Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year B

FIRST READING Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R.)
- I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
 The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
 This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)
- Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
 We bless you from the house of the Lord;
 I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Jn 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:

the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming,

and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man

and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;

I know my own

and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have

that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice,

and there will be only one flock

and one shepherd.

The Father loves me,

because I lay down my life

in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down,

so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given by my

Father.'

Next Week: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

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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

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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

Cc 7.30am & 9.

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:

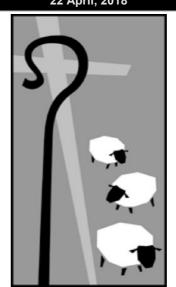
from 6.30am

First Saturday of the Month: 7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tuesdays after Mass

Fourth Sunday of Easter

22 April, 2018



We pray for the sick of this parish

Fr Gabriel Taylor OSPPE, Santina Ponili, 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

Fr Jose Maria Enedaguila,
Natalina Dal Santo, Giovanna Vurchio,
Carmelo Currenti, rma Sepulveda,
Mercedes Medina, Giovanni Mattielo, Mario Todaro
Annunziato Martino, Renato Almici, Gianni Caruso,
Carmelo Cordina, Nicola Capolupo, Liliana Raisa,
Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time :

Anna Serena Luciani



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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.

Everyone is encouraged to participate!

Rosary for Vocation to

Religious life and Priesthood.

After Mass on

Thursdays

at St Therese's Church,

Fairfield West



Church Cleaners
23 April—Mary's Group

Parish Collections Week- Ending 15/04/2018

1st Collection \$1,450.90 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: \$1,746.50 and \$1,052.90 Loose Money.

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

Today is the World Day of Vocations.

Pope Francis tells us:

We will never discover the special, personal calling that God has in mind for us if we remain enclosed in ourselves, in our usual way of doing things... We could lose the chance to dream big and to play our part in the unique and original story that God wants to write with us.

God calls young people from our local communities to serve as priests and consecrated religious. We all have a role to play in helping young people to 'dream big' and hear this call. What can I do to foster vocations from this community?



It is with great sadness that Fr José Maria Enedéquila SI peacefully passed away on the morning of Friday 20 April, 2018. Fr José Maria has been the Spanish Chaplain in our parish for

for many years and will be sadly missed. May He Rest in Peace.

(Funeral details have not yet been confirmed at time of print.)

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.

RCIA: THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

AS THE SPIRIT OF GOD WAS POURED OUT UPON OUR NEOPHYTES AT OUR EASTER VIGIL, PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THEM SO THAT THEY MAY KNOW THE POWER OF GOD'S SPIRIT OF TRUTH ABIDING WITH THEM ALWAYS.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

Tuesday 24 April 4.30 – 5.15pm St Benedict's Church

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS

Monday 30th April at 7.30pm Group 2 (last Monday of the Month)

Monday 14th May at 7.30pm Group 1 (Second Monday of the Month)

Confirmation 2018

Enrolments have now closed.

- Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish on Sunday 17th June at 2 pm & 4 pm.
- Parent Information Meeting: Wednesday 2nd May at 7:30 pm in the Montefano Hall.

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

Safeguarding Training in May

If you are a volunteer: reader, cleaner, groundsman, counter etc) and have not yet completed Safeguarding Training or your Working with Children Check, please contact the parish office.

Pilgrimage to Penrose Park on Sunday 13 May. HAS NOW BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF RESPONSE. APOLOGISES FOR ANY DISAPPOINTMENTS.

Smithfield YOUTH MASS

Held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month at the 6pm evening Mass

Next Mass: Sunday 6 May at 6pm

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

YOUTH PROGRAM: 20 May 2018

Oz Rosary ~ National Day of Prayer

On Sunday 13th May, the 101st anniversary of Our Lady's first apparition at Fatima. Australia will hold their own national rosary right around the country.

Our parish of Smithfield has responded to this by saying the Rosary on:

Saturday 12th May following the 6 pm Vigil Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction Parish BBQ in the Montefano Hall.

https://catholicoutlook.org/oz-rosary-aroundaustralia/

Walk With Christ **Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi,** Sunday 3 June 2018.

Parishioners are invited to join this Procession.

Participants will gather at the corner of Pitt St and Martin Place in the CBD at 2:30pm. The procession will conclude at the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt with Adoration and Benediction by 4:30pm.

More information will be available in the coming weeks together with two Books of Life to write petitions in and to present at St Mary's Cathedral during Benediction.

Ordination to the Priesthood



You are invited to the Ordination of

Br Deacon Joseph Maria Buckley OSPPE 11am on Saturday 9th June 2018

at Marian Valley, Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians Canungra Queensland.

Celebrated by Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE

Please remember Br Joseph in your prayers as he continues his journey towards priesthood.

Heart Women's Conference 7th – 9th June 2018 **Venue: Fairfield RSL**

A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Invite your daughters, mothers, sisters and friends!

Men – What women in your life can you spoil by sending them to Heart 2018? Full Registration Cost: \$199 (see our website for other registration options)

Register: Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com Email: heart@TheCatholicGuy.com Phone: 1300 734 880

FCI Mother's Day Friday 11 May 2018 at 12 Noon in the Montefano Hall, Smithfield.

COST \$30 PER PERSON

Includes 3 Course Meal including Drinks, Dessert and Coffee

> All Profits raised are given to Charities. **RSVP 25 April 2018**

Tony Coiera or Gina Morosin

Now Enrolling St Gertrude's Catholic Primary School 2019 Enrolments

The enrolment process for students starting school or wishing to enrol for 2019 has commenced. Any parent wishing to enrol their child for Kindergarten can collect an enrolment package from the school office.

Children enrolling must be turning 5 before 31 July 2019.

Mary MacKillop Catholic College - Year 7, 2019, 2020 & 2021

5 Carnarvon Street Wakeley 9725 4322 www.mmcwakely.catholic.edu.au

Enrolment Applications available from the College Reception.

Join Pope Francis in Panama for the 34th World Youth Day in January 2019

Sydney Catholic Youth are inviting you on the pilgrimage of a lifetime to Panama where you will celebrate Mass with Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics from around the world.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the Sydney pilgrimage departing on 15 January 2019 which will travel from Sydney to Washington DC, then to WYD Panama with the optional extension to travel to Mexico City. Register your interest and find out more by visiting the website www.sydneycatholicyouth.org.wyd



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