

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy)

FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

(R.)

2. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

3. O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light. (R.)

SECOND READING

Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Apoc 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

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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

St Theresa's Church

Corner The Boulevarde & Stella Street
FAIRFIELD WEST

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

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

ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH • SMITHFIELD




Parish Priest
Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE

Assistant Priests
Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE &
Fr Peter James Strohmayer OSPPE

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

28 April 2019



Congratulations to
Julia AZIZ & Simon Abela
Married in our Parish

May God confirm them in their love.

We pray for the sick of this parish

Jane Galea, 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

John Denniss, Pietro Di Donato, Luisa Olivieri,
Pasquale Stivala, Luciano Zadro, Francisco Astroza, Otto Mild, Angela Colusso, Cosimo Cutri,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time :

Fr Jose Maria Enedaguilla, Elio Forner,
Giorgio Mascia, Giovanna Vurchio,
Josephine Yelenazza,



PARISH INFORMATION

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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

Divine Mercy Sunday Mass & Devotions 3pm Sunday 28 April

Find out the basics.

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Blessed John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/celebrate/greatgrace/dms.php>

Church Cleaners
Weekending 4 May 2019 ~
Group A : Edith, Jane, Francis, Jean

Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 21/4/2019

(amounts for the 21st April will be advertised next weekend)

1st Collection 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: and Loose Money.

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

Divine Mercy Special Mass

Sunday 28th April ~ 3pm

St Benedict's Church

followed by devotion to the Divine Mercy including Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Blessing of the image and veneration.



~ Feasts ~

Monday 29 April ~ St Catherine of Sienna

Friday 3 May ~ Sts Philip & James

~ Memorial ~

Thursday 2 May ~ St Athanasius

EASTER THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to all who were involved in the preparations for Holy Week & Easter.

May God Bless you all for your hard work & dedication.

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~ Wedding Anniversary Blessing ~

(No Blessing during April)

SUNDAY 12th May 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)

CWF APPEAL

(Charitable Works Fund)

Weekend of the 4th & 5th May

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is a centralised fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

It is your charity, the charity of the Sydney Catholic community and your local parish.

The CWF funds the following ministries:

- * Catholic Care
- * Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)
- * Ephpheta Centre
- * Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
- * The Seminarians
- * Chaplaincies

All donations over \$2 are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE**.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

- Parent Meeting – Tuesday 7th May at 7:30 pm in the Montefano Hall.
- First Communion classes will begin 10th May and continue for 4 weeks.
- Reconciliation Rehearsal – Thursday 6th June at 7 pm in the Church.
- Reception of First Reconciliation – Tuesday 11th June, 6:45 pm SHARP in the Church.
 - **REHEARSALS:**
 - CEREMONY 1 – Tuesday 18th June, 7 pm
 - CEREMONY 2 – Friday 21st June, 7 pm
- **HOLY COMMUNION CEREMONIES: FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI**
 - CEREMONY 1 – Saturday 22nd June, 6 pm
 - CEREMONY 2 – Sunday 23rd June, 10:30 am

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 at Parish Masses on 18/19 May and 25/26 May. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament Coordinator: Helena Mertin

Email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au

Alternatively, phone: 9725 4317 (Tues/Wed) or leave a message.

Ordination to the Priesthood



Br Dn Jeremy Santoso

&

Br Dn Zachary Lewis

will be Ordained to the Priesthood on

Saturday 25 May

at Shrine Our Lady of Mercy Church, Penrose Park.

A bus has been booked for this occasion and if interested, please contact our Parish Office to book your

seat. \$23 pp

Smithfield YOUTH MASS

Held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month at the 6pm evening Mass

Next Mass: Sunday 5th May 2019

Youth Program is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month. 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall.

Next YOUTH PROGRAM: 19th May

All Youth Welcome

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS

Monday 29th April at 7.30pm Group 2

(last Monday of the Month)

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS

Monday 13th May at 7.30pm Group 1

(Second Monday of the Month)

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

Tuesday 7th May ~ St Benedict's Church

4:30pm – 5:15pm

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:

~ 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

Fairfield Active Maltese Seniors

Tues 30 April @ 10 am St Theresa's Church Hall

Cnr Stella Street & The Boulevarde

Join us for M/Tea and find out what Talk on Core Community Services can do for you!

All Members & Parishioners welcome.

Contact Marisa: 0414 863 123

This is a Welfare service of the MCC

Prepare to reach beyond...

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. **Overseas Catholic communities** are inviting you to **immerse yourself** for 1 to 2 years.

If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by **sharing them with our global family!**

Come for **Global Mission Info:**

Sunday May 26th @ 10:30am

Aquinas Academy

141 Harrington Street,

The Rocks, SYDNEY



Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can.

~ St Mary Mackillop of the Cross ~

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

GREAT NEWS ~ PARISH BINGO

Numbers called in Italian & English, as well as displayed on a Screen.

Hosted by the ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION Smithfield

*Bingo is held every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month

(except April due to Easter)

Therefore, will be held on Friday the 5th and 12th.

Followed by coffee, cakes & biscuits for Moring Tea & Bread rolls for Lunch, Held in the Montefano Hall 10am to 1pm.



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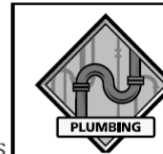
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