

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

FIRST READING Ez 34:11-12. 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1

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- 1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. (R.)
- 2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. (R.)
- 3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
- 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Cor 15:20-26. 28

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

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, “Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.” Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?” And the King will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.” Next he will say to those on his left hand, “Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.” Then it will be their turn to ask, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?” Then he will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.” And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week : FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Readings: Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; 1Cor 1:3-9;
Mk 13:33-37

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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

PARISH INFORMATION

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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

Tuesday 28th November ~
Edith’s Group



Parish Collections Week- Ending 19/11/2017
1st Collection \$1,469.30 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: \$2,412.50 and \$1,018.20 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

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

~ INVITATION ~
First Friday (1st December) Mass at 7pm followed by Exposition and Adoration. Everyone welcome!

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Friday 7pm 8th December
St Benedict's Church, Smithfield
Please invite family members or friends in need of this Sacrament.

Visitation of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima & Icon of Our Lady of Jasna Góra
For all families who accepted the commitment of visitation and prayer into their homes there will be a
Thanksgiving Mass on
Sunday 10 December at the 10.30am Mass

Reconciliation before Christmas
St Therese's Fairfield West
Friday and 1st Saturday of December

St Benedict's Shrine, Smithfield
2nd Rite Wednesday 12 December 7pm (No Mass)



SACRAMENT NEWS!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CEREMONIES will be celebrated in our Parish, this weekend, during the **Saturday 6 pm and Sunday 10:30 am Masses.**



Congratulations to all the young people who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. We pray that all our First Communicants and their families will be strengthened by their continued reception of Jesus in the Eucharist at Sunday Mass.

The prayer support from members of the Parish Community was much appreciated by parents and children. Thank you parents for the sacrifices you made in preparing your children for this special time. A big shout out to the Catechists who generously donated their time to lead the Holy Communion classes. Thank you also to the many people who were involved in the preparation program and to all who assisted in making the Holy Communion ceremonies a wonderful and memorable time for the children.

HOLY COMMUNION PHOTO COLLECTION EVENING
Holy Communion Photos can be collected from the Montefano Hall on Friday 8th December from 6 pm to 8:30 pm.

For all enquiries Helena in the Sacrament Office – Tue or Fri on 9725 4317

Altar Servers Meeting Tuesday 5 December @ 4.30pm– 5.15pm

All Parish Volunteers & Helpers 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

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Please insert your details below, tear off this section & place in letterbox at Parish Office
Name:
Contact No:

Attending: Yes/No

Parish BBQ ~ Saturday 9 December ~ 2017
This has now been cancelled. Will resume in the New Year!

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

Invitation to Mass in the Domain Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has invited all to attend Mass in the Domain on Saturday 9 December for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

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/

FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA

La FCI Annuncia le Attivita' del Mese di Dicembre

* **TOMBOLA** per questo mese verra' ottenuto soltanto Venerdi' 1s Dicembre. Con Caffè, Dolci e Panini per Pranzo, Nella sala di Santa Teresa Fairfield West dale 10.00 am -- 1.00 pm.
* **LA TOMBOLA ricomincerà il Mese di FEBBRAIO 2018**
* **Il 8 DICEMBRE Pranzo Per Natale** Per Associati e Amici. Verra' festeggiato nella sala di Montefano Smithfield. Siete Pregati da Pronotarsi al piu' presto. Prezzo \$25.00 per persona.
La Federazione Vi Auguriamo un Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION [FCI]

Activities planned for Month of December 2017

*Only 1 Bingo 1st.of Decemer. Held at St Teresa Church. F.West from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Morning Tea & Lunch provided.
***BINGO** will Restart in FEBRUARY , 1st & 3rd Friday.
***On the 8th of December we are having Christmas Lunch for Members**
Guests & Parishoners .Booking is Essential, cost is \$25.00
The Italian Catholic Federation Wishes all A Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

For more information call, Antonio Coiera 0409 908 424 Gina Morosin 0417 203 908
Or Maria Zappia 0402 0310411 CRISTO REGNI ***** GOD BLESS.

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

Parish Website updated

We have recently upgraded the parish website www.stgertrude.org.au and started a Facebook page

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!



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



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