

5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READINGJb 7:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

Job began to speak:

Is not man’s life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, ‘When will it be day?’ Risen I think, ‘How slowly evening comes!’ Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver’s shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALMPs 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. (R.)

2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel’s exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. (R.)

3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

SECOND READING1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

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

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel AcclamationMt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

GOSPELMk 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon’s mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, ‘Everybody is looking for you.’ He answered, ‘Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.’ And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week : 6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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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

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

Parish Priest


Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE

Assistant Priest

Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE

5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 4 February, 2018



We pray for the sick of this parish

Fr Gabriel Taylor OSPPE,
Fr Jose Maria Enedaguila,
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

Renato Almici, Gianni Caruso, Carmelo Cordina,
Nicola Capolupo, Liliana Raisa,
Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time :

Guido Colusso, Vincenza Zappala,
Tommasina Zappala, Alfio Zappala, John Attard,
Sara Barrios,
Ettora Cavallaro, Mario Vaccari.

PARISH INFORMATION

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Liturgy: 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert
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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.

Rosary for Vocation to
Religious life and
Priesthood.

After Mass on Thursdays
at St Therese’s Church,
Fairfield West



Church Cleaners
Friday 9 February ~ Grace & Pina
Group

Parish Collections Week- Ending 28/01/2018
1st Collection \$1,263.35 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: \$4054.40 and \$697.70 Loose Money.

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The counting of collections and donations is a vital component of our Parish operations.

We are always looking for additional volunteers to assist our team of counters each week. If you are free for a few hours on a Monday morning or evening, and would like to help, please see one of the priests or contact the Parish Office.

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

LENT
Wednesday 14 February ~ Ash Wednesday
(Fast and abstinence)
Blessing and giving of Ashes
Masses: 7am Fairfield West
9.30am (with School) & 7pm

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† *Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 251-52)*

† *Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.*

2018 LENTEN PROGRAM
(Catholic Diocese of Wollongong)
SURRENDER - Lenten Program and Daily Lent and Easter Reflections 2018 (Year B).
For the first time, SURRENDER will also include short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) in addition to the longer-form Sunday Gospel reflections, spiritual direction, prayers and reflection questions that are traditionally part of the Lenten program for groups. Therefore, Surrender is also perfect for those that cannot attend a Lenten group.

Copies limited available. Please contact the parish office on 9604 1199 to purchase your book.
Books: \$9 / CD's: \$9

Please remember in your prayers
Thank you for your continued prayers for Fr Gabriel Taylor OSPPE & Fr Jose Maria Enedeguila (Spanish Chaplain)

CATECHIST NEWS

CATECHIST SUNDAY: February 4 at the 10.30am Mass at St Benedict's Church Smithfield.
All Catechist's will be commissioned at this Mass.

Congratulations to the following catechists who will be recognised for their years of service:

10 years : Janet Canning
5 years : Annick Mifsud
5 years: Rosemary Gereige
5 years : Layla Mona
5 years : Youligin Oraha



CATECHIST MEETING – Friday 9 February, 10am in the Parish office Smithfield.

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THINKING of BECOMING A CATECHIST??

Top 10 reasons you should become a catechist *We can help pass on knowledge of the faith and love for Christ by being a catechist in our parish.* John Norton OSV Newsweekly

10. The best way to learn is to teach.
If your own faith education ended years ago, the resources and materials you are exposed to as a catechist will surely refresh and expand your own knowledge.

9. Catechists tell the truth.
The world needs the message of the Gospel and the way to true happiness; as a catechist, you offer a hungry world that sustenance.

8. Sharing the faith is an honor.
It's estimated that fewer than 1 percent of Catholics are catechists.

7. Your own faith will come alive.
As a catechist, you will discover that prayer, liturgy and your own relationship with God will become more vibrant and meaningful.

6. You become an active part of the most active part of your parish.
When you join the catechists in your parish, you enter into a community that will support you on your faith journey, pray for and with you and encourage you in your Catholic way of life.

5. A catechist is a role model.
As a catechist, you get to model behaviors young people might not learn anywhere else.

4. You will be practicing stewardship.
Being a catechist is a way of being a good steward by giving a bit of your most precious resource -- your time.

3. You show your own family that you value religious education.
Taking time out of your life to teach the faith shows your own children, grandchildren, siblings and family members that you put a high priority on religious education.

2. It's fun.
Kids remind adults to live and laugh in the moment and get enthused about things like holy days and stories of saints.

1. It's what we are called to do.
At the end of his earthly ministry, Jesus said: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."
<https://www.osv.com/TabId/735/ArtMID/13636/ArticleID/9930/>

Contact: Mimi Romeo, Catechist Coordinator – 97254317

Smithfield YOUTH MASS

Next Mass: Sunday 4 FEBRUARY at 6pm
Youth Program on 3rd Sunday of the month .
7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall.
All Youth Welcome!

YOUTH PROGRAM: 18th FEBRUARY 2018

Volunteers Needed!!
St Therese at Fairfield West is in need of some computer-literate volunteers to help with operating the PowerPoint at Fairfield West – especially for the 7.30am Mass. You will be given comprehensive training. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to be involved.

Next Parish BBQ ~ 10 February 2018!
Everyone Welcome!

Altar Servers Meeting
Tuesday 13 February 4.30 – 5.15pm in
St Benedict's Church

St Gertrude's Parish Fund
New sets of envelopes will be available to pick up at the end of February. Therefore please contact the parish office on 9604 1199 of any changes prior to distribution.

Also as there has been a decline in givers using the envelope systems, and to save money and paper wastage, new envelope numbers will be allocated to givers using envelopes between # 270 and 300.

A letter advising you of your new number will be sent in the coming weeks.

Any one wishing to use envelopes for St Gertrude's Parish Fund then please contact the parish office on 9604 1199)
Thank you for your support!

To Members & Parishioners
FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA
Annuncia le Attivita' del Mese di Febbraio
*TOMBOLA Il primo e Terzo Venerdi' del Mese
Il 2 e 16 di Febbraio. Con caffe' / Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo.
Nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West dale 10am – 1pm.
*RIUNIONE dei Membri Associati il 13 di Febbraio 7.30 pm.

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION [FCI]
Activities for February
*BINGO every 1st and 3rd Friday of month 10am - 1pm
St Teresa Church Hall Fairfield West
Morning Tea & Lunch provided.
*Members Reunion will be held on the 13th February 7.30 pm. Thankyou.
Antonio (Tony) Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409-908 424.

Parish Website
website www.stgertrude.org.au and Facebook page
www.facebook.com/stgertrudesparish.
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