

FIRST SUNDAY of LENT

FIRST READING

Dt 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: ‘The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: “My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.” You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.’

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: ‘My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!’ (R.)

2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)

3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)

4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: ‘I am with you.’ I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

SECOND READING

Rom 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same

Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Lk 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.’ But Jesus replied, ‘Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.’ Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, ‘I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.’ Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. ‘If you are the Son of God’, he said to him ‘throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.’ But Jesus answered him, ‘It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.’ Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 9:28-36

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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

St Theresa’s Church

Corner The Boulevard & Stella Street
FAIRFIELD

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



Parish Priest


Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE

Assistant Priests

Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE &
Fr Peter James Strohmayr OSPPE

FIRST SUNDAY in LENT

10 March 2019



We pray for the sick of this parish

John Denniss, Santina Pomili, Adam Westwood, 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

Luciano Zadro, Francisco Astroza, Otto Mild, Angela Colusso, Cosimo Cutri, Alan Brown, Ema Capasso, Charlie Saliba, Carmelo Riviera,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time :

Carmelo Currenti, Leonora Maugeri, Elio Forner, Joseph Furfaro



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
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!



Have you
thought?
The Devil

The personification of ‘the devil’ is sometimes difficult to contemplate. The one who tempts Jesus in the wilderness is referred to in this passage as ‘the devil’. Devil is the English translation of a Greek word, diabolos. As the gospel of Luke was originally written in Greek, we can assume that diabolos was the word used. Diabolos has several meanings: the accuser; the slanderer; the one who separates. It is the purpose of the temptations to ‘separate’ Jesus from God and from his intended approach to his ministry. The temptations we face are often those that ‘separate’ us from what we know to be right.

Church Cleaners

Weekending 16 March 2019 ~
Group D : Grace & Pina’s Group

Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 3/3/2019
1st Collection \$1656.50 goes to Fr. Jarek, Fr Wojtek & Fr Peter James as well as the upkeep of their Order of St Paul the First Hermit.
2nd Collection: Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$1932.50 and \$1279.50 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

~ Wedding Anniversary Blessing ~
SUNDAY 10TH MARCH at the 10:30am Mass
All Married couples celebrating a Wedding Anniversary during the month of March are invited to attend and receive a Blessing.
(Marriage Blessings will continue every 2nd Sunday of the month)

LENT
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THE SEASON OF LENT is the most appropriate time for celebrating the **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**
Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God has heard the solemn invitation, *turn away from sin and believe the good news.*
In Lent, the Alleluia is omitted at Mass and at the Hours, even in celebrations of solemnities and feasts.

† Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 251-52)

† Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday and the Sacrament of penance too.

† Reconciliation is held on Saturday's from 4:45pm – 5:45pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday during Lent

+ **St Benedict's Church, Smithfield:** at 7pm

+ **St Therese's Church:** after the 7am Mass & 7pm in Italian.

LENTEN GROUPS
Tuesdays after the 9:15am Mass & Thursdays at 7pm – Led by Fr Peter Strohmayer
In the Parish Office.

2019 LENTEN PROGRAM (few books still available)
(Catholic Diocese of Wollongong)
TRUST includes short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) in addition to the longer-form Sunday Gospel reflections, spiritual direction, gospel readings, responsorial psalms, prayers and reflection questions that are traditionally part of the Lenten program for groups.

Therefore, **TRUST** is also perfect for individuals who cannot attend a Lenten group.

TRUST is accompanied by a Triple CD Resource that includes six beautiful responsorial psalms recorded especially for the Lenten program—written by acclaimed Catholic composer, **Paul Mason**, and arranged and performed by one of Australia's leading session musicians, **Seth Harsh**, and sung by the talented **Michaela Rose** and **Fiesta Mataele**.

Please contact the parish office on 9604 1199 to purchase your book
Books: \$10

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!
First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2019 (Year 3 and above)
Eligible enrolled families will be contacted this week with more information regarding lesson and ceremony dates. There will be an important **compulsory Parent Information Meeting on Wednesday, 13th March 2019** at 7:30 pm in the Montefano Hall. Week One lessons will begin Friday 15th March.
Confirmation 2019
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish on Sunday 8th September 2019, at 2 pm and 4 pm. Enrolments will take place in the beginning of Term 2. More information to come.
Sacrament Coordinator: Helena Mertin
Email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au
Alternatively, phone: 9725 4317 (Tues/Wed) or leave a message.

