

29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING *Is 45:1.4-6*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7*

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

- O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
- The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)
- Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
- Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

SECOND READING *1 Thes 1:1-5*

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

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Phil 2:15. 16*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mt 22:15-21*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

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

Next Week : 30th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Readings: *Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40*

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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;
6pm 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

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

Parish Priest


Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE

Assistant Priest

Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE

29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 22 October 2017



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

Eva Di Federico, Rita Vanolini, Antonio Tionvinne,
Filipo Leto, Antonio Zumbo, Judith Niblett,
Aldo Di Bona,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur
at this time :

Maria Cado, John Webb, Antonia Comin,
Marsilo Vignaduzzo, Mary Magro, Fred Resalo



PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:
6 Justin St, Smithfield
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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
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
6pm 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 Priest-
hood. After Mass on
Thursdays
at St Therese's Church,
Fairfield West



Church Cleaners
Tuesday 24 October ~ Neo Cats

Parish Collections Week- Ending 15/10/2017
1st Collection \$1,419.35 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: \$2,229.50 and \$1,450.05 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

Month of Prayer and Fasting for Marriage and Families during October
Today and throughout this week we pray our nation’s understanding of the importance of marriage.
Heavenly Father, grant that all Australia’s leaders develop a true understanding of the meaning and importance of marriage in our society. We pray that they will work cooperatively to ensure our nation upholds your plan for marriage and families.
† **Rosary 15 minutes before weekday Masses in Smithfield during October &**
† **7pm Week nights at Fairfield West**
Scripture and the Church’s history give us many examples of the miraculous impact when a whole community undertakes prayer and fasting together.
Join us for a month of prayer and fasting to be held in parishes, schools and homes across the nation during the month of October 2017 because all families need our prayers and need God’s Grace. <http://www.acmfc.org.au>

Provincial Chapter
Thank you for your prayers. We congratulate Fr Albert Wasniowski who has been elected the new Provincial for The Pauline Fathers; Fr Richard Green Vicar Provincial; Fr Wojtek Sliwa, Fr Peter Strohmayer and Br Bruno Kanamis are the new Council of the Province.

Fundraising & Third Collection
The youth attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be making breakfast as a fundraising next weekend **29th October after the 10.30am Mass**. There will also be a Third Collection at all Masses to help them with the fees of attending this event.
We appreciate your support!

Altar Servers Meeting
Tuesday 24 October @ 4.30pm– 5.15pm

Parish BBQ ~ Saturday 11 November ~ 2017
after the 6pm Vigil Mass in the Montefano Hall.
Everyone Welcome!

Smithfield YOUTH MASS
Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at the 6pm Mass
Next Mass ~ Sunday 5 November
Youth group meet 7 - 8 pm ~ 19 November
Youth group meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month .
Youth program 7pm - 8pm followed by a BBQ & fellowship in the Demountable.
All Youth Welcome!

Saturday 28 October
Feast ~ Sts Simon and Jude, apostles

Men’s Rosary/Social Group with Fr Wojtek
Fr Wojtek will be setting up a Men’s Rosary Group in our parish beginning in November. If you are interested in attending or require further information then please either speak to Fr Wojtek or the parish office on 9604 1199.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
First Holy Communion will be celebrated for our 2017 candidates on Saturday 25th November at the 6 pm Vigil Mass and on Sunday 26th November at the 10:30 am Mass.
IMPORTANT DATES for your DIARY
- **LESSONS** start weeks beginning **15, 22, 29 Oct and 5 Nov**. Classes will be held in the Parish Office, 6 Justin Street, Smithfield.
- **PARENT ONLY WORKSHOP:** Wednesday 25th October at 7:30 pm. Estimated to finish at 9:15 pm. Guest presenter Richard McMahon.
- **RECONCILIATION** for all Candidates – **Tuesday 21 November, 6:45 pm** in St Benedict’s Shrine.
- **REHEARSALS:**
o **CEREMONY 1** – Monday 20 November, 7 pm
o **CEREMONY 2** – Friday 24 November, 7 pm

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS
Confirmation Photo letters have arrived! Letters have been emailed to families over the past week. Families can download the photos free of charge via the use of a private website and code. Letters may be collected from the Sacramental Office. Please see me if you need assistance to download your child’s photos.
For all enquiries call Helena in the Sacrament Office – Tue or Fri on 9725 4317 or email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au

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. **NO INDIVIDUAL MASS INTENTIONS CAN BE DONE DURING NOVEMBER.**

† *November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord’s Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope’s intentions.* (Norms 15, 7)

~ Please Note ~
WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS TIME CHANGE
Commencing Wednesday 1 November for the period of
Daylight Saving
Wednesday evening Mass, Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Novena to St Benedict will
change to 7:00 pm

Sydney Catholic Youth!
You are all invited to the launch of the new Archdiocesan Youth Office on **Wednesday 8 November** 6pm – 8:30 pm at All Saints Liverpool.
Please join His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, Bishop Umbers, Bishop Randazzo and Bishop Brady as they launch Sydney Catholic Youth and celebrate one month out from the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.
The Theme of the launch will be FAITH AND FIESTA!
The night will begin with mass and then lead into celebrations of faith and culture.
There will be performances by Sydney Archdiocese own Samoan, Filipino, Maronite and other Cultural Communities.
All young people are welcome to join us in prayer and celebration.
Contact- chris.lee@sydneycatholic.org

Need to Speak to a Priest?
A Priest will be available in the Parish Office every Thursday from 3pm – 4pm. This time will be allocated for any parishioner who needs to speak to a priest for either personal or general matters – *no appointment necessary.*

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.

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

Fairfield Active Maltese Seniors
(part of The Maltese Community Council of NSW)
10.00am **Tuesday 31 October** with Special Guest, Godfrey Sultana will exhibit and talk about **Maltese Genealogy**.
St Theresa’s Church Hall, Fairfield Heights.
Members & friends are always welcome.
Contact Marisa on 0414 863 123

The Marriage Law Postal Survey has 2 weeks to go. There are effectively 2 weeks to go in the Marriage Law Survey. The outcome of the vote will have a significant impact on our society. It is important for those who believe in traditional marriage to have their say without feeling intimidated. If you have not done so already please fill in your survey form and return it by post to the ABS by the end of October to be sure it is delivered before November 7. For more information: marriagesurvey.abs.gov.au their toll free number: 1800 572 113 to obtain a new form.

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