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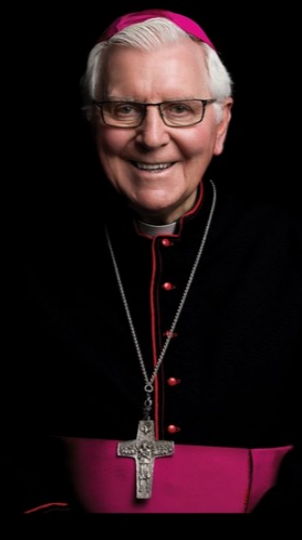
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REQUIEM MASS
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

Wednesday 8 May 2024 5:30pm

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Archbishop Fisher will celebrate a Requiem Mass for Bishop Peter Ingham on Wednesday 8th May 5.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral.

The casket will be present for the Mass before it is transported to Wollongong for Mass of Christian Burial.

The Solemn Pontifical Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Friday 10th May at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 36 Harbour Street, Wollongong.

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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."

TRIVIA NIGHT
Fundraiser at St Gertrude's Parish

SAT 15.06 ARRIVE 7:15PM FOR A 7:30PM START
\$20 per person includes nibbles

PLEASE FORM TEAMS OF 6, HOWEVER WE WILL ASSIST AND ALLOCATE THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO DO SO!

Lucky door prizes and more!
All proceeds will go to St. Benedict's Shrine.

Contact Lora on 0421 674 445 for all enquiries.



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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 NSW

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

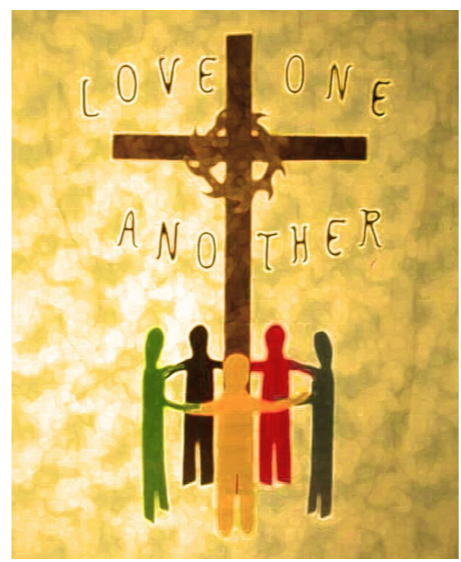
First Saturday of the Month:
7:00 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

Chaplet of St. Michael:
Tuesday after Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Friday after Mass

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year B

5 May 2024



We pray for the sick of this Parish

Br. Matthew Hall OSPPE,
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

Bishop Peter Ingham, Iolanda Berardinelli,
Nathan Mitschuinig, Gina Longo,
Vincenzo DiFrancesco,
Br. Charles Kevin Barry, FSP, Frank Ebejer.

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Kennia NAVARRO & Geoffery MANCHE.

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
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MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE WAKELEY

Girls: 7-12: Ph: 9725 4322
Principal: Ms Janine Kenney
5 Carnarvon St, Wakeley NSW 2176
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www.mmcwakeley.syd.catholic.edu.au

PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE 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 formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

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: 11th May
St Benedict: Group C: Wilson Family
St. Therese: Group B: Vietnamese

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Jn 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St. John

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.
I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
love one another,
as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends,
if you do what I command you,
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me,
no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you
is to love one another.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another
Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, 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: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR B

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11, Eph 1:17-23,

Gospel: Mk 16:15-20.

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THANK YOU



I would like to extend my thanks to all who made the celebration of my 10th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood a prayerful, joyful and memorable occasion. To Bishop Columba for leading our celebration of Mass, to the concelebrating priests and to our Parishioners and guests for their attendance. A special thank you to our altar servers and choir who assisted at our Liturgy. I would also like to thank those who prepared the church and reception afterwards. My God bless you abundantly for your generosity.

MAY - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

May is the month where the "People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary." (Pope Francis). This devotion of praying the rosary in May and honouring Mary as "Queen of the May" was established in about the 13th Century. I would encourage our Parishioners to pray the rosary together as a family or to form groups.

PENTECOST NOVENA 10TH - 18TH MAY

In preparation for the celebration of Pentecost a Novena to the Holy Spirit will be prayed from 10 - 18 May after Mass. For those unable to attend the Novena is printed for you to pray at home.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY 12TH MAY

In Australia the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on a Sunday. As such, the Ascension will be celebrated next Sunday.

MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY 12TH MAY

Next Sunday we celebrate Mother's Day. Our 10.30am Mass will be offered for all our Mothers, living and deceased.

NO 9.15AM MASS ON 13TH & 14TH MAY

Please note! Please note that there will be no 9.15am Mass on Monday 13th May and Tuesday 14th May to give our priests the opportunity to celebrate with the Pauline Community the 40th anniversary of the Shrine at Penrose Park.

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.

When: Monday 13th May

Where: St. Benedict's Shrine

Time: Depart 8.30 am sharp
Return 4.30 pm approx.

Cost: \$25

Bring your own morning tea and lunch.

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

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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.



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 9nd May 2024
Where: St. Augustine Catechesis Centre
Time: 10:00 am—12:00 pm.



YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY, 26TH MAY

The Youth Group will be on Sunday 26th May in the **St. Augustine Catechesis Centre** following the 6pm Mass. High Schoolers and over 18s invited to attend. New members always welcome to attend.



PRIMARY KIDS YOUTH GROUP: YRS. 3 - 6

FRIDAY 17TH MAY 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.



THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION SMITHFIELD

Announce the Activities for the Month of MAY 2024

*****Mother's Day Luncheon*****

Friday 10th of May 12 pm (Noon) in the Parish Montefano Hall.

3 Course Lunch including Drinks, Coffee & Desert

Dancing + entertainment by **MICHAEL RIVIERA**
{All Money Raised Given to local Charities }

For Bookings Contact Tony 0409 908 424 or Gina 0417 203 908

BINGO will be held on the 17th and 31st of May

PARISH DONATIONS

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Order of St Paul the First Hermit
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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.