

Ascension of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. ‘It is,’ he had said, ‘what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.’ Now having met together, they asked him, ‘Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.’ As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, ‘Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.’

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.

2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.

3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of

glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. ‘And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.’ Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Next Week: Pentecost Sunday

Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Rom 8:8-17; Jn 14:15-16, 23-26 (Vigil Mass Readings refer to overhead)

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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 Priests

Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE &
Fr Peter James Strohmayer 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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

2nd June 2019



We welcome the following

Avaya Melluso

Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish

David Lazarus, Santina Pomili, Adam Westwood, Kartia Grace Russell, Gino Mifsud, Rina Favotto, Ivy Fernandes, 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

Geoffrey Manche, Armando Longo, Erasmo Tolemo, Ovidio Fedele, Phyliss Richardson, Alina Przewoznik, Giovanni Tasca, Nina Vella, Celestina Garce, Domenica Carpiantieri, George Posa, Peter Klish, Luciana Veneran, Nicoletta Buontempo, John Denniss,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time :

Antonio Polo, Luigi D’Elia, Giovanna Panarello, Elisa Di donato, Richard Soulie, William Mascarenias, Robert D’Costa



PARISH INFORMATION

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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!

LIVING the GOSPEL

You will be my witnesses

Organisers of the twenty-third World Youth Day hosted by Sydney in 2008 took as its theme verse 8 of the passage from Acts 1 that is today’s first reading: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses.” The choice of this theme for a world-wide gathering of young people of faith is a significant reminder of the call of Jesus to go out to the ends of the earth and to bear witness to his message. These are the final words on earth attributed to Jesus and they echo to us through time.

Church Cleaners

Weekending 8 June 2019
Group A ~ Edith’s Group

Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 26/05/2019

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 \$1,642.60

2nd Collection Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$2,415.20 and Loose Money: \$1,019.00

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

Novena to the Holy Spirit after each Mass

Began Friday 31st May and concludes on Pentecost Sunday 9th June



The **Pentecost Vigil Mass** next Saturday will be celebrated. It is similar to the Easter Vigil, in that it has four short Old Testament Readings. The Readings reflect on the Holy Spirit, starting in Genesis. After the Liturgy of the Word, the Mass continues as usual. Parishioners are welcome to come to this celebration which concludes the Season of Easter.



Congratulations and Prayers to
Fr Jeremy Santoso & Fr Zachary Lewis
as you begin your priestly service to the people.

First Mass for
Fr Zachary Lewis

At St Benedict's Shrine
Smithfield, Sunday 2nd June at the 10:30am Mass
followed by a celebration in the
Montefano Hall after the Mass.

~ Please bring a plate to share ~



It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that we announce the sad and tragic accident and passing of our young parishioner Geoffrey Manche.

Geoff is the beloved son of Zofia and Stephen Manche, brother to Jessica and grandson to Lycia Manche.

On behalf of Fr Jarek, Fr Wojtek and Fr Peter James & the Parish Community we would like to extend our condolences, thoughts and prayers to the Manche Family.

Please pray for Geoff and especially the family in this difficult time. May God grant them the consolation and strength to cope with his loss.

The family have also requested privacy during this period.

Funeral details are unknown at this time, but as soon as this information is known we will pass this information to the community.



R.I.P. Geoffrey Manche



SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

FIRST RECONCILIATION

- 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.

HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSALS:

- CEREMONY 1 – Tuesday 18th June, 7 pm

- CEREMONY 2 – Friday 21st June, 7 pm

HOLY COMMUNION CEREMONIES: FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

- CEREMONY 1 – Sat 22nd June, 6 pm

- CEREMONY 2 – Sun 23rd June, 10:30 am

CONFIRMATION 2019

Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish on Sunday 8th September. If your child is in Year 6 or above, and you would like to enrol your child, please contact the Sacrament Office by 13th June.

All enquiries, please contact the Sacramental Office.

Email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au

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

Smithfield YOUTH MASS

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

Next Mass: Sunday 2 June 2019

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

Next YOUTH PROGRAM: 16th June

All Youth Welcome

~ Study of the Word of God ~ Lead by Elham Khalil

Fridays at 7:30pm in the Parish Office

Open to everyone who would like to attend

Altar Servers Meeting

Tuesday 4th June

4.30 - 5.15pm

St Benedict's Church

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS

Monday 10th June at 7.30pm Group 1
(Second Monday of the Month)

Monday 30th June at 7.30pm Group 2
(last Monday of the Month)

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*

Working With Children Check (WWCC)

All volunteers are now required to have their WWCC check.

If you are currently volunteering/working in any ministry within the parish and do not have your WWCC then you are required to step down immediately. Please contact the parish office if you have any concerns. Thankyou!

** ANNUAL MAJOR CHARITY NIGHT **

SPAGHETTATA (SPAGHETTI NIGHT)

Hosted By The ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

**** PARISHONERS COME JOIN US! ALL WELCOME ****

3 Course Meal ; Music ; Dancing ; Lucky Door Prizes;
Raffles

7:00 pm Saturday 6th July in Montefano Hall

Tickets ; Adults \$55 & Childrens under 12 only \$15

A Night to Remember

{All profits raised goes to various Charities in our Community}

RSVP: By Sunday 30th of June . For more Information.

Please Call Tony Coiera : 0409 908424 or

Gina Morosin 9604 2458

Personal Property

Please be mindful of your personal property during Mass. It is advised to take your handbags with you to Communion.

Pentecost Sunday Join us at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes.

We will be praying that this Pentecost will be a time for the Holy Spirit to fill us with hope and trust and power in the face of the challenges facing our Church and our world. We start with prayer and praise at 11.30am followed by concelebrated Mass with Fr Tony Alex MGL. Fr Tony will be reflecting on the command of Jesus: "He instructed them that they take nothing for their journey, except a mere staff – no bread, no bag, no money in their belt." (Mark 6:8). After a BBQ lunch there will be teaching, adoration, Benediction and prayer for healing until 5.30pm. Enquiries - CCR office: 9810 2499.

Men's Breakfast at John the Baptist Bonnyrigg Heights

Saturday, 29 June 2019 - 45 Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights

8am: Registration/Adoration/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8.00am: Mass

9:15am: Hot breakfast served

10am: Keynote Speaker Robert Haddad on "Faith under Fire"

10:30am: Group discussion, Q&A,

11:30am: Closing Prayer

Contact- Parish Office, ph: 9823 2572,

E: info@johnthebaptist.org.au

Mob: 0411 281 299 Branko Poljak

Bereavement Support Reflection Mornings.

Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support Ph: 9646 6908

bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

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.



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