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PASCHAL CANDLE DONATION

Thank you to **Chris Malone** from **Integrity Funerals** who very kindly donated the Paschal candles for both St Benedict's Shrine and St Therese's Church. **Thank You**



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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 EASTER, Year B

14 April 2024



Congratulations to

Glenmore GOMEZ & Natalie TASIOLAS
Married in our Parish

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

Nathan Mitschuinig, Gina Longo, Vincenzo Di Francesco, Br. Charles Kevin Barry, FSP, Frank Ebejer, Mary Vella, Rosa Papandrea, Maurice Wright.

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Dino DI FEDERICO, Thomas ZAMMIT & John DENNISS.

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

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Principal: Ms Janine Kenney

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PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE

FAIRFIELD



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Principal: Mr Peter Wade

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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

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: 20th April

St Benedict: Group E: Neo-Cats
St. Therese: Group A: Frances

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 am—4:00 pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
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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."

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts 3:13-15,17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me,
O God of justice;
from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours
to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me
whenever I call him. (R.)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?'
many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us,
O Lord. (R.)
4. I will lie down in peace
and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord,
make me dwell in safety. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Jn 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St. John

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.
We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

or

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead;
in his name repentance and remission of sins
must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

REGINA CAELI

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.
Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
He risen, as he said, alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

Next Week: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

Scripture: Acts 4:8-12, 1 Jn 3:1-2,

Gospel: Jn 10:11-18.

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PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO PENROSE PARK MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024

The Parish is organising a Pilgrimage to Penrose Park for the May 13th Fatima Day celebrations. This year is a significant date as it is the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the Pauline Community and Shrine at Penrose Park. You are invited to celebrate with the Pauline Fathers, past and present, this very joyous occasion, to give thanks to God for graces received and to ask our Blessed Mother for her continued intercession.

Cost for the day is \$25.

To book please see volunteer in the church foyer to add your name on the list or contact the parish office.

RIP MISS CHRISTINE DALE



Please keep in your prayers the soul of Miss Chris Dale. Miss Dale was a teacher at St Gertrude's for a number of years and she passed away on the 29th of March. She will be remembered as a caring and valuable member of our community.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – THANK YOU

On behalf of the Parish, I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to all who assisted with celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday last weekend. In particular I thank Fr. Damian for leading our prayerful afternoon and for his spiritual talk on Divine Mercy, to our Hospitality Committee who provided the light refreshments after the celebrations and to our Fundraising Committee for organising the raffle. Congratulations to our winners. I especially thank all who attended the afternoon. It was wonderful to see so many!

May God continue to bless all of you for your commitment and dedication to St. Gertrude's Parish.

FR PETER JAMES ON LEAVE

Fr. Peter James will be on leave from the Parish for 2 weeks from Monday 15th – Sunday 29th April. For all inquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

SUMMITCARE SMITHFIELD MASS THURSDAY 18TH APRIL, 10.30AM

Our monthly Mass will be celebrated at SummitCare Smithfield (Nyora Gardens) on Thursday 18th April at 10.30am.



PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 30TH APRIL

The Parish Finance Committee are asked to attend a Finance meeting on Tuesday 30th April at 7:00 pm in the St. Augustine Catechesis Centre.



FR. PETER JAMES 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION FRIDAY 3RD MAY

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood of Fr. Peter James, a Mass will be celebrated at St. Benedict's Shrine on Friday 3rd May at 7:00 pm.

Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE DD,

Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes, will preside over the Mass.

Following the Mass there will be a reception in the Parish Montefano Hall.

PARENTAL SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN

Just a reminder that children should be accompanied by a responsible adult AT ALL TIMES whilst on Parish grounds. This is an important aspect of our Risk Management and WHS Strategies, as well as a Safeguarding Issue.



PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

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

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

YOUTH GROUP THIS SUNDAY, 14TH APRIL

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

**** FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA ****

Annuncia le Attivit  del Mese di APRILE 2024
*** TESSERAMENTO RINNUOVO ***
La cerimonia dei Membri Verra' Celebrata Domenica **14 APRILE** durante La Santa Messa Italiana 9am. Tutti siete Benvenuti, Seguito con rinfresco Nella sala Montefano.
BINGO per il Mese di APRILE 19th

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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.

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Second Collection (Parish) Account : Smithfield Catholic Church
BSB: 062784 Acct. No. 100001084
Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God Bless.