

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
(CORPUS CHRISTI)

FIRST READING Ex 24:3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, ‘We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.’ Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, ‘We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.’ Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. ‘This’ he said ‘is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.’

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

(R.) I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.

1. How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord’s name. (R.)
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. (R.)
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord’s name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. (R.)

SECOND READING Heb 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men’s hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

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

Sequence

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, ‘Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?’ So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, “The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?” He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.’ The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. ‘Take it,’ he said ‘this is my body.’ Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, ‘This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.’

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

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

Next Week: 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Gen 3:9-15; 2 Cor 4:13—5:1; Mk 3:20-35

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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 Boulevarde & Stella Street
FAIRFIELD WEST

Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil 5pm (Vietnamese);
7.30am & 9.00am; 12 noon (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

The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD
of CHRIST (Corpus Christi)

3 June, 2018



Congratulations to
Chanel CURKO & Brayden WHITE
Married in our Parish

We welcome the following
Makayla 'LONGI
Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish
John Denniss, Santa Carbone, Santina Ponili,
Maria Blanda, Max Hazmoth,
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
Rhonda Richardson, Allan Neaves,
Fr Jose Maria Enedaguila, Nancy Phillips,
Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur
at this time :

William Mascarenhas, Graziella Zorzan,
Nicoletta Spiranza, Pietro Oliveri, Marija Krajacic &
Richard Soulie

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:
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Mimi Romeo: catechist@stgertrude.org.au

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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

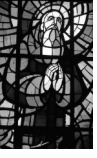
Reconciliation:
Smithfield - Sat 4.45—5.45 pm
(or by appointment)

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 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
5 June ~ Neo Cats

Parish Collections Week- Ending 27/5/2018
1st Collection \$1,488.80 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: \$2,308.55 and \$1,2347.95 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

Solemnity of The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (Corpus Christi)
After the 10.30am Mass there will be a Eucharistic Procession.

Walk with Christ – 3 June 2018
All are invited to participate in this year's Walk With Christ Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, this Sunday 3 June 2018 starting at 2.30pm.
Participants will gather at the corner of Pitt St and Martin Place in the CBD at 2:30pm. The procession will follow the Blessed Sacrament through the Sydney CBD, finishing at the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt with Adoration and Benediction. If you are unable to join us for the Procession, you are more than welcome to join us for Adoration and Benediction from approximately 3:30pm in the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt. The event will conclude at approximately 4:30pm.
The **Books of Life** will be offered at the end of the procession.

40 YEARS OF SERVICE
On the 3rd June 1978, Bishop Cremin instituted the first group of Acolytes in our parish at St Benedict's Shrine. They were to assist at Mass and act as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, including taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.
George Andrew was one of the Acolytes of this first group and has faithfully served as an Acolyte for the last 40 years.
Congratulations George!
God Bless you and thank you for your service to this ministry.

Smithfield YOUTH MASS
Held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month at the 6pm evening Mass
Next Mass: Sunday 3 June at 6pm
Youth Program is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month . 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall.
All Youth Welcome!
Next YOUTH PROGRAM: 17 June 2018


ALTAR SERVERS MEETING
Tuesday 5 June 4.30 – 5.15pm St Benedict's Church

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS
Monday 11th June at 7.30pm Group 1
(Second Monday of the Month)
Monday 25th June at 7.30pm Group 2
(last Monday of the Month)

ATTENTION!
Parish BBQ scheduled for the 9th June will be postponed to 24th June.

ACOLYTES AND EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION INCLUDING THOSE WHO TAKE COMMUNION TO THE SICK. **If you have not had your photo taken or supplied a photo to the Parish Office, please do so by 7th June.**
Ministry cards are currently being produced and your photo is required.
Helena will be available Tuesday and Friday between 10am & 4pm to take photos if you need one taken.

