

20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING Prv 9:1-6

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Wisdom has built herself a house,  
she has erected her seven pillars,  
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine,  
she has laid her table.  
She has despatched her maidservants  
and proclaimed from the city's heights:  
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'  
To the fool she says,  
'Come and eat my bread,  
drink the wine I have prepared!  
Leave your folly and you will live,  
walk in the ways of perception.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 33:2-3. 10-15. R. v.9

**(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

2. Revere the Lord, you his saints.  
They lack nothing, those who revere him.  
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry  
but those who seek the Lord lack no  
blessing. (R.)

3. Come children, and hear me  
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who is he who longs for life  
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? (R.)

4. Then keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Turn aside from evil and do good;  
seek and strive after peace. (R.)

SECOND READING Eph 5:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like  
intelligent and not like senseless people. This may  
be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it.  
And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is  
the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with  
wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the  
Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and  
hymns when you are together, and go on singing  
and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that  
always and everywhere you are giving thanks to  
God who is our Father in the name of our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who eat my flesh and drink my blood  
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down  
from heaven.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give  
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another:  
'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they  
said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood,  
you will not have life in you.  
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my  
blood  
has eternal life,  
and I shall raise him up on the last day.  
For my flesh is real food  
and my blood is real drink.  
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
lives in me  
and I live in him.  
As I, who am sent by the living Father,  
myself draw life from the Father,  
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.  
This is the bread come down from heaven;  
not like the bread our ancestors ate:  
they are dead,  
but anyone who eats this bread will live for  
ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord  
**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Next Week: 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph: 21-32;  
Jn 6:60-69

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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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19th August 2018



Congratulations to

Cristina A'Annunzio & Craig Noordermeer

Married in our Parish

May God confirm them in their love.

We welcome the following

Daniele Nurda, Jacob Dinkha, Noah Nio

Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish

Allanah Cassar Falappi, John Denniss,  
Santa Carbone, Santina Ponili,  
Kartia Grace Russell, Gino Mifsud, Rina Favotto,  
Ivy Fernandes, Alina Przewoznik,  
Philomena Greenwood,

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

Ludy Green, Francesco Cassarino, Robert D'Costa,  
Giovanni Devile,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur  
at this time :

Eugen Kleibert, Caterina Pedavoli, Aldo DiBona,  
Giovanni LaDelfa, Mary Agnes Andrews,  
Angelo Riso, Innocenzo Panebianco,  
Carmela Vitali, Judith May Niblett, Tina Hesselting,  
Joseph Grech

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

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Liturgy: 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert  
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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)

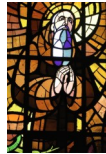
Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199  
1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month during the  
10.30am Mass at St Benedict's Church; &  
Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict's

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 24th August ~ Grace & Pina



Parish Collections Week- Ending 12/8/2018  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$1,154.25 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: \$2,210.00 and \$922.70 Loose Money.  
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!


Wednesday 22 August ~ Memorial  
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 24 August ~ Feast  
St Bartholomew, apostle

Sunday 26 August ~ Feast  
Our Lady of Jasna Gora  
9 day Novena (short Prayer) after each Mass from 17 August and concludes on 26 August at the 10.30 Mass



*An act of Consecration to the Mother of God*  
Mother of God, Immaculate Mary, to you I consecrate my body and soul, all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings, all that I am and possess.  
With an eager heart, I dedicate myself to you in the service of love. I give you complete freedom in making use of me for the salvation of men and the assistance of the Holy Church of which you are the Mother.  
From now on, I wish to do everything with you, through you and for you. I know that by my own strength, I shall accomplish nothing. You, however, can do everything that is the will of your Son and you are always victorious. Grant then, O Help of Christians, that my family, parish and my country, may truly be yours and your Son's Kingdom. Amen  
Our Lady of Jasna Gora Prayer for us (say 3 times)

 The Funeral of the late Ludivina Green (Fr Richard Green's mother) was held at St Dominic's Catholic Church, Flemington on Thursday 16 August.  
Thank you for your support of prayers and kindness during her illness and passing.

**SACRAMENTAL OFFICE**  
Please be advised that the Sacramental Office is now closed until mid-October.  
For all enquiries please email [sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au) or call 9725 4317 and leave a message. If you need to speak to Helena face-to-face, please email/call the Sacramental Office to make an appointment. Thank You.

