

33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A perfect wife – who can find her?  
She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband’s heart has confidence in her,  
from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him  
all the days of her life.  
She is always busy with wool and with flax,  
she does her work with eager hands.  
She sets her hands to the distaff,  
her fingers grasp the spindle.  
She holds out her hand to the poor,  
she opens her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;  
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.  
Give her a share in what her hands have worked  
for,  
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. (R.)

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Thes 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You will not be expecting us to write anything to  
you, brothers, about ‘times and seasons’, since you  
know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to  
come like a thief in the night. It is when people are  
saying, ‘How quiet and peaceful it is’ that the worst  
suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains  
come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no  
way for anybody to evade it.  
  
But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers,  
for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you  
are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not  
belong to the night or to darkness, so we should  
not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay  
wide awake and sober.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 25:14-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: ‘The  
kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad  
who summoned his servants and entrusted his  
property to them. To one he gave five talents, to  
another two, to a third one; each in proportion to  
his ability. Then he set out. The man who had  
received the five talents promptly went and traded  
with them and made five more. The man who had  
received two made two more in the same way. But  
the man who had received one went off and dug a  
hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.  
Now a long time after, the master of those  
servants came back and went through his accounts  
with them. The man who had received the five  
talents came forward bringing five more. “Sir”, he  
said “you entrusted me with five talents; here are  
five more that I have made.” His master said to  
him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you  
have shown you can be faithful in small things, I  
will trust you with greater; come and join in your  
master’s happiness.” Next the man with the two  
talents came forward. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted  
me with two talents; here are two more that I have  
made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good  
and faithful servant; you have shown you can be  
faithful in small things, I will trust you with  
greater; come and join in your master’s  
happiness.” Last came forward the man who had  
the one talent. “Sir,” said he “I had heard you were  
a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and  
gathering where you have not scattered; so I was  
afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the  
ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.”  
But his master answered him, “You wicked and  
lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have  
not sown and gather where I have not scattered?  
Well then, you should have deposited my money  
with the bankers, and on my return I would have  
recovered my capital with interest. So now, take  
the talent from him and give it to the man who has  
the five talents. For to everyone who has will be  
given more, and he will have more than enough;  
but from the man who has not, even what he has  
will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing  
servant, throw him out into the dark, where there  
will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”

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

Next Week : Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

Reading: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17;  
1Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

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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; 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 19th November 2017



We welcome the following

Layla SAVILE

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

Carmelina Calleja, Lucia Elda Bruzzano,  
Luciano Signor,  
Eva Di Federico, Rita Vanolini, Antonio Tionvinne,  
Filipo Leto, Antonio Zumbo,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur  
at this time :

Romana Patrona, Giancarlo Giorgi,  
Sebastiano Carnovale, Mary-Rose Pace.



PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:  
6 Justin St, Smithfield  
Tuesday-Friday 10am - 2pm  
Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585  
Email: office@stgertrude.org.au  
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Denise Namroud

Finance Committee:  
Jurgen Mertin

Catechists: 9725 4317  
Mimi Romeo: catechist@stgertrude.org.au

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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  
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!

Rosary for Vocation to  
Religious life and  
Priesthood.

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



Congratulations & God Bless You Lidia  
on this very special Milestone Birthday.  
Thank you for all that you do for this  
Parish!



Church Cleaners

Tuesday 21 November ~ Neo Cats

Parish Collections Week- Ending 12/11/2017  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$1,090.95 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: \$2,009.30 and \$718.25 Loose Money.  
*Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!*

**Celebrating St Gertrude's Feast Day on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
During the month of November we particularly remember the souls in Purgatory, where those who have died in God's grace undergo purification so that they may enter heaven.  
The Prayer of St Gertrude the Great below, is one of the most famous prayer for the souls in purgatory, and by praying for the souls in purgatory we can help them reach heaven more quickly. ***We will celebrate the feast of our Parish Patron Saint, St Gertrude the Great, as a parish during the 18th November Vigil and the 19th November Masses.***  
**Prayer of St Gertrude**  
Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

**FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
19 November 2017  
***Let us love, not with words but with deeds***  
The first World Day of the Poor will be observed on **Sunday, November 19, 2017**. In his apostolic letter to close the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis suggested the Catholic Church set aside one day each year when communities can "reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel." He designated this day as the World Day of the Poor and it will be celebrated on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time each year.  
*.....' This new World Day, therefore, should become a powerful appeal to our consciences as believers, allowing us to grow in the conviction that sharing with the poor enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel. The poor are not a problem: they are a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practice in our lives the essence of the Gospel. '* From the Vatican, 13 June 2017

**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.

**Sunday 26 November ~ Solemnity**  
**Our Lord JESUS CHRIST KING of the UNIVERSE**

**Charitable Works Fund (CWF) 2017 Pastoral Appeal:**  
Thank you for supporting last weekend's Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal. Through you, our six benefiting agencies (CatholicCare, Ephpheta Centre, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Catholic Chaplaincies and Seminaries) can continue their passion for making a positive contribution in people's Lives.  
**\$1,988.70 has so far been collected.**  
**Our parish commitment to this appeal is \$9,450.0**

**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.  
**Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 10 December at the 10.30am**  
**Mass** for all families who accepted the commitment of visitation and prayer into their homes.

