

## The EPIPHANY of the LORD

### FIRST READING *Is 60:1-6*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,  
though night still covers the earth  
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises  
and above you his glory appears.  
The nations come to your light  
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:  
all are assembling and coming towards you,  
your sons from far away  
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,  
your heart throbbing and full;  
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;  
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,  
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;  
everyone in Sheba will come,  
bringing gold and incense  
and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11*

*(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

- O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement. *(R.)*
- In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds. *(R.)*
- The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts  
shall pay him tribute.  
The kings of Sheba and Seba  
shall bring him gifts.  
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,  
all nations shall serve him. *(R.)*
- For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. *(R.)*

### SECOND READING *Eph 3:2-3. 5-6*

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by  
God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by  
a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the  
mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed  
through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was  
unknown to any men in past generations; it means that  
pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are  
parts of the same body, and that the same promise has  
been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation *Mt 2:2*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

We have seen his star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord.  
*Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL *Mt 2:1-12*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during  
the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to  
Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the  
Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have  
come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he  
was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He  
called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the  
people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be  
born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is  
what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
you are by no means least among the leaders of  
Judah, for out of you will come a leader  
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him  
privately. He asked them the exact date on which the  
star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go  
and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you  
have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and  
do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to  
say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star  
they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the  
place where the child was. The sight of the star filled  
them with delight, and going into the house they saw the  
child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees  
they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures,  
they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and  
myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back  
to Herod, and returned to their own country by a  
different way.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Next Week : 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**  
**Readings: 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20;**  
**Jn 1:35-42**

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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:

### 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

## The EPIPHANY of the LORD

**SUNDAY 7th January 2018**

### Congratulations to

Samantha Slatina & Joseph Sullivan  
**Married in our Parish**

*May God confirm them in their love.*

### We pray for the sick of this parish

Paul Bradbury 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

Gino Cesarone, Carmelina Calleja,  
Lucia Elda Bruzzano, Luciano Signor,  
Eva Di Federico, Rita Vanolini, Antonio Tionvinne,  
Filippo Leto, Antonio Zumbo,

### Recently Deceased

*And for those whose Anniversaries occur  
at this time :*

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

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Office:

6 Justin St, Smithfield  
Tuesday-Friday 10am - 2pm  
Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585  
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Website: [www.stgertrude.org.au](http://www.stgertrude.org.au)

### Parish Council:

Denise Namroud

### Finance Committee:

Jurgen Mertin

### Catechists: 9725 4317

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Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

### Liturgy: 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert

[liturgy@stgertrude.org.au](mailto: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

**Parish Collections Week- Ending 31/12/2017**

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$1,532.05** 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: \$1975.15 and \$992.50 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!*

**Sunday 7 January ~ The Epiphany of the Lord**

It is traditional to bless chalk which is used for the blessing of homes, as a witness of faith and protection against evil. This blessing is from the older version of the Roman Ritual. Over the door, "20+C+M+B+18", is inscribed with chalk. This stands for the Latin Christus Mansionem Benedicat (Christ bless this house). At the same time the letters are the first letters of the names of the wise men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.

The following prayer is also recited:

O Lord God, bless this Thy creature chalk that it may be used for the salvation of the human race. Through the invocation of Thy most Holy Name grant that whoever shall take of this chalk and write with it upon the doors of his house the names of Thy saints, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, may through their merits and intercession receive health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Donations at Crib**

Donations made at the crib will go towards the orphanage and community of Sr Anna Maria in Pakistan.

*Thank you for your support and offerings to help the poor during this Christmas Season!*

**2018 PARISH FACILITY BOOKINGS**

(Smithfield & Fairfield West Church & Hall)  
Attention ALL groups wanting to use the above facilities for 2018. Please book your dates and times, in writing, to the parish office at 6 Justin Street, Smithfield. Thank you.

**Parish Office Holiday Hours**

The Parish Office is now open Tuesday – Friday 10am – 2pm

**Sacraments**

The Sacramental Office will reopen in February on Tuesday 6th February 2018.

**~ Feasts ~**

**Monday 8 January  
The Baptism of the Lord**

The Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Liturgical season of Christmas.

**Sunday 14 January  
Solemn Mass at 10:30am of  
St Paul the First Hermit**

*Patron Saint to the Pauline Fathers*



**Tuesday January 16  
Our Lady Queen of Hermits.**

*Patroness of the Order of St Paul the First Hermit and yearly consecration to our Lady of the Pauline Fathers and brothers.*

**Novena**

9 day Novena to St Paul the First Hermit started on 6 January 2018

*Litany will be said after each week day Mass during this time. Everyone Welcome*

**HELP URGENTLY NEEDED!!!!!!**

We urgently need more church cleaners for 2018. on a roster one-day-a-month basis.  
If you are interested in putting a group together or just wish to help another group, then please contact the parish office.  
Men are also welcome to help!

**Smithfield YOUTH MASS**

Next Mass: Sunday 14 January at 6pm

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

❖ **THERE WILL BE NO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP IN JANUARY  
WILL RESUME IN FEBRUARY 2018**

**Parish BBQ ~ Will resume in February 2018!**

**Parish Website updated**

We have recently upgraded the parish website [www.stgertrude.org.au](http://www.stgertrude.org.au) and started a Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/stgertrudesparish](https://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!



**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 # 250 and 300.

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

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Any one wishing to use envelopes for St Gertrude's Parish Fund then please complete the following form and return to the parish office as soon as possible.

*Thank you for your support!*



**REQUEST FOR ENVELOPE FORM**

Please complete this form and place it in the collection plate or post to

**St Gertrude's Parish, 6 Justin Street, Smithfield.**

*Yes, I would like a set of weekly envelopes*

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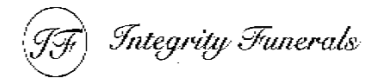
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