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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."

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ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH 75 YEARS
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THURS **17** OCT 6:30 PM

3 Course Meal, Wine, Beer, Mineral Water, drinks, coffee
Adults: \$80 - Kids U/12: \$45

DOLTONE HOUSE
(Colosseo Room)

Marconi Club
121-133 Prairie Vale Rd, Bossley Park

RSVP: 31 Aug 2024
Lora - 0421 674 445 or Maria - 0402 031 411
Email: events@stgertrude.org.au

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

Assistant 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:

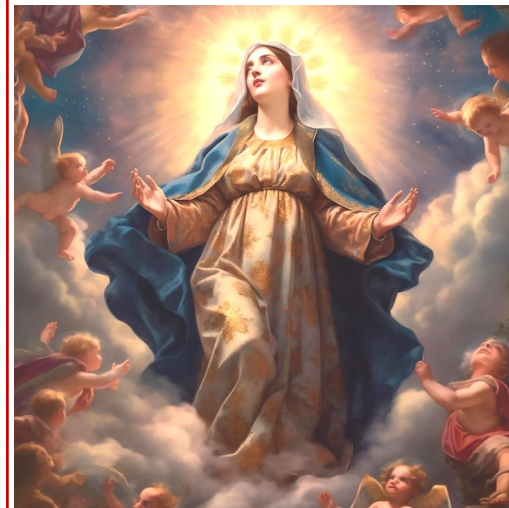
Tuesday after Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Friday after Mass

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year B

11 August 2024



We pray for the sick of this Parish

Fr. Anthony David, OSPPE, Fr. Bob Bossini,
Br. Matthew Hall OSPPE, Josica Marotta,
Dot Danecek, Michael Hyzy,
Aldo Girardi, Alyssa Ferreri,
Ray Wilson, Gino Mifsud, Adam Westwood,
Kartia Grace Russell, Emile & Mary Kodsy,
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

Miroslav Danecek, Anne Williamson,
Beatrice Marziano,
Ivy Fernandes, Maureen Griffiths,
Augustino Cavallin.

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Terry Caruana, Michelina Leombruni &
Eugen Kleibert.

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
Principal: Ms Janine Kenney
5 Carnarvon St, Wakeley NSW 2176
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PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE

FAIRFIELD

Boys: 7-12: Ph: 9728-4488
Principal: Mr Peter Wade
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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the
service of their own people, working for
integral human development and for the
common good, especially caring for the
poor and those who have lost their jobs.

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: 17th August

St Benedict: Group B: PPC/ Teachers
St. Therese: Group A: Frances

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING 1Kg 19:4 - 8

A reading from the first book of Kings

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

- I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
- Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
- Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)
- The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

SECOND READING Eph 4:30 - 5:2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 6:41 - 51

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. John

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me
unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,
and I will raise him up at the last day.
It is written in the prophets:
They will all be taught by God,
and to hear the teaching of the Father,
and learn from it,
is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father,
except the one who comes from God:
he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly,
everybody who believes has eternal life.
I am the bread of life.
Your fathers ate the manna in the desert
and they are dead;
but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,
so that a man may eat it and not die.
I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

or

The bread that I will give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.



CWF APPEAL - THIS WEEKEND 10TH AND 11TH AUGUST

CWF Appeal will take place this weekend, 10th & 11th of August. The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) supports multiple works and agencies in the Archdiocese of Sydney including the Seminarians, Ephpheta Centre, Chaplaincy services, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry and CCD.

Donations \$2 or more are tax deductible

St. Gertrude's has a Parish quota of \$7,700.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting these Catholic Agencies of the Archdiocese of Sydney.



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION THIS THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST

The Assumption of Mary is one of the four Marian Dogmas of the Catholic Church. Pope Pius XII defined it on 1st November 1950 in his Apostolic Constitution titled *Munificentissimus Deus* as follows: *We proclaim and define it to be a dogma revealed by God that the immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven.*

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation, which means that every Catholic MUST attend Mass on this day.

Mass Times:

St Therese's Church: 7:00 am Mass followed by Exposition, Rosary, Litany and Benediction

St Benedict's Shrine: 9.30 am Whole School Mass

6:00 pm Exposition, Rosary, Devotions and Benediction

7:00 pm Mass

The Vigil Mass of the Assumption will be celebrated on Wednesday 14th August followed by the usual Novena to St. Benedict.



