

*He came to pay a debt He
didn't owe*



*Because we owed a debt we
couldn't pay!*

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The Parish Team would like to wish our
Parish Community and visitors a very
special Christmas, filled with abundant
blessings for the Season!

Have a safe and wonderful 2019

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas Offering Envelopes

*This offering is for our Priests -
Fr Jarek & Fr Wojtek*

Wednesday 26th December ~ Feast

St Stephen, the first martyr

Thursday 27th December ~ Feast

St John, apostle, evangelist

“Wine Blessing”

Parishioners are invited to bring a bottle(s) of wine
to the 8am Mass at St Therese's or the 10:30am
Mass at St Benedict's and have their wine blessed.

**Public Holiday & “Octave Season” Mass Times
26th December 2018 (Feast of St Stephen) to
1st January 2019 Inclusive**

St Therese's Church— 8:00am

St Benedict's Church—10:30am

**Wednesday 26th December—NO EVENING MASS
as Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am.**

NEW YEAR'S DAY ~ MASS TIMES

**Tuesday 1st January ~ Solemnity
Mary, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD**

St Therese's: 8:00am

St Benedict's Church: 10:30am

Parish Office Holiday Hours

The Parish Office was closed from end of business
Friday 21st December and will reopen on **Tuesday
8th January 2019.**



Donations at Crib

Donations made at the crib will now go towards
the many works of the Catholic
Mission.

*Thank you for your offerings to
help the poor during this
Christmas Season!*



Holy Family Sunday ~ Sunday 30th December

Couples who have celebrated their Wedding
Anniversary this year are invited to celebrate and
renew their vows at the 10:30am Mass at St
Benedict's. *Anyone wishing to participate please
put your names on the form located in the church
foyer.*

2019 PARISH FACILITY BOOKINGS

(Smithfield & Fairfield West Church & Hall)

Any groups wanting to use these facilities on a regular
basis, please book your dates and times in writing to
the Parish Office. *Thank you.*

*“It is not how much we do, but how much love
we put in the doing.”*

*It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the
giving.”*

~ Mother Teresa ~

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 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 Bouvarde & Stella Street
FAIRFIELD WEST

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5pm (Vietnamese);
7.30am & 9.00am; 12 noon (Spanish); 6pm (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

PARISH INFORMATION

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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

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



Tuesday 25 December 2018 ~ The Nativity of the Lord

*As we celebrate this great season of Christmas, let us take
time to welcome the baby Jesus into the manger of our hearts
that He may bless us and our families.*

*We would like to thank you all for your dedication and
service to our beloved Parish of St Gertrudes and we pray
that you will be truly blessed in the coming year of 2019.*

*Have a very Blessed Christmas and
Happy New Year*

Fr Jarek Zan & Fr Wojtek Sliwa



The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) ~ Vigil & Mass during the Night		salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.	
FIRST READING	Is 9:1-7		The word of the Lord.
A reading from the prophet Isaiah			All: Thanks be to God.
The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.			
The word of the Lord.			
All: Thanks be to God.			
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	Ps 95:1-3. 11-13 R. Lk 2:11		
(R.) Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.			
1.	O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)		
2.	Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)		
3.	Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth. (R.)		
4.	With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth. (R.)		
SECOND READING	Ti 2:11-14		
A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus			
God's grace has been revealed, and it has made			

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) ~ Mass during the Day		God worship him.
FIRST READING	Is 52:7-10	The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.
A reading from the prophet Isaiah		GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.		Alleluia, alleluia! A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!
The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.		GOSPEL Jn 1:1-18
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:1-6. R. v.3		A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
(R.) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.		In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. John appears as his witness, He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.' Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.
1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)		The Gospel of the Lord All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)		
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)		
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)		
SECOND READING Heb 1:1-6		
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews		
At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name. God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of		
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