

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	
FIRST READING	Gen 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

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

***(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.***

- A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

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Gospel Acclamation	<i>Mt 4:4</i>
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A cartoon illustration of a small, striped gecko looking up at a large human foot. The gecko is positioned on the left, facing right towards the foot on the right. The foot is shown from a top-down perspective, with toes clearly visible. The gecko has a light-colored body with dark horizontal stripes and a small black eye. The foot is a solid, dark grey color. The background is a light, textured surface. In the bottom left corner, the text "J. Close '03" is written in a small, black, sans-serif font.

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Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Tuesdays after Mass

Any Time

After Mass on Thursdays
at St Therese's Church,
Fairfield West



*Tuesday 20 February -
Ediths's Group*

Parish Collections Week- Ending 11/02/2018

1st Collection \$1,476.35 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: \$2,296.50 and \$970.20 Loose Money.

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

LENT

Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday to the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive (29th March). On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter fast is observed.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LENTEN PENANCE

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following.
 - (a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a Church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary.
 - (b) self denial – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday unless for a good reason, it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

Smithfield YOUTH MASS

Next Mass: Sunday 18 February at 6pm

Youth Program on 3rd Sunday of the month .
7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall.
All Youth Welcome!

YOUTH PROGRAM: 18th FEBRUARY 2018

SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY ~ 10:30am
Children's Mass with Blessing of School Bags.

Children (and their families) are warmly invited to attend Sunday Mass to have their school bags blessed as they begin the new school year.

Followed by morning tea in the foyer. All welcome!

Next Parish BBQ

10 March 2018. *Everyone Welcome!*

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING
Tuesday 27 February 4.30 – 5.15pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

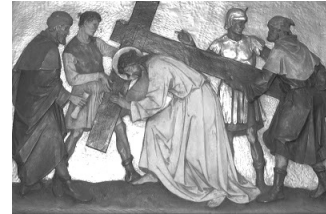
St Benedict's Church

Every Friday at 7pm

❖ *On the First Friday (2nd March) Mass & Adoration will follow the Stations of the Cross.*

St Therese's Church

Every Friday after the 7am Mass; & 7pm (Italian)



2018 LENTEN PROGRAM

(Catholic Diocese of Wollongong)

SURRENDER - Lenten Program and Daily Lent and Easter Reflections 2018 (Year B).

For the first time, SURRENDER will also include short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) in addition to the longer-form Sunday Gospel reflections, spiritual direction, prayers and reflection questions that are traditionally part of the Lenten program for groups. Therefore, Surrender is also perfect for those that cannot attend a Lenten group.

Limited copies available.

Please contact the parish office on 9604 1199 to purchase your book and CD (optional)

Books: \$9 / CD's: \$9

LENTEN GROUPS ~ EVERY THURSDAY

Started Thursday 15th February

After the 9:15am Mass & 7pm

In the Parish Office Meeting Room

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion Boxes are available at the Church Doors. As we are now in the holy season of Lent, may the concern of the Catholic community be one of love and compassion for all members of the human family. Guide us to act in solidarity with those most marginalised and vulnerable to injustice so together we can work for A Just Future for all. Amen

In Nepal, a Caritas supported program has helped Janaki turn her life of poverty and disadvantage around. She is now running her own successful sewing business, training others and has become a role model in her community.

Pease donate to project Compassion 2018 and help our most vulnerable neighbours in Nepal to build a just future for their families and their communities.

Thursday 22 February ~ Feast
The Chair of St Peter, apostle

St Gertrude's Parish Fund Envelopes

New sets of envelopes are available to pick up from ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH **this weekend** and next week end at St Therese's Church Fairfield West.

New envelope numbers were allocated to givers using envelopes between # 270 and 300.

A letter advising you of your new number was sent.
A list of old and new numbers will also be available if you have forgotten your number .

Any one wishing to use envelopes for St Gertrude's Parish Fund, please contact the parish office on 9604 1199

Thank you for your support!

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS

Monday 26th February at 7.30pm

for Group 2

(last Monday of the Month):

Patricia, Thien, Mark, Maya, & Miranda
and

Monday 12th March at 7.30pm

for Group 1

(Second Monday of the Month):

Haylee, Alex, Patricia, Samantha, Esther & Alister

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in our parish during Mass on **Sunday 17th June at 2 pm & 4 pm.**

Children in Year 6 to Year 12 who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are eligible to enrol in the Confirmation Program.

Enrolments will be accepted when parents and children participate in the enrolment ceremony during the Vigil and Sunday Masses on the weekends of **24/25 February or 3/4 March**. Relevant information and enrolment forms will be distributed through the schools, on the Parish website and will be available at the entrances to the church next week.

Enquiries Helena 9725 4317 (Tuesday or Friday) or email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au

Now Enrolling for 2019 & 2020

PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE ~ OPEN DAY

Sunday 11 March 2018

10am – 2pm

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MARY MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE ~ OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 21 March 2018

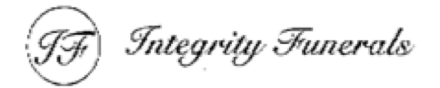
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(Pope Francis)



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