

26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READINGNm 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, ‘Look’, he said, ‘Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.’ Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, ‘My Lord Moses, stop them!’ Moses answered him, ‘Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!’

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALMPs 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, I t revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)

2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)

3. So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)

4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. (R.)

SECOND READINGJas 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart’s content. It was you who condemned the

innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.  
Alleluia!

GOSPELMk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

John said to Jesus, ‘Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.’ But Jesus said, ‘You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. ‘If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. ‘But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.’

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

Next Week: 27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

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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; 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

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30 September 2018



We pray for the sick of this parish

Allanah Cassar Falappi, John Denniss,  
Santa Carbone, Santina Ponili,  
Kartia Grace Russell, Gino Mifsud, Rina Favotto,  
Ivy Fernandes, Alina Przewoznik,  
Philomena Greenwood,  
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

Santa Reitano, Dominic Napoletano,  
Filippa Crisafulli, Pasqualina Garzaniti,  
Dorde Miljus

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time :

Annunziata Verduci, Innocenzo Panebiano,  
Filippo Leto, Antonia Tionville , Alfio Alfonso,  
Grace Sammut, Antonia Vanolini, Rita Vanolini &  
Amedeo Vanolini

PARISH INFORMATION

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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  
1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month during the  
10.30am Mass at St Benedict’s Church; &  
Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict’s

Marriages:

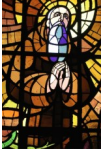
Parish Office 9604 1199  
By appointment only (6 months required)

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!

LIVING the GOSPEL

Cut it out!

The thought of cutting off a hand or foot or tearing out an eye all seem a bit extreme if taken literally. Whilst Jesus didn’t mean for us to do a bit of self-surgery, if we find ourselves caught in behavior that is self-destructive or hurtful to others, the only solution is quite literally to ‘cut it out’. We know within ourselves when our actions are life-giving or life-harming. Surprisingly we often persist with harmful behavior even when we know it’s harmful. Jesus’ solution is simple: cut out the negative behavior and get back on track. That’s the principle behind Reconciliation.


Church Cleaners

Tuesday 2 October ~ Edith’s Group



Parish Collections Week- Ending 23/9/2018  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$1,257.40 goes to Fr. Jarek & Fr Wojtek as well as the upkeep of their Order of St Paul the First Hermit.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$2,298.20 and \$814.75 Loose Money.  
*Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!*

Public Holiday Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
St Therese: 8am  
St Benedict: 10.30am

 Parish Playgroup Fundraiser  
Thank you for your generosity - almost \$1500 was raised.  
Thank you to all who prepared sweets, treats, assisted with the Breakfast BBQ and helped in any way. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Br. Zachary Lewis  
~ Solemn Profession of Vows ~  
Saturday 6 October 2018 at 11am  
Penrose Park.  
~ Diaconate ~  
Wednesday 10th October, 2018 at 7pm  
St Benedict's Church by Bishop Peter Ingham  
*Everyone is welcome to attend these ceremonies and support Br Zachary on his journey to priesthood.*

Gift for Br Zachary Lewis  
on his Ordination of Diaconate  
There will be a donation box in the foyer of the Church this weekend and next weekend 7 October.  
A card will also be available in the Foyer for Parishioners to sign if they wish.

**SACRAMENTAL OFFICE**  
The Sacramental Office is currently closed until mid-October. For all enquiries please email [sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au) or call 9725 4317 and leave a message. If you need to speak to Helena face-to-face, please email/call the Sacramental Office to make an appointment. Thank You.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018 – IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- Post-enrolment letters were emailed to families this week – please EMAIL the Sacrament Office if you have not received this letter.
- PARENT ONLY INFORMATION MEETING: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 7:30 pm, Montefano Hall**
- SMALL GROUP SESSIONS BEGIN: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October
- PARENT WORKSHOP: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 7:30pm, Montefano Hall
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 6 pm, and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 10:30 am.

**54 Day Novena**  
St Gertrude's Parish will be participating in "World Rosary", on the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – October 7th. Our annual Rosary procession will take place after the Sunday 10:30 am Mass** (instead of Saturday afternoon) to coincide with this special feast day. More information to come closer to the date.  
For those interested, there is an OPTIONAL 54 Day Novena that started on August 15th with an emphasis in prayer and reparation for our world/nation, under the mantle of 'Holy League of Nations. For more information collect a flyer from the Church foyer or visit the website: <https://www.novenaforournation.com/54-day-novena/>

**St Mary's Cathedral Parish, Sydney**  
Invites YOU to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary by joining the Dean to pray the HOLY ROSARY.  
The prayer intentions for the Holy Rosary will be Family, the Rekindling of Faith and the Sanctification of the Church and Clergy.  
**WHEN: Sunday 7 October, 2018 TIME: 2pm**  
**WHERE: St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney**  
*Our prayers will be joined with the prayers of thousands around Australia and the World as part of the "OzRosary" and "Global Rosary" projects.*

**YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS**  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm Group 1  
(Second Monday of the Month)  
Monday 29 October at 7.00pm Group 2  
(last Monday of the Month)

**Altar Servers Meeting**  
(No Altar Servers Meeting during school holidays)  
Next meeting will be Tuesday 23 October in St Benedict's Church  
4:30pm to 5:15pm

**Smithfield YOUTH MASS**  
Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month at the 6pm evening Mass  
Next Mass: Sunday 7 October at 6pm  
Youth Program is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month . 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall. All Youth Welcome!  
Next YOUTH PROGRAM: 21 October 2018

**Pilgrimage to Penrose Park for Fatima Day**  
**Saturday 13 October 2018.** Cost per person is \$23.  
For Bookings: Please contact the parish office  
For further information see Notice Boards.

**Parish BBQ ~ Saturday 13 October**  
In the Montefano after the 6pm Mass. Everyone Welcome!

**Giving Receipts** available to pick up from St Benedict's Church Foyer.

**FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA**  
La FCI Annuncia le Attivita' del Mese di OTTOBRE  
**\*\*ANNUAL MAJOR FUNDRISE NIGHT 20 Ottobre\*\*** (SPAGHETTATA)  
• **TOMBOLA** Il primo e Terzo Venerdi' del Mese, Il 5 e 19 Ottobre Con caffe' / Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo, nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West dalle 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.  
• **RIUNIONE** dei Membri Associati il 9 di Ottobre 7.30 pm.  
**THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION [FCI]**  
\*\* OCTOBER ACTIVITIES\*\*  
**\*\* MAJOR FUNDRISE, 20<sup>th</sup> October ( Spaghetti Night )\*\***  
• **BINGO** every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.  
\* **Members Reunion** will be held on the 9th of October 7.30 pm.  
For Enq. Antonio (Tony) Coiera 9757-1961 / 0409 908 424. or Gina MOROSIN 02 9604 2458 ( GOD BLESS )

**Annual Charity Night 'SPAGHETTI NIGHT'**  
Hosted by FCI  
**PARISHIONERS COME JOIN US! ALL WELCOME**  
3 Course Meal; Music; Dancing; Lucky Door Prizes; Raffles  
**6:00 pm Saturday 20 October in Montefano Hall**  
Tickets: Adults \$50 & Children under 12 only \$15  
**'A night to remember'**  
RSVP: Tony Coiera: 0409 908 425  
Gina Morosin: 9604-2458

**School Holiday Family Fun** Looking for something to do during these upcoming school holidays? Why not book in to the Family Fun activities at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney.  
Explore Mary's home: Bobs the Dog trail / Art & Craft Activities / Balloon Animals / Show Bag included/Guided Museum tour for adults  
Suitable for pre-school and Primary students 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October (10:30am to 12:30pm inclusive)  
**Bookings are essential.** Ph: 8912 4883 E: [educator@mmp.org.au](mailto:educator@mmp.org.au)  
1 x Adult + Child = \$18 / Additional Child = \$2 each  
Additional Adult = \$5 each

**T.S Eliot's MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL:** Artes Christi presents T.S Eliot's play of St Thomas Becket directed by internationally acclaimed actor & writer Donald Macdonald. The play is being staged to coincide with the Canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero who was the first Archbishop since Becket to be martyred at the altar. The play is also supporting persecuted people today via *Aid to the Church in Need*. Shows: 27 Sep – 14 Oct. Venue: 1880 Hall, St Peter's Surry Hills, Group Tix from \$30, Bookings Essential via [www.theword.org.au](http://www.theword.org.au) or Ph ACN 1800101201

**Living the Change celebration-Sydney, 12.30 – 3.30 pm, Sat Oct 13, 264 Pitt St**  
You are warmly invited to us in Pitt St Uniting Church, to celebrate people's efforts to walk more gently on earth. Believers around the world are participating in a faith-led initiative to allow behaviour change to make it more possible for life to continue flourishing. We are each making reasonably ambitious lifestyle changes in the areas of transport, diet and/or energy use and will be sharing our triumphs and struggles.  
Cost: Free – any donation towards costs would be appreciated.  
[https://www.arrcc.org.au/living\\_the\\_change](https://www.arrcc.org.au/living_the_change) has more information  
RSVP via Eventbrite for catering purposes, and let us know your dietary requirements:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-the-change-celebration-sydney-tickets-50294972617>

**WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF US IN AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME?**  
**BE INVOLVED**  
Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney  
*Cards available at the Church doors*



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