
- Prayers of the Faithful
- Liturgy of the Eucharist

Procession to the Altar of Repose:
We follow the Blessed Sacrament in procession to the Montefano Hall, where we have time for Adoration till midnight.

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: 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



Boys & Girls: K-6: Ph: 9609-4144

Principal: Mrs Linda Katsibras

1-11 Justin, Street, Smithfield NSW 2164

www.stgsmithfield.syd.catholic.edu.au

www.facebook.com/stgertrudessmithfield

www.instagram.com/stgsmithfield/

MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE WAKELEY

WAKELEY

Girls: 7-12: Ph: 9725 4322

Principal: Ms Janine Kenney

5 Carnarvon St, Wakeley NSW 2176

info@mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au

mmcwakeley.syd.catholic.edu.au

PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE FAIRFIELD

FAIRFIELD

Boys: 7-12: Ph: 9728-4488

Principal: Mr Peter Wade

268 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield NSW 2165

info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au

www.pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au

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. Therese: Group D: Syriacs

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

Mass of the Lord's Supper, Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

FIRST READING Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 'This month is to be the first of all the others for you, the first month of your year. Speak to the whole community of Israel and say, "On the tenth day of this month each man must take an animal from the flock, one for each family: one animal for each household. If the household is too small to eat the animal, a man must join with his neighbour, the nearest to his house, as the number of persons requires. You must take into account what each can eat in deciding the number for the animal. It must be an animal without blemish, a male one year old; you may take it from either sheep or goats. You must keep it till the fourteenth day of the month when the whole assembly of the community of Israel shall slaughter it between the two evenings. Some of the blood must then be taken and put on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where it is eaten. That night, the flesh is to be eaten, roasted over the fire; it must be eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. You shall eat it like this: with a girdle round your waist, sandals on your feet, a staff in your hand. You shall eat it hastily; it is a passover in honour of the Lord. That night, I will go through the land of Egypt and strike down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, man and beast alike, and I shall deal out punishment to all the gods of Egypt, I am the Lord. The blood shall serve to mark the houses that you live in. When I see the blood I will pass over you and you shall escape the destroying plague when I strike the land of Egypt. This day is to be a day of remembrance for you, and you must celebrate it as a feast in the Lord's honour. For all generations you are to declare it a day of festival, for ever."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.

1. How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. (R.)
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Cor 11:23-26

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Jn 13:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. John

It was before the festival of the Passover, and Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father. He had always loved those who were his in the world, but now he showed how perfect his love was.

They were at supper, and the devil had already put it into the mind of Judas Iscariot son of Simon, to betray him. Jesus knew that the Father had put everything into his hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God, and he got up from table, removed his outer garment and, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'At the moment you do not know what I am doing, but later you will understand.' 'Never!' said Peter. 'You shall never wash my feet.' Jesus replied, 'If I do not wash you, you can have nothing in common with me.' 'Then, Lord,' said Simon Peter, 'not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!' Jesus said, 'No one who has taken a bath needs washing, he is clean all over. You too are clean, though not all of you are.' He knew who was going to betray him, that was why he said, 'though not all of you are.'

When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again he went back to the table. 'Do you understand' he said 'what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is the Body that will be given up for you;
this is the Chalice of the new covenant in my Blood, says the Lord;
do this, whenever you receive it, in memory of me.



ALTAR OF REPOSE: MONTEFANO HALL

Parishioners are invited to stay and console the heart of Jesus as He suffers an unbearable agony in the Garden of Gethsemane on Holy Thursday.

St. John Paul II "encouraged us to compensate the time that the Apostles overslept" during Christ's agony in the garden.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until midnight in the Montefano Hall on Holy Thursday. Adoration will also take place from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm on Good Friday at the Altar of Repose.

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PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

HYMN: PANGE LINGUA

Sing verses 1 to 4 until the Blessed Sacrament reaches the Altar of Repose where we will then sing verses 5 and 6

1. Sing, my tongue, the Saviour's glory,
Of His flesh the mystery sing,
Of the blood, all price exceeding,
Shed by our immortal king,
Destined, for the world's redemption,
From a noble womb to spring.
2. Of a pure and spotless virgin,
Born for us, on earth below,
He, as man, with man conversing,
Stayed, the seeds of truth to sow;
Then He closed in solemn order,
Wondrously His life of woe.
3. On the night of that Last Supper,
Seated with His chosen band,
He, the paschal victim eating,
First fulfills the law's command;
Then as food for His apostles
Gives Himself with His own hand.
4. Word made flesh, the bread of nature,
By His word to flesh He turns;
Wine to His own blood He changes:
What though sense no change discerns?
Only be the heart in earnest;
Faith her lesson quickly learns.
5. Down in adoration falling,
Lo the sacred host we hail;
Lo o'er ancient forms departing
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying
Where the feeble senses fail.
6. To the everlasting Father,
And the Son who reigns on high,
With the Holy Ghost proceeding,
Forth from each eternally,
Be salvation, honour, blessing,
Might and endless majesty. Amen.

EASTER OFFERINGS

Easter Offerings help support our priests.

Easter Offering envelopes will be available in the Church pews from the Easter Vigil and throughout the Easter Season.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish priests.

GOOD FRIDAY—DAY OF FASTING

Good Friday is a day of **fasting** (one main meal and two snacks) and **abstinence** (not eating meat). Fasting applies to those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

GOOD FRIDAY: HOLY LAND APPEAL

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches throughout the world to support Franciscans in their upkeep of **holy sites** in the Holy Land as well as supporting education and health.

In solidarity with the Universal Church, our parish will be raising funds for this important mission. Thank you for your support and generosity.



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.

EASTER WATER

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

EASTER MONDAY MASS TIMES

St. Therese's Church	8:00 am
St. Benedict's Shrine	10:00 am



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.

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please leave your Project Compassion boxes in the baskets at the front of church.



REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

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

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.