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OPEN DAY
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4.00pm-5.30pm

stgsmithfield.syd.catholic.edu.au



Patrician Brothers' College
FAIRFIELD

OPEN DAY
Tuesday 12 March 2024
3.00pm-6.00pm



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OPEN DAY
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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, Year B

3 March 2024



Welcome into our Parish

Roman Magliarachi & Andre Umberto Russo
Baptised this weekend

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 &
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 Dacoronia, Felice Palma Todaro,
Giuseppe Luppino, Giuseppe Tozzi,
Renato Pesavento, Raymond Cunico.

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

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

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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MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE WAKELEY

Girls: 7-12: Ph: 9725 4322
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PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE FAIRFIELD

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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: 9th March

St Benedict: Group D: Grace
St. Therese: Group D: Syriacs

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

or

When I prove my holiness among you,
I will gather you from all the foreign lands;
and I will pour clean water upon you
and cleanse you from all your impurities,
and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

FIRST READING Ex 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)
4. They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Cor 1:22-25

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians
While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews

an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Jn 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

or

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

HAPPY NAME'S DAY FR. CASIMIR



The Parish would like to send to Fr. Casimir our prayers and best wishes for his Name's Day. We would also like to wish Fr. Casimir a very happy birthday that also occurs this week.

May our Blessed Mother intercede for you always. God Bless.

NAME'S DAY OF FR. CASIMIR SOLEMN VESPERS THIS SUNDAY, 3RD MARCH

To celebrate the Name's Day for Fr. Casimir, Solemn Vespers will be prayed **at 5pm this Sunday** at St. Benedict's Shrine. All Parishioners are invited to attend.

WELCOME FR. DAMIAN



The Parish would like to welcome Fr. Damian who will be staying with us for the next few months. Fr. Damian is no stranger to St. Gertrude's Parish having already spent some time in the Parish as Assistant Priest. Please make Fr. Damian welcome.

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.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & MASS EACH FRIDAY OF LENT

St. Therese's Church:

7:00 am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

St. Benedict's Shrine:

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 5TH MARCH



All members of the Parish Pastoral Council are invited to attend our first meeting for 2024 on Tuesday 5th March at 7:00 pm in the St. Augustine Catechesis Centre. Please advise Fr. Peter James if you are unable to attend this meeting.

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.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE:

Over the coming weeks there will be some maintenance work being undertaken at St. Benedict's Shrine. This includes:

- Final stage of roof repairs to the front foyer.
- Completion of repairs to the Children's Room, Sacristy and inside foyer.
- Upgrade of external lighting.
- Repainting of line markings in the Parish Car Park.
- Repair to shutters

In regards to the cooling system at St. Benedict's Shrine, we are currently seeking quotes for this. As this is a major work, the Archdiocese requires special permission from the Archbishop for the works to be completed. We are also in negotiations regarding the building at 6 Justin Street. It is proposed to have the permissions of both works submitted together. Please be patient as we work for an amicable solution.

Please continue to pray for our Parish Community and the success of our building programs.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES



The envelopes are returned to St. Benedict's Shrine this weekend and available for collection.

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 complete the form and contact the Parish Office. There is also the option of direct debit. Thank you for your continued support of the Parish!

Next Week: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B
Scripture: 2 Chron 36:14-16,19-23, Eph 2:4-10.
Gospel: Jn 3:14-21.

Sacramental News!

FIRST RECONCILIATION LESSONS CONTINUE

First Reconciliation lessons are currently taking place from 8:45am to 10:15am in the Parish Montefano Hall.

Lesson 2 – Sunday 3rd March
Lesson 3 – Sunday 10th March
Lesson 4 – Sunday 17th March



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IMPORTANT DATES

First Holy Communion lessons will date 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 4 – Sunday 9th June



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 6:30PM



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 6.30pm (and finish no later than 8pm) in the St. Augustine Catechesis Centre.

All Primary Youth are welcome.

PARISH PLAYGROUP



When: Thursday 7th March 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!

YOUTH GROUP NEXT SUNDAY 10TH MARCH



The next Youth Group will be next Sunday in the **St. Augustine Catechesis Centre** following the 6 pm Mass. High Schoolers and over 18s invited to attend.

New members always welcome to attend.

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