

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

FIRST READING Dn 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages
became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire be destroyed.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1

(R.) *The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty.*

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. (R)
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R)
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. (R)

SECOND READING Rv 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born
from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth.
He loves us and has washed away our sins with his
blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve
his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and
power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is
coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even
those who pierced him, and all the races of the
earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen.
'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God,
who is, who was, and who is to come, the
Almighty.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David
our Father;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus
replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or
have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate
answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and
the chief priests who have handed you over to me:
what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a
kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this
world, my men would have fought to prevent my
being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is
not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said
Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I
am a king. I was born for this, I came into the
world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all
who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

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

Next Week: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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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 until 8.30pm; *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:

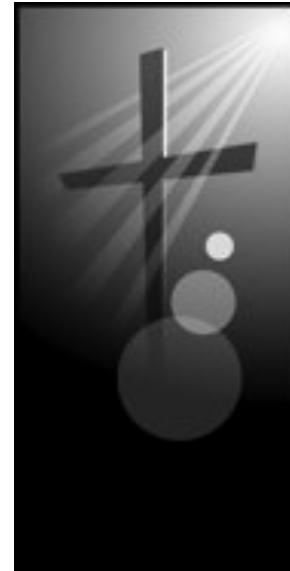
7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesdays after Mass

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25th November, 2018



We welcome the following

Millicent Myra Brown

Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish

John Denniss, 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

Zofia Jarzyna, Betty Stepkovitch,
Antonio Mammone, Carmela Stivala, Vita Blanda,
Achille (Frank) Pavone,
Giuseppe Brunetta, Pasquale Berardinelli,
Domenic Lagudi, Allanah Cassar Falappi,
Immacolata Carloti

Recently Deceased

**And for those whose Anniversaries occur
at this time :**

Pauline Tedesco,
Eli Slaviero & Gino Cesarone

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

6 Justin St, Smithfield
Tuesday-Friday 10am - 2pm
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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:

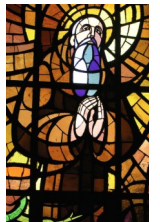
Parish Office 9604 1199
By appointment only (6 months required)

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!*

HISTORICAL context

Christ the King

*Unfortunately, political and military images
of kingship have played a dominating role
in the Church since very early in its history.
The very earliest Christians, or followers
of the Way, did not conform to social and
political hierarchies of their day. But when
Emperor Constantine declared Christianity
to be the official religion of the Roman
Empire the structure of the Church quickly
adopted the political and social structures
of the empire. At times in history the
Pope has adopted a regal status and led
huge armies into battle. Many of these
structures persist today and we sometimes
struggle to recapture Jesus' intention when
he declared himself a king.*

Church Cleaners

*Week ending 1st December ~
Group D- Grace & Pina's Group*

We Parish Collections Week- Ending 18/11/2018
1st Collection \$1,616.00 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: \$1,920.60. and \$923.30 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

EUCCHARISTIC FAST: Those who receive holy communion are to abstain for one hour beforehand from all food and drink with the exception of water and medicine. This does not apply to the elderly, the sick and those who care for them, or to priests celebrating a second or third Mass on a given day.

It is most strongly recommended that the faithful receive holy communion in the course of a eucharistic celebration.
CCL 918-919

Sunday 25 November ~ Solemnity
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the UNIVERSE



Friday 30 November ~ Feast
St Andrew, Apostle

November Masses
During the Month of November we continue to pray for all our deceased relatives and friends. During this month a total of 30 Masses will be collectively offered for the intentions of the deceased at both
St. Benedict's Shrine and St. Therese's Church.
On Sundays the Mass will be at 10.30am at St. Benedict's Shrine and 9am at St. Therese's Church as well as the daily Masses during the month.
If you wish to include your loved ones in these collective Masses offered for the deceased during the month of November, then please fill out the November Mass Envelopes are available in the Church foyers .

Choir Rehearsals for Christmas will commence on Monday night 19th November at 7:30pm in the Parish House. All welcome.

Working Bee
1st December at St Benedict's commencing at 9am
8th December at St Therese's commencing at 9am.
Many hands are needed. A sign up sheet will be placed in the foyers of each place of worship as well as the parish office. Thank you!

SACRAMENT NEWS!
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018: The Ceremonies will be celebrated in our Parish, this weekend, during the Saturday 6 pm and Sunday 10:30 am Masses.
Congratulations to all the young people who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. We pray that all our First Communicants and their families will be strengthened by their continued reception of Jesus in the Eucharist at Sunday Mass.

