

15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING *Am 7:12-15*

A reading from the prophet Amos

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8*

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

SECOND READING *Eph 1:3-14*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will;

chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *See Eph 1:17-18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mk 6:7-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week: 16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

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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 Boulevard & Stella Street
FAIRFIELD WEST

Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil 5pm (Vietnamese);
7.30am & 9.00am; 12 noon (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

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15 July, 2018



We welcome the following

Antonio GERACITANO

Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish

John Denniss, Santa Carbone, Santina Ponili,
Maria Blanda, Max Hazmoth,
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

Antonio Polo, Giovanni Santangelo,
Elisa Di Donato, Maryanne Foner, Maria Filippin,
Giovanna Panarello, Luigi D'Elia

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur
at this time :

Francesca Avati, Pierre Shaggal, Rose Patane

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

6 Justin St, Smithfield
Tuesday-Friday 10am - 2pm
Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585
Email: office@stgertrude.org.au
Website: www.stgertrude.org.au

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Jurgen Mertin

Catechists: 9725 4317

Mimi Romeo: catechist@stgertrude.org.au

Sacraments: 9725 4317 Helena Mertin
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)

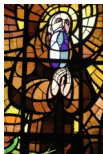
Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199
1st Sundays of the month during the
10.30am Mass at St Benedict's Church; &
Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict's

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!*

New Parish Logo



Our new Parish logo depicts
St Gertrude cradling in her arms
the Church of St Benedict and
the rose at her heart symbolising
St Therese of the little flower at
St Therese's Church.
The colours used are the colours
of St Benedict.

We would like to acknowledge and
thank Tania Pisano who designed
our new Parish logo.

Church Cleaners

Monday 16 July ~ Mary's Group

Parish Collections Week- Ending 08/7/2018
1st Collection \$1,514.75 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: \$1,853.60 and \$1,256.75 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

St Benedict's Feast Day ~ Thank you!
Last Sunday our Parish celebrated the Feast of St Benedict. The main Celebrant for the Eucharist was Fr Richard Green with Fr Jarek, Fr Wojtek & Fr Eric con-celebrating. Many Parishioners, friends & families attended the Mass in the Shrine dedicated to St Benedict followed by Luncheon in the Montefano Hall.
Thank you to all who helped to make this day a success - all the Parish Communities & Parishioners who donated their time & cooked delicious cultural food. Thank you to the Italian FCI for their generosity of donating the hampers for the raffle & lucky door prize. Thank you to all for donations of the Celebration cake, cup cakes, desserts, decorations, drinks, organising and also washing up.
A wonderful day enjoyed by all.

Pauline Vocations Day
July 20th at St. Gertrude's Smithfield
The Order of St. Paul the First Hermit is organizing a vocations day for young men discerning a vocation to religious life, as an opportunity to reflect upon what God is calling them to.
RSVP: vocations@paulinefathers.org.au

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Enrolments for First Holy Communion took place over the past 2 weekends.
If you missed the Enrolment Masses, please contact the Sacramental Office no later than Tuesday 17th July. **No enrolments will be accepted after July 17, for the 2018 Holy Communion Programme.** Enrolments received after this date will be deferred to the 2019 program.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS
Photo Collection night: Friday 27th July, 2018.
Time: 6-8:30 pm in the Montefano Hall.

SACRAMENTAL OFFICE HOURS:
Please note the Sacramental Office will be closed during the first week of the school holidays (9/7/18 to 13/7/18 inclusive).

Enquiries Helena - 9725 4317 (Tuesday or Friday),
sacraments@stgertrude.org.au

Monday 16th July ~ Memorial
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel is worldwide, and most Catholics are familiar with the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular.
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2018-07-16>

Safeguarding Training
Monday 16 July - after 7:00 am Mass
St Therese Church Hall, Fairfield West
All Welcome!

Safeguarding news:
It is now expected that ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS have attended Safeguarding training and/or read & signed a Code of Conduct.
If you are a volunteer, who has not signed the Code of Conduct, please make an appointment ASAP.

ANY VOLUNTEER WHO HAS NOT READ AND SIGNED THE CODE OF CONDUCT ARE REQUIRED TO CEASE THEIR MINISTRY IMMEDIATELY UNTIL THIS MATTER HAS BEEN RESOLVED.

