The BAPTISM of the LORD

FIRST READING

Is 40:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley;

and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1

(R.) Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

- Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent. (R.)
- Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. (R.)
- How many are your works, O Lord!
 In wisdom you have made them all.
 The earth is full of your riches.
 There is the sea, vast and wide,
 with its moving swarms past counting,
 living things great and small. (R.)
- All of these look to you
 to give them their food in due season.
 You give it, they gather it up:
 you open your hand, they have their fill. (R.)
- You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

SECOND READING *Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made 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.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Lk 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

GOSPEL Lk 3:15-16. 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week: 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Readings: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

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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 Boulevarde & 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:

First Saturday of the Month: 7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesdays after Mass

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13 January 2019



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

Carmelo Rivera, 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

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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

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

Baptism

John makes clear to the people that the baptism he performs is with water but the baptism by Jesus is with the Holy Spirit. John preached a baptism of repentance. In keeping with his Jewish tradition, John called upon the people to make a public declaration of their wrong-doing and commitment to be washed clean of this sinfulness and desire to live in right relationship with God and others. The baptism to which he refers is the complete change of heart and mind that comes through the Holy Spirit and results from a person accepting the message of Jesus.

Church Cleaners

Week ending 19 January 2019 ~ Group A: Edith

Weekend Parish Collections

If there are people wishing to give to the parish through the envelope system, envelopes are available through the parish office.

Novena

9 day Novena to St Paul the First Hermit started the 6^{th} January and will conclude on the 15th January.

Litany is said after each weekday Mass during this time. Everyone welcome

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



Blessed Eusibius Founder of the Order

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

Renewal of Vows by the Pauline Fathers and Brothers will be said on Tuesday 15th January after the 9.15am Mass at Smithfield.

Wednesday 16th January ~ Our Lady Queen of Hermits ~

Patroness of the Order of St Paul the First Hermit and yearly consecration to our Lady of the Pauline Fathers and Brothers.

Thursday 17th January St Anthony, abbot

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

Please show your interest by writing you name on the forms provided at the back of the Church. Thank you!

2019 PARISH FACILITY BOOKINGS

(Smithfield & Fairfield West Church & Hall)
Attention ALL groups wanting to use the above facilities for 2019, please book your dates and times, in writing, to the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you.

SACRAMENT NEWS!

FIRST RECONCILATION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENTS 2019: Enrolments are now complete. The Parent Information Evening will be held on: Wednesday 13th 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 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, will be available for rent in 2019. 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.

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 psso@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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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 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@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432 362 052. https://www.capuchin.org.au

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