Safeguarding news:
It is now expected that ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS have attended Safeguarding training and signed a Code of Conduct. If you are a volunteer, who has not signed the Code of Conduct, please make an appointment to see Helena/Maria ASAP. Until you have signed this requirement from the Archdiocese of Sydney, you may be asked to cease your ministry. Please speak to Helena/Maria or Fr Jarek if you have any questions or concerns – 9604 1199 or peso@stgertrude.org.au.
An individual is considered a Parish Volunteer if they do any of the following jobs: Acolyte, Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Reader, Counter, Offertory procession, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, help prepare for the Parish BBQ, Youth Group, Children's Liturgy, Maintenance, choir, cleaning, assist with the Collection, Mass Coordinator, operate the powerpoint projector, welcomer, decorator, and if you help in any way within the Parish.
The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to bring our attention to the expectations placed on all volunteers within the Archdiocese of Sydney, and how we can work together to ensure the safety of children, teenagers, vulnerable young people and all within the community. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Renovation - Church Toilets
Only one toilet will be in use in the coming weeks as we are in the process of renovating both toilets (one at a time).
Therefore the one toilet available will temporarily be used as a unisex toilet. *We apologise for any inconvenience during this period.*

Attention: Liturgy Ministers
New Liturgy rosters are now available to pick up from the Church foyers.

Friday 8th June ~ Solemnity The Most SACRED HEART of Jesus
Masses: 7am St Therese; & 9.30am (School Mass) St Benedict's 9th June ~ the Immaculate heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 9th June ~ The Immaculate heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

CONFIRMATION 2018
Important dates for your diary:
• **SMALL GROUP SESSIONS** – are now complete.
• **RECONCILIATION** - please refer to email or check with the Sacramental Office.
• **RETREAT – Tuesday 12th June from 9am to 3 pm**
• **REHEARSALS:**
- Ceremony 1 – Thursday 14th June at 7pm.
- Ceremony 2 – Friday 15th June at 7pm.
• **CONFIRMATION MASSES:**
- Ceremony 1 – Sunday 17th June at 2 pm.
- Ceremony 2 – Sunday 17th June at 4 pm.

CHANGES TO SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
Due to the restructuring of the Sacramental programs in St Gertrude's Parish, the following changes will be taking place:
From 2019, the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will now be taking place together in the first half of the year. Children who have been Baptised and are in Year 3 and above will be eligible to enrol. **Accordingly, there will be NO First Reconciliation sacramental program (for Year 2) at St Gertrude's Parish in 2018, to allow for this change.**
Enrolments for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2019 (for current Year 2 students) will take place in November 2018.
From 2019, the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in the second half of the year.
Families with Baptised children in Year 3 and above who have not made their first Reconciliation, will need to make an appointment with the Sacramental Office before the end of July, to discuss options for 2018/2019.
First Holy Communion 2018 enrolments for children in Year 3 and above, who have made their First Reconciliation, will take place 23/24 June and 30 June/1 July. Enrolment forms will be distributed early next month.
For information please contact Sacramental Office Tuesday/Friday on 9725 4317 or email sacraments@stgertrude.org.au.

Pauline Vocations Day
July 20th at St. Gertrude's Smithfield
The Order of St. Paul the First Hermit is organizing a vocations day for young men discerning a vocation to religious life, as an opportunity to reflect upon what God is calling them to.
RSVP: vocations@paulinefathers.org.au

FCI Day Tour to Kiama ~ Sunday 1 July 2018
Via Grand Pacific Drive, Wollongong & Thirroul
Departing: 9:00 am Cost: \$30 pp
(ALL Parishioners Welcome)
Morning Tea provided by FCI Club lunch or BYO
Bookings essential by 20 June
Tony Coiera: 0409 908 424 / Gina Morosin: 96094-2458
Maria Zappia: 0402 031 411

Public Health Amendment (Safe Access to Reproductive Health Clinics) Bill 2018
This bill has passed the Legislative Council and could be introduced as early as next week. This bill legalizes so-called 'safe zones' around abortion clinics to prevent street councilors from reaching out to mothers seeking abortion and other pro-life groups from praying or demonstrating outside abortion clinics. The impact of this Bill, if enacted, would be far reaching and the proposed laws present a direct threat to freedom of religion and speech and therefore encourage you to oppose this bill from going forward by contacting your local MP. Or get involved through the independently run We Support Women NSW facebook page.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office
If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on ph 02 9390 5812.


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