The prayer support from members of the Parish Community was much appreciated by parents and children. Thank you parents for the sacrifices you made in preparing your children for this special time. A big shout out to the Group Facilitators who generously donated their time to lead the Holy Communion classes. Thank you also to the many people who were involved in the preparation program, meetings, rehearsals, and to all who assisted in making the Holy Communion ceremonies a wonderful and memorable time for the children.

HOLY COMMUNION PHOTO COLLECTION EVENING: Holy Communion Photos can be collected from the Montefano Hall on Friday 7th December from 6 pm to 8:30 pm.
FIRST RECONCILIATION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENTS FOR 2019: Enrolments for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2019 are now complete. If you missed out, please contact the Sacramental Office before the end of November 2018. Families who have submitted an enrolment form will be contacted by mid-February 2019, with information about classes etc. The Parent Information Evening will be held on: **Wednesday 13th March 2019.**

SACRAMENTAL OFFICE: Please be advised the Sacramental Office will be closed from Monday 26th November until February 2019. For all enquiries please email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or call 9725 4317 and leave a message. If you wish to see Helena face-to-face, please email/call the Sacramental Office to make an appointment. Thank You.

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS
Monday 26 November at 7.30pm Group 2
(last Monday of the Month)
Monday 10 December at 7.30pm Group 1
(Second Monday of the Month)

Altar Servers Meeting
Tuesday 4th December 4.30pm to 5.15pm

THANK YOU
VOLUNTEERS!
We couldn't do it without you

We warmly welcome all Volunteers & Staff to an End of Year **Thanksgiving Mass 7pm at St Benedict's Church** followed by a Christmas Party in the Montefano Hall on **Wednesday 5th December.**


St Gertrude's Parish Playgroup
When: Thursday (during school term)
Time: 10 am - 12 pm
Where: Demountable behind the hall on the paddock.
Contact: playgroup@stgertrude.org.au

St Gertrude's Catholic Primary School, Smithfield- Enrolling Now!
St Gertrude's Catholic Primary School was opened in 1952 by the Josephite Sisters and continues today to foster the values and traditions of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop for boys and girls from Kindergarten to Year 6.
St Gertrude's is a four stream, low fee paying Catholic School with small class sizes and positions available for 2019. Bursaries (fee reductions) are available for qualifying new arrivals (those who have lived in Australia less than 3 years) and families experiencing financial hardship. Book a school tour now!
Arabic speaking staff available on Monday to assist with enrolments.
T: 96094144 www.stgsmithfield.catholic.edu.au

SAFEGUARDING NEWS
The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office, in conjunction with the Parish Support and Development Team, has identified the following require a Working With Children Check (WWCC): Youth ministers, children's liturgy, children's choir, Catechists, Sacramental group leaders, readers, acolytes, senior altar servers, extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, Parish counters & collectors and ministers to the homebound. **Please note that some ministries that did not previously require a WWCC, now need one, please visit the RMS before the end of November to obtain a WWCC, otherwise you will need to cease your ministry until this requirement is met.**
Volunteers who have not yet completed a Code of Conduct please visit the Parish ASAP.
If you have not attended Safeguarding induction training, please speak to Maria or Helena to arrange a time – safeguarding induction training is mandatory for all volunteers. The training can also be completed online, please contact us to ask us how!
All volunteers – please check the expiration date of your WWCC. If it is due for renewal please visit the RMS. Once renewed please notify the Parish Office.
Thank you for your continued co-operation to ensure our Parish meets Safeguarding requirements. For more information, please contact the Parish Office or email pssso@stgertrude.org.au

FCI Cherry Picking Bus Trip to Orange
Sunday: 2 December 2018
Leaving St Benedict's Church, Smithfield 6:15am SHARP!
Returning approximately 5:30 pm
Fun day with Raffles & prizes.
Gina Morosin on 0417-203908 Or Maria Zappia on 0402-031411

Italian Catholic Federation
*invites **all Parishioners** to join us for*
Christmas Lunch at 12:00 noon on Friday
7 December in the Montefano Hall.
3 course meal including drinks,
dessert & coffee.
Cost: \$30 pp.
RSVP by: 30 November.
Tony Coiera – 9757-1961 or Gina Morosin – 9604-2458



Red Wednesday Mass and Interfaith Gathering – 28 November
Red Wednesday is an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need, supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. It is a day to gather and pray in solidarity with all those who are persecuted and suffer unjustly for their peacefully held religious beliefs. A Red Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at 5.30pm on 28 November at St Mary's Cathedral Sydney.
This will be followed by an interfaith gathering in the Crypt attended by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and leaders from various faith groups. The evening will conclude with St Mary's Cathedral façade being floodlit in red light. For further information visit: www.redwednesday.org

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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