Second Sunday of Easter - Year B

FIRST READING Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24, R, v,1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

- Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. (R.)
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eves. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Jn 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children

if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;

this is what loving God is keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world: this is the victory over the world our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God:

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

> 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Next Week: Third Sunday of Easter Readings: Acts 3:13-15; 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

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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; 11am (Spanish); 5pm (Arabic)

Weekday Masses:

Mon - Fri 7.00am; Saturday 8am Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am

First Friday of the Month:

First Saturday of the Month:

7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tuesdays after Mass

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

8 April, 2018



We pray for the sick of this parish

Fr Gabriel Taylor OSPPE. Fr Jose Maria Enedaguila, Santina Ponili, 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

Carmelo Currenti. Irma Sepulveda. Mercedes Medina Giovanni Mattielo, 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:

Anna Serena Luciani



PARISH INFORMATION

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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.

Everyone is encouraged to participate!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8 April, 2018 Sunday Masses: Smithfield 8am (Italian) 10.30am and 3pm

(NO SUNDAY 6PM MASS)





"I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbour: the first by deed, the second - by word, and the third - by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me." (Diary 742)

http://www.divinemercy.com.au/dmdevotion.php

Church Cleaners

Tuesday 10 April — Edith's Group

Parish Collections Week- Ending 01/04/2018

1st Collection \$2056.75 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: \$2693.10 and \$1476.50 Loose Money.

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

Divine Mercy Sunday ~ 8th April ~ Masses:

St Benedict's Church:

6pm Vigil (Saturday) 8am Italian, 10.30am & 3pm (NO EVENING 6pm MASS)

> St Therese's Church: 7.30am & 9am



RCIA THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS Prayerful Congratulations to

our Catechumens, who received their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil! Please keep them in your prayers!

A special thanks to everyone who helped at all the Holy Week Liturgies last week. We appreciate your dedication and hard work to make these celebrations meaningful and special!

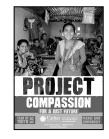
Also it is with much appreciation to Mark Malone from Integrity funerals for his continued generosity in donating the Paschal candles for our Churches

And once again thank you all for your generous help and supporting our Chocolate Lambs & Easter Raffle

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES



Please place Project Compassion Boxes in the baskets provided on the Altar. Please do not place them in the collection plates as it becomes too heavy for the collectors. Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2018. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring

them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make vour donation

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YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS

Monday 9th April at 7.30pm Group 1 (Second Monday of the Month)

Monday 30th April at 7.30pm Group 2 (last Monday of the Month)

Catechist News

Catechist Morning Tea

Friday 13 April

10am - 11am in the Parish House.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING Tuesday 10th April - 4.30 – 5.15pm St Benedict's Church

Smithfield YOUTH MASS

Next Mass: Sunday 15 April at 6pm

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

YOUTH PROGRAM: 15 April 2018

Everyone Welcome!

Confirmation 2018 Enrolments have now closed.

- Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish on Sunday 17th June at 2 pm & 4 pm.
- Parent Information Meeting: Wednesday 2nd May at 7:30 pm in the Montefano Hall.

For all enquiries call Helena in the Sacrament Office – Tue or Fri on 9725 4317 or email sacraments@stgertrude.org.au.

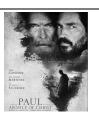
Pilgrimage to Penrose Park on Sunday 13 May. Please contact the parish office to book the bus. Cost \$22.

Safeguarding Training in May If you are a volunteer: reader, cleaner, groundsman, counter etc) and have not yet completed Safequarding Training or your Working with Children Check, please contact the parish office.

Movie Night! -

'PAUL Apostle of Christ' (RATED M)

6:30pm on Thursday 12 April at Stockland's Hoyts Cinema Tickets will be available to pick up after Masses.



Now Enrolling for 2019 & 2020 **St Gertrude's Catholic Primary School 2019 Enrolments**

The enrolment process for students starting school or wishing to enrol for 2019 has commenced. Any parent wishing to enrol their child for Kindergarten can collect an enrolment package from the school office.

Children enrolling must be turning 5 before 31 July 2019.

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WHO WILL BE RECEIVING HIS SOLEMN

PROFESSION OF VOWS IN JASNA GORA, POLAND

THIS MONDAY 9TH APRIL, 2018.

PLEASE CONTINURE TO PRAY FOR HIM.



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

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Annuncia Le Attivita' Del Mese di Aprile

*Riunione dei Membri Associati il 10 di Aprile Seguitato con le Elezioni del Nuovo Comitato. alle 7.30 pm Nella sala di St Teresa.

*TOMBOLA II primo e Terzo Venerdi del Mese Il 6 e 20 di Aprile. Con caffe' / Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo. Nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West da le 10.00 am – 1.00 pm. Molto Grazie. Antonio (Tony) Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409 908 424 Cristo Regni

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION [FCI]

Activities planned for Month of April at St Theresa Church F/West *BINGO every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.

From 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Morning Tea & Lunch provided.

*Members Reunion will be held on the 10^h April 7.30 pm. Followed By New Committee Elections

Thankyou. Antonio (Tony) Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409-908 424. God Bless.