**Smithfield YOUTH MASS**  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at the 6pm Mass  
**Next Mass ~ Sunday 19 November**  
Youth group meet 7 - 8 pm ~ 19 November for fellowship and & BBQ  
**All Youth Welcome!**

**Altar Servers Meeting Tuesday 21 November @ 4.30pm– 5.15pm**

**Parish BBQ ~ Saturday 9 December ~ 2017**  
after the 6pm Vigil Mass in the Montefano Hall.  
Everyone Welcome!

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**  
First Holy Communion will be celebrated in our Parish on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at the 6 pm Vigil Mass and on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at the 10:30 am Mass.  
**IMPORTANT DATES for your DIARY**  
- **RECONCILIATION** for Groups A, B, C – **Tuesday 21st November, 6:45 pm** in St Benedict's Shrine.  
- **REHEARSALS:**  
o **CEREMONY 1** – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 7 pm  
o **CEREMONY 2** – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 7 pm  
- **PHOTO COLLECTION EVENING:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 6 – 8:30 pm

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**  
Two children from our Parish Community will be making their First Reconciliation on Tuesday 21/11/17. Please keep Gabriel and Sofia in your prayers.

**~ ATTENTION LITURGY MINISTERS ~**  
New Rosters are now available at the Church Doors  
Please pick up your copy.

All Parish Volunteers are invited to attend a Thanksgiving Mass at 7:00 pm on Wednesday 6 December - Feast of St Nicholas  
(An appreciation for all your contributions throughout 2017) followed by celebration in Montefano Hall.  
**RSVP by: 27 November 2017**  
✂ .....  
Please insert your details below, tear off this section & place in letterbox at Parish Office  
Name: .....  
Contact No: .....  
Attending: Yes/No

**Australian Catholic Youth Festival – Invitation to Mass in the Domain**  
Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has invited all to attend Mass in the Domain on Saturday 9 December for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.  
To allow all to attend, the Archbishop has cancelled vigil Masses in the Archdiocese on that day. The Mass at 6.30pm will follow an afternoon of concerts and festivities beginning at 4pm and featuring Australian and international musicians and performers, including Matt Maher. The Archbishop also invites the people of Sydney to pray for the success this important event. Prayer cards have been distributed to parishes (see attached).  
A special App is available with information about the Festival. Please download it for FREE here: [www.xt3.com/acyf2017/apps/](http://www.xt3.com/acyf2017/apps/)

**FCI – Organising Cherry Picking Bus Trip to Orange Saturday: 2 December 2017**  
**ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME**  
**Cost: \$30 pp: (Payment to be made at time of booking non-refundable. No reserved seating) (only 50 seats available)**  
**Lunch at Orange RSL at own expense**  
Bus departs St Benedict's Church Smithfield at 6:15 am sharp! Returning approximately 5:30 pm  
Fun day with Raffles & prizes.  
Contact: Gina Morosin 0417-203908  
Maria Zappia 0402-031411 or after Masses  
**Be quick – only few seats remaining**

**All Parishioners welcome to 2017 Christmas Lunch ~**  
Pranzo di Natale  
Organised by the FCI  
*Let us ALL unite as a Parish to celebrate*  
**Friday 8 December Venerdi 8 Dicembre**  
**Montefano Hall at 12 noon**  
**Cost \$25 pp**  
**3 Course meal including drinks tea/coffee/sweets**  
**Lucky Door Prize; Raffles; Music**  
RSVP Friday 1 December to Gina Morosin 9604 2458; Tony Coiera 0409 908 424; Maria Zappia 0402 031 411

**Lourdes Day Mass 2017**  
The Order of Malta NSW invites you to the **Lourdes Day Mass**. This Mass is for the sick and the fragile in our community. A blessing of the sick will follow the Homily with water brought from the spring at the shrine of Lourdes.  
**Saturday 2 December 2017 10am at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney**

**Parish Website updated**  
We have recently upgraded the parish website [www.stgertrude.org.au](http://www.stgertrude.org.au) and started a Facebook page [www.facebook.com/stgertrudesparish](https://www.facebook.com/stgertrudesparish). We will be posting news about what's happening at the Parish of St.Gertrude's on both website and facebook, please check it out!  


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