Please speak to Fr Jarek, Maria, Helena or Parish Office if you have any questions or concerns – 9604 1199 or PSSO@stgertrude.org.au.

An individual is considered a Parish Volunteer if they do any of the following jobs: Acolyte, Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Reader, Counter, Offertory Procession, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, help prepare for the Parish BBQ, Youth Group, Children's Liturgy, Maintenance, choir, cleaning, assist with the Collections, Mass Coordinators, operate the PowerPoint projector, Welcomer, usher, decorator, and if you help in any way within the Parish.

The purpose of the Code of Conduct is in the best interest of the entire parish community. It brings our attention to the expectations placed on all volunteers within the Archdiocese of Sydney, and how we can work together to ensure the safety of children, teenagers, vulnerable young people and all within the community. Thank you for your cooperation.

Church Cleaners Needed!!!
This is a very important ministry as it benefits our entire faith community.
Can you spare a few hours once a month on a roster basis to help clean St Benedict's Church?
Church cleaners are generally scheduled once a month for a couple of hours. However, if you have some extra time to give, cleaners are always needed and are most welcome. Please contact the parish office for more information on 9604 1199 Tuesday to Friday 10am – 2pm.
Thank you.

Smithfield YOUTH MASS
Held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month at the 6pm evening Mass
Next Mass: Sunday 15 July at 6pm
Youth Program is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month . 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall. All Youth Welcome!
Next YOUTH PROGRAM: 15 July 2018

World Youth Day Panama 2019 Subsidise on Offer
The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites young adults to pre-register for the WYD 2019 Panama via Washington DC pilgrimage, which will be led by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.
How does the subsidy work? Pilgrims wishing to accept the offer of a subsidy need to pre-register by depositing a minimum, non-refundable deposit of \$1,000. The deposit will confirm your place on the pilgrimage. The Archdiocese of Sydney will then add \$1,000 to your account. The indicative cost of the pilgrimage, provided by, is \$8,686. For pilgrims considering the optional Mexico extension, the indicative total cost is \$9,786. Note that, should the pilgrimage not go ahead as planned, all deposits shall be returned in full.
How do I make a deposit?
Step 1: Reference your deposit using: WYD19 + FULL NAME (Ex.WYD19PETERHARRISON)
Step 2: Select and pay your deposit amount to: BANK ACCOUNT: Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney BSB: 062 000 ACCOUNT: 10289801
Step 3: Email abel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org the details of the transaction. **Step 4:** Wait for an email confirming your deposit. Once registration officially opens, your deposit and subsidy will be transferred into your COSMOS account.
We are all excited to journey with you and enjoy this experience of a lifetime. For more information, you can contact me on abel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org

Street Parking Please be mindful and respectful when street parking your car when attending Mass. We have received a call from Fairfield Council stating residents have concerns in regards to vehicles parking in Stella Street obstructing vehicle access to/from residential properties on the weekends and some people are partially blocking driveways.
Under the NSW Road Rules, it is illegal to park a vehicle in a way that partially or completely blocks a driveway unless the driver is stopping briefly to drop off or pick up passengers. Site investigations have revealed that there are kerb spaces in Stella Street, which are insufficient to accommodate the parked vehicles.
Appropriate Enforcements will apply to vehicles obstructing driveways.

Call for WYD08 Anniversary Choristers
Did you sing at the Final Mass for WYD08 Sydney? We are inviting all WYD08 singers to come back for a 10th anniversary Mass to be held at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on Friday 20 July at 5:30pm. For further details and to register go to <https://goo.gl/VK0L9t>

CatholicCare Sydney Join the Sydney Catholic Youth Team to raise funds for CatholicCare Sydney's HOPE program in this year's City2Surf. We're aiming to raise \$75,000 to help vulnerable young mothers and their babies. Challenge yourself and run for HOPE! Register online at <https://fundraise.catholiccare.org/city2surf> and join the Sydney Catholic Youth Team today! For further information please contact Ashleigh Green on 0419 954 839 or at community@catholiccare.org.au

Does the forest pray?
Saturday, July 28, 2018 ~ Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo
A contemplative awareness of our environment and ecology can bring healing and hope. This is a day retreat where we can listen to the Spirit and explore our monastic tradition to refocus our concerns for ecology and pray within the forest.
Bookings 02 42360533 - Cost \$30

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office
If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on ph 02 9390 5812.

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