

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING Ex 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

God spoke all these words. He said, ‘I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

‘You shall have no gods except me.

‘You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father’s fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

‘You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

‘Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

‘Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

‘You shall not kill.

‘You shall not commit adultery.

‘You shall not steal.

‘You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

‘You shall not covet your neighbour’s house. You shall not covet your neighbour’s wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.’

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

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

2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.)

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

4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Cor 1:22-25

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

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,

that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Jn 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers’ coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, ‘Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father’s house into a market.’ Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, ‘What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?’ Jesus answered, ‘Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews replied, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Next Week : FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

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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; 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

4 MARCH 2018



We welcome the following

Olivia Tonacia, Giuliana Giammanco & Hudson Ledbrook

Baptised in our Parish Community

Congratulations to

Vidial PETROS & Amelia RICCIO

Married in our Parish

May God confirm them in their love.

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, I vy 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

Carmelo Currenti, Irma Sepulveda,  
Mercedes Medina  
Giovanni Mattiello, Mario Todaro,  
Annunziato Martino, Renato Almici, Gianni Caruso,  
Carmelo Cordina, Nicola Capolupo, Liliana Raisa,  
Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time :

Doreen Favotto, Gabriel Quercigrossi, Teresa Cavinin, Lina Novella, Mary Lia, Rosario Trunzo.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

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Jurgen Mertin

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Mimi Romeo: catechist@stgertrude.org.au

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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  
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!

THE SEASON OF LENT is the most appropriate time for celerating the SACRAMENT OF PENANCE.

Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God has heard the solemn invitation, *Turn away from sin and believe the good news.* It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbour and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts. *RP13*

The Sacrament of Penance is better celebrated before rather than during the Easter Triduum

Church Cleaners

Friday 9th March

Grace & Pina’s Group

**Parish Collections Week- Ending 25/02/2018**

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$1,342.45** 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, 621.00 and \$992.25 Loose Money.**

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

**LENT**

Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday to the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive (29<sup>th</sup> March). On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter fast is observed.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR LENTEN PENANCE**

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following.
  - (a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a Church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary.
  - (b) (b) self denial – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

**PASCHAL PRECEPT**

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday unless for a good reason, it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

**Smithfield YOUTH MASS**

**Next Mass: Sunday 4 March at 6pm**

Youth Program on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month .  
7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall.  
All Youth Welcome!

**YOUTH PROGRAM: 18 March 2018**

**Next Parish BBQ: 10 March 2018. Everyone Welcome!**

**ALTAR SERVERS MEETING**

**Tuesday 13 March 4.30 – 5.15pm**  
**St Benedict's Church**

**WORKING BEE**  
**OFFER IT UP FOR LENT?**

SATURDAY 17 MARCH AT SMITHFIELD  
START TIME: 9AM



**CONFIRMATION**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in our parish during Mass on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2 pm & 4 pm.**

Children in Year 6 to Year 12 who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are eligible to enrol in the Confirmation Program.

**Enrolments** will be accepted when parents and children participate in the enrolment ceremony during the Vigil and Sunday Masses this weekend **3/4 March**. Relevant information and enrolment forms will be distributed through the schools, on the Parish website and will be available at the entrances to the church next week.

Enquiries Helena 9725 4317 (Tuesday or Friday) or email: [sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au)

**YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm Group 1  
(Second Monday of the Month)

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm Group 2  
(last Monday of the Month)

**CHOIR REHEARSALS:** Parishioners are invited to rehearse with the choir in preparation for the Holy Week Liturgy. We will rehearse on Mondays at 7.30pm. Please email [liturgy@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:liturgy@stgertrude.org.au) if you are interested or speak to any of the cantors or musicians at Mass.

**Good-bye & Good Luck**

We wish to farewell a long standing parishioner Maureen Grisdale who is moving to a new area. Most of you know Maureen both at Fairfield West and Smithfield where she has been involved in the Music & Liturgy ministry for many years. We will miss her greatly in our parish and wish her abundant blessings in her new home and community.

We would like to sincerely thank Maureen for her dedication and service to this parish.

Please join us to farewell Maureen with Mass on  
**Saturday 10 March at the 6pm vigil followed by a BBQ.**

**St Gertrude's Parish Fund Envelopes**

Please pick up your new set of envelopes available at St Benedict's Church Foyer. Thank you for your support and generosity!

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

St Benedict's Church: Every Friday at 7pm

St Therese's Church: Every Friday after the 7am Mass; & 7pm (Italian)

**LENTEN GROUPS ~ EVERY THURSDAY**

After the 9:15am Mass & 7pm in the Parish House, Smithfield

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Bayan is a young Syrian girl in Jordan who struggled to overcome the trauma of living in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on school. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is excelling in her studies, with ambitions to become an ophthalmologist.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help equip young people to succeed in the future, bringing stability to vulnerable youth, providing just futures for others like Bayan.

**We are having a Movie Night!**

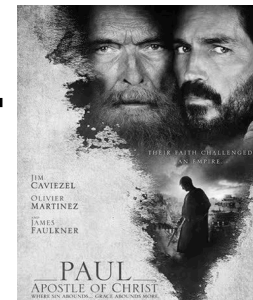
Our parish is organising a screening of

**'PAUL Apostle of Christ'**

6:30pm on Thursday 12 April  
at Stockland's Hoyts Cinema

(More details on the Poster)

Cost: \$17 pp (non-refundable)



*For bookings see a Parish Volunteer in the Foyer of the Church at each Mass or visit the Parish Office for payment.*

♦ Payments must be received by  
Easter Sunday 1 April 2018 to secure a seat

NB: Children 16 years and under must be accompanied by an adult

*Disclaimer: Bookings essential to secure the Cinema for the Parish. In the event 50 seats are not booked, the event will be cancelled.*



**FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA**

**La cerimonia dei Membri Verra' Celebrata**

**Domenica 18 Marzo durante La Santa Messa Italiana. Tutti siete Benvenuti.**

**\*TOMBOLA** Primo e Terzo Venerdi'. Il 2 e 16 di Marzo Con Caffè, Dolci e Panini per Pranzo, Nella sala di Santa Teresa Fairfield West dale 10.00 am -- 1.00 pm.

**\*RIUNIONE IMPORTANTE dei Membri Matedi' 13 Marzo Nella sala di St.Teresa**

**Italian Catholic Federation Activities for Month of March.**

*Members Annual Renewal { Tesseramento }* will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March during 8am Italian Holy Mass.

*BINGO* is held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month at St Teresa Church Hall Fairfield West from 10am to 1pm. Morning Tea & Lunch provided. All Welcome

**For more info. call, Antonio Coiera 0409 908424**

Gina Morosin 0417 203908 Or Maria Zappia 0402 031411  
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W [www.pbcfairfieldcatholic.edu.au](http://www.pbcfairfieldcatholic.edu.au)

**MARY MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE ~ OPEN EVENING**

**Wednesday 21 March 2018 from 6.30pm – 8.30pm**

T 9725 4322 W [www.mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au)

During Lent **penance** should be not only inward and individual, but also outward and social SC110

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