BLESSING OF HERBS & FLOWERS SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

The tradition of blessing of herbs (particularly those with medicinal or healing properties) and flowers on the Assumption dates back to as early as the tenth century in parts of Europe. "Herbs" had not our restricted English meaning but included all kinds of cultivated and wild flowers, especially those associated with Our Lady. The blessing coincided with the harvest festival of thanksgiving to God for the great bounty of the fruits of the Earth. One old legend states that, after the Fall of Adam, all the flowers and herbs of the earth lost their beautiful scent. Only after the Assumption of Our Lady, when lilies and roses were found in her tomb, did those flowers regain their beautiful fragrances and the herbs their power to heal. Some examples of flowers associated with Our Lady include: **roses** (Mary's love of God); **White Lily** (her purity); **myrtle** (her virginity); **Marigold** (her heavenly glory). You are also invited to place flowers on the fence at the front of the church in honour of Our Lady.

Next Week: 20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

Scripture: Prov 9:1-6, Eph 5:15-20,

Gospel: Jn 6:51-58.

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COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND

THIS FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST

Communion to the housebound for the Assumption will take place this Friday 16th August. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of someone who would like a visit.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF JASNA GORA 17TH – 25TH AUGUST

The Novena to Our Lady of Jasna Gora in preparation of the Solemnity will begin on Saturday 17th August. The Novena is printed in the Bulletin.



R.I.P. MIROSLAV (DON) DANECEK

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Mr. Miroslav (Don) Danecek, a long time Parishioner of St. Gertrude's. The Parish extends our prayers and condolences to his wife Dot and family. Requiem Mass for Don will be celebrated on Wednesday 21st August at 10:30 am at St. Benedict's Shrine. Please keep the soul of Don and his family in your prayers.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST MEETING TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST

A meeting for all our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (acolytes and senior altar servers and Eucharist Ministers) will take place on Tuesday 27th August at 7:00 pm in St. Benedict's Shrine. Those unable to attend, please let Fr. Peter James know via the Parish Office.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF JASNA GORA THE BLACK MADONNA 17th August—25th August



O Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, we believe in your triumphant Assumption into heaven where angels and saints acclaim you as Queen. Through your Holy Icon, O Our Lady of Mercy, flow healing and wholeness in abundance to all who draw near to it in faith and love.

Queen of Mercy, we turn to you for protection. Listen to our prayers and help us in our needs. Do not cease to shine before the pilgrim people of God as a sign of sure hope and consolation. We entrust to you all troubled families, the innocent and unborn children, the elderly with no one to help them, and all who are alone and without hope. Guide and sustain us, O Virgin Mary, on our journey of faith so that we might always live as true sons and daughters of the Church and obtain for us the grace of eternal salvation.

Enable all to meet Christ, the light of the World and its only Saviour, The Way, the Truth and the Life, who reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

1 (or 3) x Hail Mary

WE FLY TO your patronage, O holy Mother of God;
despise not our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.
We humbly ask you to be our Lady, our Intercessor and our Advocate.
Reconcile us to your Son,
Recommend us to your Son,
Bring us to your Son.
Amen.



In 1951 the Convent for the Sisters of St Joseph was built facing Smithfield Road. The Rosary Group and the Legion of Mary was established in the Parish.

Sacramental News!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION LESSONS

Confirmation lessons will take place in the Parish Montefano Hall from 8:45am-10:15am, followed by 10:30am Mass in St Benedict's Shrine.

- **Lesson 2 – Sunday, 11th August**
- **Lesson 3 – Sunday, 18th August**
- **Lesson 4 – Sunday, 25th August**



PARISH PRAYERS FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Please keep our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they journey towards the out pouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit at the Sacrament of Confirmation Mass on Saturday, 14th September at 12.30 pm 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 15th August 2024
Where: St. Augustine Catechesis Centre
Time: 10:30 am—12:00 pm.



YOUTH GROUP THIS SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST

The Youth Group will be this Sunday 11th August in the **St. Augustine Catechesis Centre** following the 6:00 pm Mass. High Schoolers and over 18s invited to attend. New members always welcome to attend.



PRIMARY YOUTH GROUP: NEXT FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST

Our next Primary School Youth meeting will be next Friday 16th August at 6:30 pm in the St. Augustine Catechesis Centre. All Primary School Aged children are welcome.



FCI – Italian Catholic Federation



Bingo Numbers called out in *English & Italian*
Next Bingo 10:00 am **Friday, 23rd August 2024.**
Montefano Hall \$15 entry includes
Bingo Games, prizes; Morning Tea/Coffee and light lunch.
Come join us.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. PETER JAMES

Our Parish would like to wish Fr Peter James a Happy Birthday for this week.
We pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be upon you, for good health and may our Blessed Mother of Jasna Gora intercede for your every need.

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