

2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING *Is 62:1-5*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3*

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

- O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. *(R.)*
- Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. *(R.)*
- Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. *(R.)*
- Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. *(R.)*

SECOND READING *1 Cor 12:4-11*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit;
there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord;
working in all sorts of different ways
in different people, it is the same God who is working
in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person
is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom
given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction
given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit;
another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles;
another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues
and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit,
who

distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *See 2 Thes 2:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Jn 2:1-11*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

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

Next Week: 3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Readings: *Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21*

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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 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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20 January 2019



We welcome the following
Isabella Jordan & Sophia Gregorace
Baptised in our Parish Community

Congratulations to
Christopher Tuckwood & Melinda Speciale
Married in our Parish
May God confirm them in their love.

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
Charlie Saliba, Carmelo Riviera, Grazia Panuccio,
Mario Micallef, Zofia Jarzyna, Betty Stepkovitch,
Antonio Mammone, Carmela Stivala, Vita Blanda,
Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur
at this time :
Nicola Capolupo, Giovanni Caruso, Renato Almici
Maria Todaro

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:
6 Justin St, Smithfield
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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!

Different View

Use of alcohol

Sadly, this text is sometimes used by people to show that Jesus legitimizes drinking alcohol. If there was anything wrong with drinking, they say, Jesus wouldn't have made wine out of water! This argument is used to not only justify consumption of alcohol (sometimes to excess) but also to berate and ridicule those who, for religious and other reasons, abstain from alcohol. It is, of course, a feeble attempt to misappropriate scripture and use it completely out of context and for their own purposes. One could not even justify this argument on the grounds of a literal interpretation of scripture!

Church Cleaners

Week ending 26 January 2019 ~
Group B: PPC/Teachers

Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 13/01/2019
1st Collection \$1568.80 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: \$1769.50 and \$1715.65 Loose Money.

Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

~ St Paul the First Hermit ~
Patron Saint to the Pauline Fathers

 &

Blessed Eusebius
Founder of the Order

Solemn Mass on Sunday 20th January at the 10:30am Mass

You are invited to join us for

~ Study of the Word of God ~

 Lead by

 Elham Khalil

On Fridays at 7pm beginning 8th February 2019
 Open to everyone who would like to attend.
Please show your interest by writing you name on the forms provided at the back of the Church so we can have an indication of how many people will attend to accommodate accordingly.

 Feel free to just show up on the night.

Memorials

Monday 21st January – St Agnes
Thursday 24th January ~ St Francis de Sales

Feast
 ~ Friday 25th January ~
The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle

The **conversion of Paul the Apostle**, was, according to the New Testament, an event in the life of Paul the Apostle that led him to cease persecuting early Christians and to become a follower of Jesus.

AUSTRALIA DAY
 ~ Saturday 26th January ~
8am Mass at St Therese’s Church, Fairfield West

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God,
that as the Cross shines in our southern skies,
so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new, and by saving grace, transform our lives.
~~~~~  
Public Holiday ~ Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January  
Mass Times  
St Therese’s Church ~ Fairfield West: 8am  
St Benedict’s Shrine ~ Smithfield: 10:30am

**SACRAMENT NEWS!**  
**FIRST RECONCILIATION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENTS 2019:** Enrolments are now complete. The Parent Information Evening will be held on: **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**  
  
**SACRAMENTAL OFFICE:** Please be advised the **Sacramental Office is now closed. It will re-open in February 2019.** For all enquiries please email: [sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto: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 MASS & YOUTH GROUP**  
  
Youth group Mass, meetings and music rehearsals will re-commence in February.

~ Altar Servers~  
No Altar Servers meeting throughout the school holidays

**House for Rent**  
The property next to the Church Carpark on Neville Street, is available for rent.  
Please direct any interest to the parish office.

**St Gertrude’s Parish Playgroup**  
Playgroup is closed during the school holidays and will re-open when the new school term begins  
Contact: [playgroup@stgertrude.org](mailto:playgroup@stgertrude.org).

**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, extraordinary 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](mailto:pssso@stgertrude.org.au)

**St Gertrude’s Parish Fund**  
New sets of envelopes will be available to pick up at the end of February.  
Please contact the parish office on 9604 1199 if there are any changes to be made to your envelopes, (contact details etc) **prior to distribution**  
  
Anyone wishing to use envelopes for St Gertrude’s Parish Fund can please complete the following form and return to the parish office as soon as possible.  
    *Thank you for your support!*

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**REQUEST FOR ENVELOPE FORM**  
Please complete this form and place it in the collection plate or post to  
**St Gertrude’s Parish, 6 Justin Street, Smithfield.**  
    *Yes, I would like a set of weekly envelopes*

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**Events & Marketing Coordinator, Fairfield Parish**  
Fairfield Parish is inviting applications for this newly-created position. The primary purpose of this position is to assist the Parish to engage in outreach, faith-renewal, and build up the Parish’s faith-community. The Position Description, which includes the desired requirements for applicants, can be downloaded from: <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au> Permanent salary negotiable. For enquiries, contact Priscilla, Parish Operations Manager: 9724 5997 or 0490 099 551 or [priscilla@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:priscilla@olrfairfield.org.au) Applications are to be submitted in writing, including a CV and cover letter, and close on 20 January 2019.

**Vocation Discernment Weekend Run by The Capuchin Friars 15-17th February 2019**  
Come away for a few days of quiet to reflect upon the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This weekend retreat is for men aged 18-35. Begins 7:30pm Friday and concludes 4pm Sunday at the Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. There will be Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available and quiet time. Come and reflect on God’s will in your life, and these amazing ways of making a gift of self for the glory of God and in service of His Kingdom. The cost is only \$50. Registrations required by 7th February: contact Father Thomas [vocations@capuchinfrs.org.au](mailto:vocations@capuchinfrs.org.au) or

0432 362 052. <https://www.capuchin.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



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