

ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

St Benedict's Church

Corner Justin & Neville Street
SMITHFIELD

Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm;
8.00am (Italian); 10.30am; 6.00pm.

Weekday Masses:
9.15am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday;
6pm Wednesday

Weekday Public Holidays: 10.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Adoration:
Wednesdays after evening Mass with Novena to
St Benedict till 7.30pm; *Saturdays* from
4.45pm—5.45pm; & *Fridays* after the 9.15am Mass

First Friday of the Month:
7pm Mass & Adoration

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Tuesdays after Mass



Parish Priest
Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE

Assistant Priest
Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE

St Theresa's Church

Corner The Boulevard & Stella Street
FAIRFIELD WEST

Sunday Masses: .
Saturday Vigil 5pm (Vietnamese);
7.30am & 9.00am; 11am (Spanish); 5pm (Arabic)

Weekday Masses:
Mon - Fri 7.00am; Saturday 8am
Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am

First Friday of the Month:
from 6.30am

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

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Tuesdays after Mass

23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 10 September



We welcome the following

Matteo BARILLARO

Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish

Paul Bradbury Maria Blanda, Max Hazmoth,
Indu Vassallo, Kartia Grace Russell,
Frank Trimboli, Gino Mifsud, Rina Favotto, Neang
Nep, Eric Pasquetti, Emely Jade, Sandra Roy,
Patricia Battistel, Ivy Fernandes, Maria Perre,
Tania Perre, Alina Przewoznik,
Philomena Greenwood, Ernesto DiDomizio,
Stella Zappacosta, Antoinette Jansen.

**Bless our sick today so that they may bear
their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and
restore them quickly to health**

Please remember in your prayers

Judith Niblett, Aldo Di Bona, Carmela Vitali,
Innocenzo Panebianco, Angelo Risso, Annie Costi,
Mary Andrews, Jeanne Hazmoth,
Mario (Emilio) Bugno, Giovanni La Delfa,
Caterina Pedavoli, Rose Patane, Francesca Avati,
Marija Krajaciz, Graziella Zorzan,
Nicoletta Speranza,

Recently Deceased

**And for those whose Anniversaries occur
at this time :**

Joseph Borg, Sam Torres, Rose Vella,
Annunziata Verduci, Lino Celebrin, Biserka Curac,
Tony Melacrinis, Colomba Carniato,
Maria Mezzanotte, Alberto Castrianni

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

6 Justin St, Smithfield
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Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585
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Parish Council:

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Jurgen Mertin

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9725 4317
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sacraments@stgertrude.org.au
Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

Liturgy:

9725 4317 Anna Kleibert
liturgy@stgertrude.org.au

Adult Sacraments (RCIA)

Mariola Herbert
Every Sunday at 8.30am in the
Crying Room (in front of St Benedict's)
Contact Mariola: 0421 944 051.

Children's Liturgy

Mariola Herbert

Reconciliation:

Smithfield - Sat 4.45—5.45 pm
(or by appointment)

Baptisms: Parish Office

9604 1199
1st Sundays of the month during the
10.30am Mass at St Benedict's Church; &
Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict's

Marriages: Parish Office

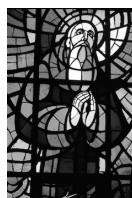
9604 1199
By appointment only (6 months required)

Sick Calls:

9604 1199
Any Time

Novena to St Benedict

Every Wednesday after the
6pm Mass with Rosary &
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament



Reconciliation is
available during this time.
*Everyone is encouraged to
participate!*

Rosary for Vocation to
Religious life and Priesthood.
After Mass on Thursdays
at St Therese's Church,
Fairfield West



Church Cleaners

*Monday 11 September ~ Edith's
Group*

23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING Ez 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R) *O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' (R.)

SECOND READING Rom 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has
entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week : 24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

**Readings: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7; Rom 14:7-9;
Mt 18:21-35**

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Parish Collections Week- Ending 03/09/2017
1st Collection \$xxxx goes to Fr. Jarek & Fr Wojtek as well as the upkeep of their Order of St Paul the First Hermit.

2nd Collection: Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$xxxx and \$xxxx Loose Money.

Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

Child Protection Sunday, 10 September 2017
Child Protection Sunday, the pinnacle event in the parishes to celebrate Child Protection Week 4-10 September, 2017. The theme this year is ‘See Me, Hear Me’, giving a voice to children and young people in relation to what they need adults to do to help keep them safe. *Prayer cards available at church doors.*



OUR PRAYER
SEE ME, HEAR ME

Gracious God provide us with a listening heart that we see and hear the voice of each of our children.

