

16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

*Jer 23:1-6*

*A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –

when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 22. R. v.2*

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. (R.)

3.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

SECOND READING

*Eph 2:13-18*

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

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of

Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Jn 10:27*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

*Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

*Mk 6:30-34*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week: 17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

*Readings: 2 Kg 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15*

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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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22 July, 2018



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](mailto:office@stgertrude.org.au)  
Website: [www.stgertrude.org.au](http://www.stgertrude.org.au)

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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:

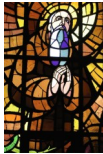
Parish Office 9604 1199  
By appointment only (6 months required)

Sick Calls:

9604 1199  
Any Time


Novena to St Benedict

Every Wednesday after the 7pm Mass with Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



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

Friday 27 July ~ Grace & Pina



Parish Collections Week- Ending 15/7/2018  
**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$1,128.35** 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: \$2,901.10 and \$1,287.75 Loose Money.**  
*Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!*

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Enrolments for First Holy Communion have closed. We are currently in the process of organising and allocating classes and ceremony dates. This information will not be released until the end of July.

If you missed the Enrolment Masses, please contact the Sacramental Office ASAP for more information. Enrolments received after the end of July will be deferred to the 2019 program.

### CONFIRMATION PHOTOS

Photo Collection night: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.  
Time: 6-8:30 pm in the Montefano Hall.

**“We will listen to You”**  
Children’s Post Card Competition from The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.  
To celebrate Child Protection Week in September 2018 the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office is running a competition for children in your parish.  
We would like children of the parishes to submit a **drawing** or a **photo** of a trusted adult listening carefully to a child. The winning entry will be published on our new children’s card **“We will listen to You”** as part of the Archdiocese’s celebration of Child Protection Week.  
Here are some examples of children talking to a trusted adult




Drawings should not be bigger than an A4 sheet of paper. Please email entries with the name and address and parish **no later than August 10, 2018.** The winning entry will also win a prize

**Email entries to:** [trish.larkin@sydneycatholic.org.au](mailto:trish.larkin@sydneycatholic.org.au)  
**or;**  
**Mail the entries to Trish Larkin, Level 16 Polding Centre 133 Liverpool Street Sydney NSW 2000.**  
**Enquiries: 93905813**

**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 visit the Parish Office 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 the Parish Office if you have any questions or concerns – 9604 1199 or [PSSO@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:PSSO@stgertrude.org.au).  
*The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to bring 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.*

**Giving Statements/Receipts**  
Please pick up your Giving Statements and/or Tax Receipts available at St Benedict’s Church Foyer from this weekend and St Therese’s next weekend (in alphabetical order).  
*Thank you for supporting our parish*

**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.



The FCI are asking for help with Crostoli making in the Montefano Hall on Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 August from 7:30am to 2:00 pm.

**Fairfield Active Maltese Seniors**  
Invite Members & Parishioners to join them for a **Presentation on Retirement Village Living** Tuesday 31 July @ 10.00am  
St Theresa’s Hall, Cnr Stella St & The Boulevarde, Fairfield Heights.  
Morning Tea provided for small donation.  
**Contact Marisa Previtera on 0414 863 123**

**We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 September.**  
This year, the Australian Bishops’ Social Justice Statement is titled: ‘A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land’.  
The Statement challenges us all to confront Australia’s growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing.  
For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website ([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)) or call 02 8306 3499

**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 [abbel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:abbel.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 [abbel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:abbel.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.**

**The Bishop’s Blend:** Bishop Richard Umbers is hosting the fifth edition of a series of breakfast events for young professions, titled *The Bishop’s Blend*, on **Monday, 6 August 2018 at 7:00am.** The purpose of these events is to bring young Catholic professionals together for a quarterly breakfast, and for them to hear from a well-versed professional in a chosen field how they personally live their faith in the workplace. It will also be an opportunity for those who attend to network with other young Catholic professionals.

**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](mailto:community@catholiccare.org.au)

**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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