

24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Is 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.  
My vindicator is here at hand.  
Does anyone start proceedings against me?  
Then let us go to court together.  
Who thinks he has a case against me?  
Let him approach me.  
The Lord is coming to my help,  
who dare condemn me?

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. (R.)

2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)

3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)

4. He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
In the land of the living. (R.)

SECOND READING

Jas 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has  
never done a single good act but claims that he  
has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the  
brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes  
and has not enough food to live on, and one of you  
says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm  
and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare  
necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is  
like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite  
dead.  
This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You  
say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will

prove to you that I have faith by showing you my  
good deeds – now you prove to me that you have  
faith without any good deeds to show.'

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the  
world.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round  
Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question  
to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And  
they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others  
Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But  
you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke  
up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he  
gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about  
him.  
And he began to teach them that the Son of Man  
was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by  
the elders and the chief priests and the scribes,  
and to be put to death, and after three days to rise  
again; and he said all this quite openly. Then,  
taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with  
him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he  
rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me,  
Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way  
but man's.'  
He called the people and his disciples to him and  
said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let  
him renounce himself and take up his cross and  
follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life  
will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my  
sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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

Next Week: 25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3;  
Mk 9:30-37

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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;  
7pm 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; 12 noon (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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16 September 2018



We welcome the following  
Marcus Dickson, Alexia Zappia, Maya Pacenza,  
James Prestipino

Baptised in our Parish Community

Congratulations to  
Jessica Santomingo & Francesco Coniglio

Married in our Parish

May God confirm them in their love.

We pray for the sick of this parish  
Allanah Cassar Falappi, John Denniss,  
Santa Carbone, Santina Ponili,  
Kartia Grace Russell, Gino Mifsud, Rina Favotto,  
Ivy Fernandes, Alina Przewoznik,  
Philomena Greenwood,

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  
Filippa Crisafulli, Pasqualina Garzaniti, Dorde  
Miljus  
Ludy Green, Francesco Cassarino, Robert D'Costa,  
Giovanni Devile, Rocco Romeo

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur  
at this time :

Annunziata Verduci, Innocenzo Panebiano,  
Filippo Leto, Antonia Tionville , Alfio Alfonso,  
Grace Sammut, Antonia Vanolini

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:  
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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)

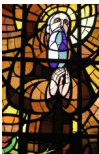
Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199  
1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month during the  
10.30am Mass at St Benedict's Church; &  
Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict's

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 7pm Mass  
with Rosary & Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament



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

gospel focus

Peter's insight

When Peter answers Jesus' question he  
demonstrates the disciples' dawning  
awareness of Jesus' true identity. It is  
the first occasion that the disciples are  
called to own what they think about  
Jesus. However, when Jesus begins  
to spell out what being the Messiah  
really means - persecution and death  
- Peter tries to convince Jesus that he  
doesn't need to go down that path.  
Jesus turns on Peter and snaps, "Get  
behind me, Satan!" It is a reminder  
of the desert temptation Jesus had to  
face at the start of his ministry when  
he wrestled with what sort of messiah  
he was called to be.

Church Cleaners

Friday 21st September ~  
Grace & Pina



**Parish Collections Week- Ending 9/9/2018**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$1,990.20** goes to Fr. Jarek & Fr Wojtek as well as the upkeep of their Order of St Paul the First Hermit.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$2140.85 and \$1,134.85 Loose Money.**  
*Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!*

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September ~ Feast St Matthew, apostle, evangelist**

**PAULINE VOCATIONS RETREAT**  
 This **September 28-30th** the Order of St. Paul the First Hermit will be holding a vocations retreat at their Monastery at Penrose Park. All young men looking to discern if they are called are invited to come. The event is open for men ages 18-35. Fr. Joseph Maria will be leading the retreat. It is important to RSVP to [vocations@paulinefathers.org.au](mailto:vocations@paulinefathers.org.au) so we can organize rooms for everyone to stay in. For any questions please contact Fr. Joseph Maria at the given email.

**Br. Zachary Lewis**  
**~ Solemn Profession of Vows ~**  
**Saturday 6 October 2018 at 11am Penrose Park.**  
  
**~ Diaconate ~**  
**Wednesday 10th October, 2018 at 7pm**  
**St Benedict's Church by Bishop Peter Ingham**  
*Everyone is welcome to attend these ceremonies and support Br Zachary on his journey to priesthood.*

**54 Day Novena**  
 St Gertrude's Parish will be participating in "World Rosary", on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – October 7th. Our annual Rosary procession will take place after the Sunday 10:30 am Mass (instead of Saturday afternoon) to coincide with this special feast day. More information to come closer to the date.  
 For those interested, there is an OPTIONAL 54 Day Novena that started on August 15th with an emphasis in prayer and reparation for our world/nation, under the mantle of 'Holy League of Nations. For more information collect a flyer from the Church foyer or visit the website: <https://www.novenaforournation.com/54-day-novena/>

**St Mary's Cathedral Parish, Sydney**  
 Invites YOU to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary by joining the Dean to pray the HOLY ROSARY. The prayer intentions for the Holy Rosary will be Family, the Rekindling of Faith and the Sanctification of the Church and Clergy.  
  