We ask you God to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us the ability and time to listen carefully when children come to us seeking help.

May our institutions and families respect, listen and do what is required to help all children feel safe.

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded initially by abuse then again through the failure to be heard. We stand in constant need of your healing and help.

Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace, and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask you God to provide each of us with the wisdom to involve children in making institutions and communities safer.

Priests’ Retirement Foundation Appeal Date:
9th & 10th September
This appeal is set up with the aim of looking after our sick and retired priests. Thank you.

Altar Servers Meeting
Tuesday 12 September @ 4.30pm– 5.15pm

Parish BBQ ~ Saturday 14 October ~ 2017
after the 6pm Vigil Mass in the Montefano Hall.

Children’s Mass ~ Sunday 22 October
10.30am Mass St Benedict’s Church
Morning tea served after Mass.
Everyone Welcome!

Thursday 14th September ~ Feast
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Children in Year 3 and above who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Reconciliation are eligible to enrol in the First Holy Communion Programme.
Enrolments have already taken place. If you would still like to enrol your child, please contact the Sacramental Office ASAP. Enrolments will not be accepted after 22/9/17.

- Holy Communion Parent Night – Wednesday 11th October at 7:30 p.m. in the Montefano Hall.
- Preparation classes begin 15th October.
- Ceremonies: Saturday 25th November at the 6 p.m. Mass and Sunday 26th November at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Enquiries, please contact Helena - 9725 4317 (Tuesday or Friday) or sacraments@stgertrude.org.au

Catechist NEWS
Annual Catechist Mass
Sunday 24 September at St Mary’s Cathedral
2:00 – 5:00 pm (includes afternoon Tea)
RSVP: Mimi Romeo

Catechist Gathering
Creating Resources 10:00 – 1:30 pm
Friday 6th October at St Joachim’s – Lidcombe
RSVP: Mimi Romeo

Congratulations
To our two new Catechists **Karen Maia & Barbara Hill** Who are now teaching in Classes.
Great Help! Thank you!

Challenges facing Catholics today
Archbishop Fisher delivers an important message on three key challenges facing Catholics today. He addresses the challenge to the seal of the confessional, euthanasia and the important discussion around changing the definition of marriage. *The Links are available on our website*

Vote No in the Postal Plebiscite on Marriage
A change in the marriage law has consequences for freedom of religion, including the ability of individuals to live out their faith in everyday life, for Priests to preach and Catholic schools to teach about marriage, and for faith-based charities to continue take a pro-marriage stance. More info: www.coalitionformarriage.com.au

Congratulations
Kathryn Mertin
Winner of Safeguarding Charter Competition

Thank you
to all children who entered the Competition.
Great Effort!
Parish is so proud of you all.

Smithfield YOUTH MASS
Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at the 6pm Mass
Next Mass ~ Sunday 17 September
Youth group meet 7 - 8 pm ~ 17 September
Youth group meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month . Youth program 7pm - 8pm followed by a BBQ & fellowship in the Demountable. All Youth Welcome!

Special (FCI) Event – Annual Charity Dinner Dance
Saturday 16 September
MONTEFANO HALL 6PM
(RSVP 7 SEPTEMBER)



3 Course Meal – Music – Entertainment – Lucky Door
Prizes – Raffles and much more
TICKETS: \$50 PP / Children (under 12: \$15)
Bookings: Tony Coiera or Gina Morosin



PETITION-ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL NSW: During Masses this weekend you will be asked to sign a petition against the NSW Voluntary assisted Dying Bill 2017. It allows persons to access physician assisted suicide. It is impossible to safeguard against abuses and coercion in such legislation. NSW should be working to provide better access to good end of life care instead. You will hear more about this during Mass and there will be volunteers facilitating petition signing afterwards. More Info: www.no euthanasia.org.au click on *Take Action* and *NSW*.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival
Early Bird registration to Australian Catholic Youth Festival has now closed but registrations are still open (\$280). Young people are encouraged to continue to register. University students can register with a group of uni students contact unicatholics@sydneycatholic.org. Our Deanery Coordinator can still add names to our Deanery group (Please insert Deanery Contact details). There are still some complimentary registrations available for State school students please contact our Deanery contact person for further details.

This is a truly amazing opportunity for our young people so let’s do everything we can to encourage their registration.

FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA
La FCI Annuncia le Attività del Mese di Settembre

- TOMBOLA** Venerdì 22 Settembre. Con caffè/Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo, nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West dalle 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.
- RIUNIONE** del Membri Associati il 12 Settembre 7:30 pm

Antonio (Tony) Coiera
Cristo Regni.


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