

28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING *Is 25:6-10*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 22. R. v.6*

**(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

- The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
- He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
- You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
- Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

SECOND READING *Phil 4:12-14. 19-20*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *See Eph 1:17-18*

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mt 22:1-14*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week : 29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Readings: *Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40*

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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

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SUNDAY 15 October 2017



We welcome the following

Hendrix RUSSO, Marcello MASCIA,
Aniela WALKER, Compton PASEKA,
Violet AMBROSE

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

Eva Di Federico, Rita Vanolini, Antonio Tionvinne,
Filipo Leto, Antonio Zumbo, Judith Niblett,
Aldo Di Bona,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur
at this time :

Maria Cado, John Webb, Antonia Comin,
Marsilo Vignaduzzo, Mary Magro, Fred Resalo



PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:
6 Justin St, Smithfield
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Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585
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Denise Namroud

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Jurgen Mertin

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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 Priest-
hood. After Mass on
Thursdays
at St Therese's Church,
Fairfield West



Church Cleaners
Friday 20 October ~ Grace &
Pina's

Parish Collections Week- Ending 08/10/2017
1st Collection \$1,133.20 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: \$1,764.60 and \$748.00 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!


Month of Prayer and Fasting for Marriage and Families during October
Today and throughout this week we pray for the well-being of those experiencing same-sex attraction or gender uncertainty.
Heavenly Father, grant true peace and comfort to our family members and friends who experience same sex attraction or gender uncertainty. May we be sensitive and loving especially in times of trial. Lead us to deeper faith as we all strive for Christian perfection.
† **Rosary 15 minutes before weekday Masses in Smithfield during October &**
† **7pm Week nights at Fairfield West**
Scripture and the Church’s history give us many examples of the miraculous impact when a whole community undertakes prayer and fasting together. Join us for a month of prayer and fasting to be held in parishes, schools and homes across the nation during the month of October 2017 because all families need our prayers and need God’s Grace. <http://www.acmfc.org.au>

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

Smithfield YOUTH MASS
Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at the 6pm Mass
Next Mass ~ Sunday 15 October
Youth group meet 7 - 8 pm ~ 15 October
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!

Altar Servers Meeting
Tuesday 24 October @ 4.30pm– 5.15pm

Sunday 22 October ~ Children’s Mass with Blessing of Pets to be held in grass area behind Montefano Hall 10.30am Mass
Bring your creatures, great and small to this Mass. Everyone Welcome!



Provincial Chapter
Please pray for the Pauline Fathers during this week as they will be holding their 3 yearly Chapter (elections).

Saturday 28 October ~ Feast
Sts Simon and Jude, apostles

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
First Holy Communion will be celebrated for our 2017 candidates on Saturday 25th November at the 6 pm Vigil Mass and on Sunday 26th November at the 10:30 am Mass.

IMPORTANT DATES for your DIARY
- **LESSONS** start weeks beginning **15, 22, 29 Oct and 5 Nov**. Classes will be held in the Parish Office, 6 Justin Street, Smithfield.
- **PARENT ONLY WORKSHOP:** Wednesday 25th October at 7:30 pm. Estimated to finish at 9:15 pm. Guest presenter Richard McMahon.
- **RECONCILIATION** for all Candidates – **Tuesday 21 November, 6:45 pm** in St Benedict’s Shrine.
- **REHEARSALS:**
o **CEREMONY 1** – Monday 20 November, 7 pm
o **CEREMONY 2** – Friday 24 November, 7 pm
- **PRAYER PARTNERS THIS WEEKEND: 14 & 15 OCTOBER**

Sacramental time is a special time of grace for all in our community.
This weekend, before or after the Masses, children preparing for FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will ask members of the community to be “Prayer Partners.”
Accepting an invitation to be a “Prayer Partner” involves taking the prayer card and praying for the candidate during the time leading up to FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.
Should you be invited to become a “Prayer Partner” please accept the candidate’s invitation and reassure him/her of your support. If you do not receive a prayer card, please pray for all the children.


CONFIRMATION PHOTOS
Confirmation Photo letters have arrived! Letters have been emailed to families over the past week. Families can download the photos free of charge via the use of a private website and code. Letters may be collected from the Sacramental Office. Please see me if you need assistance to download your child’s photos.

For all enquiries call Helena in the Sacrament Office – Tue or Fri on 9725 4317 or email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au

November Masses
During the Month of November we pray for all our deceased relatives and friends. During this month a total of 30 Masses will be collectively offered for the intentions of the deceased at both St. Benedict's Shrine and St. Therese's Church.
On Sundays the Mass will be at 10.30am at St. Benedict's Shrine and 9am at St. Therese's Church as well as the daily Masses during the month.
If you wish to include your loved ones in these collective Masses offered for the deceased during the month of November, then please fill out the November Mass Envelopes which are available in the Church foyer and on the seats.

† *November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord’s Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope’s intentions.* (Norms 15, 7)

~ Please Note ~
WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS TIME CHANGE
Commencing Wednesday 1 November for the period of
Daylight Saving
Wednesday evening Mass, Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Novena to St Benedict will
change to 7:00 pm



Australian Catholic Youth Festival
We are ready to go to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival We already have a number of youth registered from our parish.
Registration has been extended till October 20.
If you are between Year 9 and Age 30, then come with us.
Please direct your inquiries to Fr Wojtek via the parish office.
The parish will offer partial subsidy.

Need to Speak to a Priest?
A Priest will be available in the Parish Office every Thursday from 3pm – 4pm. This time will be allocated for any parishioner who needs to speak to a priest for either personal or general matters – *no appointment necessary.*

Visitation of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima & Icon of Our Lady of Jasna Góra for reflection and prayer
If you are interested in taking the Statue and Icon home, then please write your details on the ‘Schedule’ at the back of St Benedict’s Church.

The Marriage Law Postal Survey has 3 weeks to go. Catholics should be engaged in this democratic process. If you have not done so already, please fill in your survey form and return it by post to the ABS by the end of October. If you need a replacement form you can contact the ABS before 6pm on October 20 via their website or on their toll free number: 1800 572 113 to obtain a new form.

All Parish Volunteers/Helpers & Parish Committee
Members are invited to attend a
Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday
6 December at 7pm
on the Feast of St Nicholas followed by a celebration in

Montefano Hall
(In appreciation for all your contributions throughout 2017)
✂
Please insert your details below, tear off this section & place in letterbox at Parish Office

Name:

Contact No:

Attending: ☐ Yes / ☐ No

A letter of thanks was received from Richard Allcock from the Bible Society Australia
“..... Total amount raised at both Churches: **\$2320.00**
The unity of effort in contributing this significant amount is very much appreciated.
This money has been processed and an official receipt will be issued direct to all those who provided the necessary details.
The Bible Society also thanks you and your Parish Community for this precious gift, which will now enable the distribution of much needed Indigenous Scripture material/Help with translation and Audio Recordings of the Bible, through the “RIMS” Project.
The Indigenous communities who will receive these Scripture Resources will certainly be very grateful for this loving contribution from your Parish.
Your generous participation and support has contributed towards achieving our Projected Targeted goal of \$ 3.1 million.
We do really value your prayers and support for our work.”

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