**54 Day Novena**  
St Gertrude's Parish will be participating in "World Rosary", on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – October 7th. Our annual Rosary procession will take place after the Sunday 10:30 am Mass (instead of Saturday afternoon) to coincide with this special feast day. More information to come closer to the date.  
For those interested, there is an OPTIONAL 54 Day Novena starting on August 15th with an emphasis in prayer and reparation for our world/nation, under the mantle of 'Holy League of Nations. For more information collect a flyer from the Church foyer or visit the website: <https://www.novenaforournation.com/54-day-novena/>

**Safeguarding Training Session**  
**Tuesday 21 August at 7:30 pm in the Parish House.**  
For volunteers/parishioners who are involved in a ministry (except collectors) who have not already attended a Safeguarding Training session.  
If you have not already attended a session, this is your last opportunity before you will be asked to step down from your ministry until this requirement has been met.

**Men's Group Meeting**  
**Tuesday 21 August 7pm meet at St Benedict's Church.**

**YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS**  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm Group 2  
*(last Monday of the Month)*  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm Group 1  
*(Second Monday of the Month)*

**Altar Servers Meeting**  
Tuesday 28 August in St Benedict's Church  
4:30pm to 5:15pm

Parish BBQ Saturday 8 September in the Montefano after the 6pm Mass. Everyone Welcome!

Pilgrimage to Penrose Park for Fatima Day  
**Saturday 13 October 2018.** Cost per person is \$23.  
For Bookings: Please contact the parish office 9604 1199  
For further information see Notice Boards.

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

~ Attention All Liturgy Ministers ~  
New Rosters are now available to pick up from the Church Doors. Thank you!

**Church Cleaners Needed!!!**  
*This is a very important ministry as it benefits our entire faith community.*  
Can you spare an hour or two 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.



**FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA**  
La FCI Annuncia le Attivita' del Mese di Agosto  
• **TOMBOLA** Il primo e Terzo Venerdi' del Mese, Il 3 e 17 di Agosto. Con caffe' / Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo, nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West dalle 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.  
• **LUNEDI' 27 e MARTEDI' 28** Di Agosto, Crostoli Nella sala Montefano.  
• **Se potete dare una mano, apprezziamo il Vostro aiuto con Crostoli.**  
• **RIUNIONE** dei Membri Associati il 14 di Agosto 7.30 pm.  
• **VENERDI' 31 Agosto Pranzo per la Festa Dei PAPA'**  
Verra' festeggiato nella sala di Montefano Smithfield Dalle 12am - 4.00pm.  
Siete Pregati da Prenotarvi al piu presto. Prezzo \$30.00 a persona .

**Antonio (Tony) Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409 908 424**  
**Gina Morosin** 9604 2458 or 0417 203 908 Cristo Regni.  
**THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION [FCI]**  
Activities planned for Month of August  
• **BINGO** every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.  
Held at St Teresa Church Hall Fairfield West.  
From 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Morning Tea & Lunch provided.  
• **Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday the 28** August we are making Crostoli in the Montefano Hall.  
• **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August, FATHERS DAY Lunch** at Montefano Hall from 12am to 4pm. Cost \$30.00 **BOOKING ESSENTIAL.**  
Thankyou. Antonio (Tony) Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409 908 424. or GinaMorosin 02 9604 2458 GOD BLESS

**Memorial Mass for the Unborn**  
In commemoration of this profound loss, and in solidarity with bereaved mothers and fathers, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites all people to a Solemn Memorial Mass on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018, 7pm St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney**  
*"You will restore my life; from the depths of the earth you will raise me again." Psalm 71:20*

**Catholic Men's Conference:** Holiness is for everyone! All men (married, single, divorced) are called to be spiritual leaders in their families, workplaces, parishes and communities. Don't make this journey alone! Come to the inaugural Australian Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday 1 September this year! Includes great speakers, lunch, Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Anthony Randazzo and the chance to connect with other Catholic men. Only \$48 per person (early bird) or \$60 (standard). For full details and to book visit [www.trybooking.com/vdgl](http://www.trybooking.com/vdgl) Numbers limited to 100 – be quick! The conference schedule can be found @: [www.sydneycatholicmen/conference](http://www.sydneycatholicmen/conference)

**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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