PARISH RETREAT DAY
~ Thursday 14th March ~
Fr Piotr Prusakiewicz CSMA will be visiting Sydney to conduct retreats and presentations and will visit our parish on the 14th March.
RETREAT PROGRAM
St Therese's, Fairfield West
7am Mass with homily on the Holy Angels
St Benedict's Shrine, Smithfield
9:15am: Mass and spiritual talk on the Holy Angels
10:30am: St Gertrude's School Children talk
6:00pm: Spiritual talk on Divine Mercy and Confessions
7:00pm: Mass with homily on St Michael Archangel, followed by enrolment of the Scapular of St Michael and Prayers for Healing

Smithfield YOUTH MASS
Held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month at the 6pm evening Mass
Next Mass: Sunday 17th March 2019
Youth Program is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month. 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall.
Next YOUTH PROGRAM: 17th March 2019
All Youth Welcome

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS
Monday 11th March at 7.30pm Group 1
(Second Monday of the Month)
Monday 25th March at 7.30pm Group 2
(last Monday of the Month)

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING
Tuesday 12th March ~ St Benedict's Church
4:15pm – 5:15pm

NEW MONSTRANCE
Thank you to all who have generously donated \$8088.95 towards the \$7500 needed to purchase the new monstrance.
Thank you kindly for your generosity.

MEN'S ROSARY GROUP MEETING
Thursday 28th March at 7pm
In St Benedict's Church

ONE MONTH ANNIVERSARY MASS
For the late **COSIMO (CHARLIE) CUTRI** has been rescheduled from Friday 15th March to **MONDAY 11TH MARCH at 7pm,** St Benedict's Church Smithfield.
Everyone welcome

You are invited to join us for
~ Study of the Word of God ~ Lead by Elham Khalil
On Fridays at 7:30pm in the Parish Office
Open to everyone who would like to attend.
Feel free to just show up on the night

ST THERESE'S HALL, FAIRFIELD WEST
Work is still taking place at St Therese's Hall. Unfortunately, the hall will not be available for use during this time.
We thank you for your patience.

CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR HOLY WEEK
Interested Parishioners are welcome to attend Choir rehearsals held in the Parish House on Monday's at 7:30pm for Holy Week. If you are interested please send an email to Anna on liturgy@stgertrude.org.au

MARY MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE WAKELEY OPEN DAY
Wednesday 13th March 2019
9:30am – 12:30pm

St Gertrude's Parish Playgroup
When: Thursday's **Time:** 9:30am – 11:30am
Where: In the demountable behind the Montefano Hall.
Please contact the Parish Office for enquiries
Ph: 96041199 Or email:

PATRICIAN BROTHERS COLLEGE FAIRFIELD
PATRICIAN FAIR – 10TH MAY 2019
Food Trucks, Games & Rides
1:00pm – Open to current students
3:00pm – Open to the public.
7:00pm – Foti Fireworks to close

MALTESE WELFARE (NSW) Inc is organising a seminar on all 'THE JOYS & CHALLENGES OF GRANDPARENTING.'
Wednesday the 27th March 2019 at 7.30pm
At the St. George Preca Parish Hall
At OLQP Church, Greystanes
Main Speaker: Solicitor Paul Sant & Councillor Carmel Gauci
Grandparenting has become an important part of our life
What are the legal & social obligations?
English/Maltese spoken and all welcome
Free admission and light refreshments.

FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA
La FCI Annuncia le Attivita del Mese di MARZO

***TESSERAMENTO Rinnuovo.**
La cerimonia dei Membri verra' celebrata
Domenica 24 Marzo durante La Santa Mess Italiana 8 am.
Tutti siete Benvenuti. Seguito con rinfresco nella sala Montefano.

***TOMBOLA Primo e Terzo Venerdi'. Il primo e 15 di Marzo**
Con Caffè', Dolci e Panini per Pranzo.
Nella sala MONTEFANO SMITHFIELD
dale 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.

***RIUNIONE IMPORTANTE de Membri – Martedì' 12 Marzo**
Nella sala MONTEFANO Smithfield.

GREAT NEWS!
Parish Bingo
Hosted by ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION (FCI)
Montefano Hall: 1st and 3rd Friday of each Month
Let's unite as a Parish
Numbers called in English & Italian
Come Join Us for BINGO from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm in Montefano Hall
With Coffee/biscuits for morning tea & Bread Rolls for lunch.
Antonio (Tony) Colera: 9757-1961 or 0409-908424
Gina Morosin: 9604-2458 or 0417-203908
Hope to see you on Fridays
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GOD BLESS
ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME!

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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