

3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING Jon 3:1-5. 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: ‘Up!’ he said ‘Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.’ Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day’s journey. He preached in these words, ‘Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.’ And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING Cor 7:29-31

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

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 1:14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

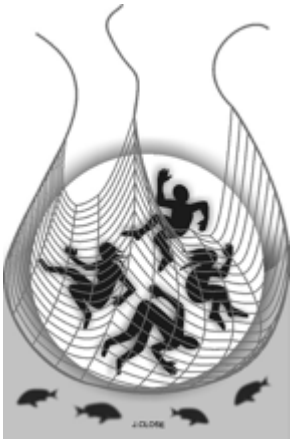
After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. ‘The time has come’ he said ‘and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.’

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.’ And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Reflection by Artist

The Disciples of Jesus are called to be fisher folk in this story from Mark's gospel: 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of people.' But before they are given this role, the disciples themselves are netted in by Jesus. Using the actions of Jesus as a model, this type of fishing is about invitation rather than compulsion.

Next Week : 4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Readings: Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

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St Benedict's Church

Corner Justin & Neville Street
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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 Boulevarde & 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

3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 21st January 2018



We welcome the following

Agnes WILSON, Kiana HOFLAND,
Anthony GIORGI, & Julia FAZIO
Baptised in our Parish Community

Congratulations to

Anna NGUYEN—DO & Cao NGUYEN
Luz COREA & Nathan KOHUTEK
Married in our Parish

May God confirm them in their love.

We pray for the sick of this parish

Fr Gabriel Taylor OSPPE,
Fr Jose Maria Enedaguila,
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, I
vy 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

Gianni Caruso, Carmelo Cordina, Nicola Capolupo
Liliana Raisa,
Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur
at this time :

Vincenza Zappala, Tommasina Zappala,
Alfio Zappala, John Attard, Sara Barrios,
Ettora Cavallaro, Mario Vaccari.

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

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 7pm
Mass with Rosary &
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament



Reconciliation is
available during this time.

Rosary for Vocation to
Religious life and
Priesthood.

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



Church Cleaners

Tuesday 23 January ~ Edith's
Group

Parish Collections Week- Ending 14/01/2018
1st Collection \$1,480.25 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: \$1,892.00 and \$1,109.25 Loose Money.

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The counting of collections and donations is a vital component of our Parish operations.

We are always looking for additional volunteers to assist our team of counters each week. If you are free for a few hours on a Monday morning or evening, and would like to help, please see one of the priests or contact the Parish Office.

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

Please remember in your prayers
Fr Gabriel Taylor OSPPE & Fr Jose Maria Enedeguila (Spanish Chaplin) who will be having major surgery in the coming week/s.

O Lord, Holy Father, creator of the universe, author of its laws, you can bring the dead back to life, and heal those who are sick. We pray for our sick brothers that they may feel your hand upon them, renewing their bodies and refreshing their souls. Show them the affection in which you hold all your creatures.

Read more at <http://www.beliefnet.com/prayers/catholic/illness/prayer-for-a-sick-brother.aspx#BddWYajLJCS8ALzh.99>

Donation of Liturgical Items
Thank you to the following sponsors:

Mertin Family; Janina Pilarowski;
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Thank you once more for your generous sponsorship. Your support is not something we take lightly and is very much appreciated.

Donations at Crib
\$4,603.35 has been donated.
Thank you for your support and offerings to help the poor during this Christmas Season!

Message received from Sr Anna recently:

I thought twice before I started writing as I was confused which words of thanks I had to use for such a big gift we received from you all. Well heartfelt thanks to each one who has continued in the donation. We appreciated your gift as we were waiting for providence to provide us some means to buy the winter material. Blankets, jerseys and other woollens.
May the good Lord shower special blessings on all at St Gertrude's Parish. May each family member enjoy good health and peace.
Yours in Christ
Sr Anna Maria, community and residents

CATECHIST NEWS
CATECHIST SUNDAY: February 4 at the 10.30am Mass at St Benedict's Church Smithfield.
All Catechist's will be commissioned at this Mass.
Congratulations to the following catechists who will be recognised for their years of service:

10 years : Janet Canning
5 years : Annick Misfud
5 years: Rosemary Gerege
5 years : Layla Mona
5 years : Youligin Oraha

CATECHIST MEETING – Friday 9 February, 10am in the Parish office Smithfield.

Contact: Mimi Romeo, Catechist Coordinator – 97254317

St Gertrude's Parish Fund
New sets of envelopes will be available to pick up at the end of February. Therefore please contact the parish office on 9604 1199 of any changes prior to distribution.

Also as there has been a decline in givers using the envelope systems, and to save money and paper wastage, new envelope numbers will be allocated to givers using envelopes between # 250 and 300.

A letter advising you of your new number will be sent in the coming weeks.

Any one wishing to use envelopes for St Gertrude's Parish Fund then please complete the following form and return to the parish office as soon as possible.
Thank you for your support!

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REQUEST FOR ENVELOPE FORM

Please complete this form and place it in the collection plate or post to
St Gertrude's Parish, 6 Justin Street, Smithfield.

Yes, I would like a set of weekly envelopes

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ENVELOPE NO

Thursday 25 January ~ Feast
The Conversion of St Paul, apostle

Smithfield **YOUTH** MASS
Next Mass: Sunday 21 January at 6pm
Youth Program on 3rd Sunday of the month .
7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall.
All Youth Welcome!

❖ THERE WILL BE NO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP IN JANUARY
WILL RESUME IN 18th FEBRUARY 2018

Friday 26 January ~ Australia Day
(Public Holiday)



Masses: St Therese's Fairfield West: 8am
St Benedict's Smithfield: 10.30am
Please join us after the 10.30am Mass for a BBQ Celebration.

Sacraments Office will reopen on Tuesday 6 Feb 2018.

Next Parish BBQ ~ 10 February 2018!
Everyone Welcome!

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED!!!!!!
We urgently need more church cleaners for 2018. on a roster one-day-a-month basis.
If you are interested in putting a group together or just wish to help another group, then please contact the parish office.
Men are also welcome to help!

To Members & Parishioners
FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA
Annuncia le Attivita' del Mese di Febbraio
*TOMBOLA Il primo e Terzo Venerdi' del Mese Il 2 e 16 di Febbraio. Con caffe' / Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo.
Nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West dale 10am – 1pm.
*RIUNIONE dei Membri Associati il 13 di Febbraio 7.30 pm.

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION [FCI]
Activities for February
*BINGO every 1st and 3rd Friday of month 10am - 1pm
St Teresa Church Hall Fairfield West
Morning Tea & Lunch provided.
*Members Reunion will be held on the 13th February 7.30 pm. Thankyou.

Antonio (Tony) Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409-908 424.

Parish Website
website www.stgertrude.org.au and  Like us on Facebook
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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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