**WHEN: Sunday 7 October, 2018**  
**TIME: 2pm WHERE: St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney**  
  
*Our prayers will be joined with the prayers of thousands around Australia and the World as part of the "OzRosary" and "Global Rosary" projects.*

**Catholic Mission Appeal this weekend**  
**All Masses**  
**Guest Speaker: Thomas Ng**  
  
*'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news...' Isaiah 52:7*  
 This weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to help to heal a nation through education in Myanmar. Led by Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, the Church is developing an alternative system of quality education, with comprehensive teacher training programs and the establishment of new schools, especially in remote areas. It has been called an “education revolution”, and the potential impact is far-reaching. *Pease give generously to this important work.* You will have an opportunity to become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as a monthly giving partner. This regular contribution will directly support education in Myanmar.  
 Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar](http://catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar)

**SACRAMENTAL OFFICE**  
 Please be advised that the Sacramental Office is currently closed until mid-October.  
 For all enquiries please email [sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au) or call 9725 4317 and leave a message. If you need to speak to Helena face-to-face, please email/call the Sacramental Office to make an appointment. Thank You.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018 – IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- Post-enrolment letters were emailed to families this week – please EMAIL the Sacrament Office if you have not received this letter.
- **PARENT ONLY INFORMATION MEETING: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 7:30 pm, Montefano Hall**
- **SMALL GROUP SESSIONS BEGIN: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October**
- **PARENT WORKSHOP: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 7:30pm, Montefano Hall**
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 6 pm, and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 10:30 am.**

**YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS**  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm Group 2**  
*(last Monday of the Month*  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm Group 1**  
*(Second Monday of the Month)*


**Altar Servers Meeting**  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September in St Benedict's Church**  
**4:30pm to 5:15pm**

 **Can you help our Parish Playgroup?**  
 Our Parish Playgroup Room is in desperate need of repair and refurbishment to replace flyscreens, carpet, equipment, storage, furniture, painting etc.  
**We need to raise \$3,000**  
 Come, join us for a BBQ breakfast , tea/coffee & cakes at the **10:30 am Children's Mass on Sunday 23 September**  
**Donations Welcome**  
*Some small gifts will be available for purchase*  
**God bless you for your generous support**  
  
*Please help us help your children learn in a happy & healthy environment.*

**Pilgrimage to Penrose Park for Fatima Day**  
**Saturday 13 October 2018.** Cost per person is \$23.  
 For Bookings: Please contact the parish office 9604 1199  
 For further information see Notice Boards.

**Parish BBQ ~ Saturday 13 October**  
 In the Montefano after the 6pm Mass.  
 Everyone Welcome!

**Giving Statements/Receipts available to pick up from St Benedict's Church Foyer.**

**Church Cleaners Needed!!!**  
*This is a very important ministry as it benefits our entire faith community.*  
  
 Can you spare an hour or two once a month on a roster basis to help clean St Benedict's Church? Church cleaners are generally scheduled once a month for a couple of hours. However, if you have some extra time to give, cleaners are always needed and are most welcome. Please contact the parish office for more information on 9604 1199 Tuesday to Friday 10am – 2pm. Thank you

**FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA**  
 La FCI Annuncia le Attivita' del Mese di Settembre

- **TOMBOLA** Il primo e Terzo Venerdi' del Mese, Il 7 e 21 di Settembre. Con caffe' / Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo, nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West dalle 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.
- **RIUNIONE** dei Membri Associati il 11 di Settembre 7.30 pm **Antonio {Tony} Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409 908 424.**  
**Gina Morosin** 9604 2458 or 0417 203 908 Cristo Regni.

**THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION [FCI]**  
 Activities planned for Month of September

- **BINGO** every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month. Held at St Teresa Church Hall Fairfield West from 10am - 1pm. Morning Tea & Lunch provided.
- **Members Reunion** will be held on the 11 September 7.30 pm. **Thankyou. Antonio (Tony) Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409 908 424.** or Gina Morosin 02 9604 2458 GOD BLESS

**Plenary Council 2020**  
 This begins with open Listening and Dialogue. Your experience of faith and Church is vital to the preparation for the agenda of the Plenary Council. If you are interested in how you can start this conversation in your parish, school, local community or university, please speak with your Parish Priest or email [plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org)  
**Prayer Cards available at the Church Doors**

**The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office**  
 If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on ph 02 9390 5812.

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