

SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION

FIRST READING

Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me  
a disciple’s tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
‘He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.’ (R.)

2. Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)

3. They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
‘You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel’s sons.’ (R.)

SECOND READING

Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are,  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:8-9

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


Christ became obedient for us even to death  
dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Mk 14:1 – 15:47

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

PLEASE FOLLOW THE  
PROJECTOR SCREEN FOR THE  
GOSPEL READING



Next Week : SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION

Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-9

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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

PALM SUNDAY of the  
PASSION of the LORD

25th March, 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, 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 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 :

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



PARISH INFORMATION

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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



St Benedict’s Church

HOLY THURSDAY 7pm

followed by procession to Montefano Hall  
for Adoration.

GOOD FRIDAY  
(fast and abstinence)  
10am Stations of the Cross (children’s)  
3pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion  
followed by Adoration

EASTER VIGIL MASS  
6pm

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES  
8am (Italian); 10.30am & 6pm (English)

EASTER MONDAY MASS  
10.30am

St Theresa’s Church

EASTER VIGIL  
9pm Mass (Spanish)

EASTER SUNDAY  
7.30am & 9.00am Mass (English)  
12 noon Mass (Spanish);  
3pm Mass (Vietnamese);  
5pm Mass (Arabic)

EASTER MONDAY MASS  
8am

NO MORNING MASSES  
CELEBRATED ON HOLY  
THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND  
EASTER SATURDAY AT BOTH  
CHURCHES

Church Cleaners

Monday 26th March—Mary’s Group

**Parish Collections Week- Ending 18/03/2018**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$1,332.30** 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: \$2,101.60 and \$866.95 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) 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.

### PROJECT COMPASSION

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the Philippines so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a just future for all.

**ALTAR SERVERS MEETING**  
**Tuesday 27 March 4.30 – 5.15pm St Benedict's Church**

**Final Rehearsal for Acolytes in preparation for Holy Week :** Tuesdays 27 March at 7pm

**YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS**  
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 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)*

**CHOCOLATE PASCHAL LAMBS ~ NOW SELLING \$10 each**  
*By purchasing the Paschal Lambs, you are helping the Michaelite Priests bring the message of Christ to the people of Papua New Guinea, as well as supporting our Parish in our fundraising. If you would like to support the missions in PNG, and if you feel you have enough chocolate, please consider donating the chocolate lamb you've bought to those in our community who cannot be with us.*  
**The parish will be happy to gift the lamb that you've purchased to the residents of the nursing homes we visit, or to those in the community who receive Communion of the Sick.**

**Easter Raffle - \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
 On this Sunday the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. During this liturgy the Celebrant will be blessing palms and olive branches.  
**10.30am Children's Mass – Start at front of Parish House.**



**Holy Thursday**  
**10am Mass at Cathedral (Blessing of Oils)**  
**Mass of the Last Supper 7pm ~ St Benedict's**  
 After the Holy Thursday Liturgy there will be a Procession to the Montefano hall for Adoration, which will continue till midnight.



**Good Friday**  
**10am: Stations of the Cross (Children)**  
**3pm: Liturgy of Good Friday at Smithfield.**  
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Montefano Hall, which will continue till midnight.



*Divine Mercy Novena will commence after the Liturgy in Montefano Hall*

**Holy Saturday Vigil**  
**St Benedict's at 6pm**  
*Please bring your own candles*



**Easter Sunday**  
**St Benedict's, Smithfield**  
**8am (Italian); 10.30am & 6pm**

**St Therese's Church Fairfield West**  
**7.30am & 9am**

**Divine Mercy Sunday 8th April –**  
**❖ NO SUNDAY 6PM EVENING MASS**

**Masses:**  
*St Benedict's Church:*  
 6pm Vigil (Saturday)  
 8am Italian, 10.30am & 3pm (NO EVENING 6pm MASS)



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

*Thank You!* With much appreciation we wish to thank Marthese Caruna for sponsoring the *Last Supper Chasuble* and the Italian Community and Catholic Federation for the new *Processional Cross!*

### Confirmation 2018

**Enrolments have now closed.**

- Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2 pm & 4 pm.
- Parent Information Meeting: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au).

**Annual Family Day at Penrose Park**  
**(Our Second Year)**  
**Saturday 7 April at Penrose Park**  
 Starting with Mass at 11am followed by games (pack your own picnic lunch)  
 Concludes with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm.

### Smithfield YOUTH MASS

**Next Mass: Sunday 1 April at 6pm**

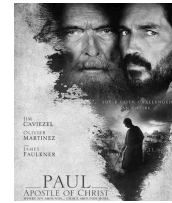
Youth Program on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month .  
 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall.  
 All Youth Welcome!

**YOUTH PROGRAM: 15 April 2018**

### Movie Night! – Tickets have SOLD OUT

'PAUL Apostle of Christ' (RATED M)

6:30pm on Thursday 12 April at Stockland's Hoyts Cinema  
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!  
 Tickets will be available to pick up after Easter Sunday.



**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 Safeguarding Training or your Working with Children Check, please contact the parish office.*

2018 St Gertrude's Parish Planning Calendar will be displayed in the Notice Board at St Benedict's with all the events currently programmed for the year.

### 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.*

**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)

### WELCOME ALL PARISHIONERS,

friends & family.

On Saturday 7 April, 2018  
 The Italian FCI is organising an outing to Central Coast Italian Festival at Ettalong.  
 Lots of Music, Food, Biscuits, Dancing and Stall displays etc  
 8:30 am Bus will be departing from Smithfield  
 Returning approximately 5:00 pm.  
 Cost: \$30 pp (bookings with payment) non-refundable  
 Please see or call Tony Coiera on 9757-1961/0409-908424 or see Maria Zappia after Masses.



N/18 Central Coast Italian Festival

### HOUSE CLEANING

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