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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

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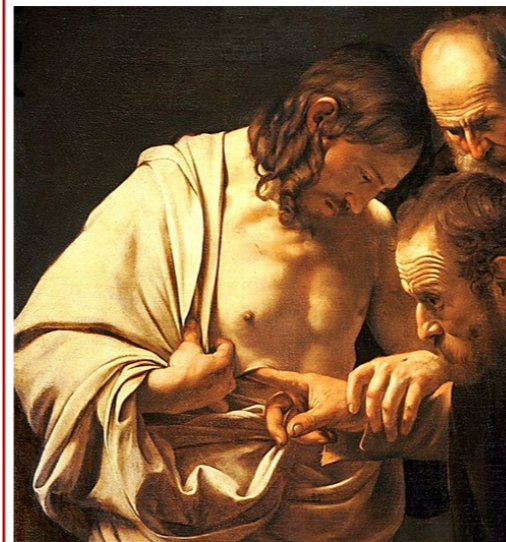
"A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 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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FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY, Year B

7 April 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

Nathan Mitschuinig, Gina Longo, Vincenzo DiFrancesco, 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 DENNIS.

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.

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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: 13th April

St Benedict: Group D: Grace

St. Therese: Group A: Frances

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

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY, Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

- Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. (R.)
- The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Jn 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St. John
Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.
We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –
our faith.
Who can overcome the world?
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, 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: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B
Scripture: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, 1 Jn 2:1-5,
Gospel: Jn 24:35-48.

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DIVINE MERCY—THIS 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.

SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE CLERGY CONFERENCE 8-11TH APRIL 2024

Please note that from Monday 8th April until Thursday 11th April, the Sydney Archdiocese is conducting its Clergy Conference. For this reason Fr. Peter James and Fr. Casimir will not be available this week. Mass timetable will not change as Fr. Damian will remain in the Parish. Please pray for the success of the Conference.



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. You can book your seat from next weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS SALVATORE & DELFINA PIPITONI 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Parish would like to extend our prayers and congratulations to Salvatore & Delfina Pipitoni who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. May God continue to bless you and your family.



GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

Thank you to our Parishioners for your generosity with our Good Friday "Holy Land" Appeal. This year the Parish raised \$3279.85. Please note that because these donations are for an international charity, there is no tax deduction. May God bless you for your generosity.

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



PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

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

Thank You

A BIG THANK YOU to all our parishioners who gave so generously of their time and talents to ensure our Easter celebrations were beautiful and holy.

May the Lord bless you a hundredfold for all that you have given to build our parish faith and life.

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.

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

PARISH PLAYGROUP



When: Thursday 11th April 2024
Where: St. Augustine Catechesis Centre
Time: 10:00 am—12:00 pm.

YOUTH GROUP NEXT SUNDAY, 14TH APRIL



The Youth Group will be next 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 Attivita' 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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