

22nd Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses:
not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or
a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice
speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no
more should be said to them. But what you have come to
is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly
Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for
the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a
'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to
God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with
spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to
Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 14:1. 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house
of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him
closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he
had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He
said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast,
do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more
distinguished person than you may have been invited,
and the person who invited you both may come and say,
"Give up your place to this man." And then, to your
embarrassment, you would have to go and take the
lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way
to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host
comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that
way, everyone with you at the table will see you
honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be
humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be
exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a
dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich
neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting
you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the
poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot
pay you back means that you are fortunate, because
repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise
again.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Mt 5:9-10

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Next Week: 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

*Readings: Wis 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10, 12-17;
Lk 14:25-33*

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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

22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

1 September 2019



Congratulations to

Jackie Kassab & David Nidiliane
Married in our Parish

May God confirm them in their love.

We pray for the sick of this parish

Fr Anthony David OSPPE, Kevin Dicconson,
David Lazarus, Santina Pomili, Adam Westwood,
Emile & Mary Kodsy, Kartia Grace Russell,
Gino Mifsud & Ivy Fernandes.

**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

Philomena Greenwood,
Mary Grech, Bertilla Colusso, Josephine Micallef,
James Singh, Rocco Febbo,
Giuseppe Speranza, Filomena Monaco, Gigiliola
Puiatti, Rosina Gigliotti, Lorna Green,
Rina Favotto, Geoffery Manche,

Recently Deceased

**And for those whose Anniversaries occur
at this time :**

Pasqualina Garzaniti, Gabriele Chiavaroli,
Santa Reitano, Dominic Napoletano,
Giuseppe Castagnella, Filippa Crisafulli

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

Pope's Intention: SEPTEMBER

The Protection of the Oceans

That politicians, scientists and
economists work together to
protect the world's seas and
oceans.

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

What's the cost?

Jesus' message about humility is as
relevant today as it was in the first
century. It is part of human nature to
want to fit in and to want to belong.
Sometimes we are tempted to seek
this acceptance at any cost. When
our sense of belonging is achieved
through the harming, humiliation or
exploitation of others then the price
is too high. When our desire for the
latest fashion comes at the expense
of others being able to simply live,
then the price is too high. When we lift
ourselves up by putting others down,
then the price is too high.

Church Cleaners

Weekending 7 September
Group D Grace & Pina's Group

Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 25/08/2019

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 \$1,594.75

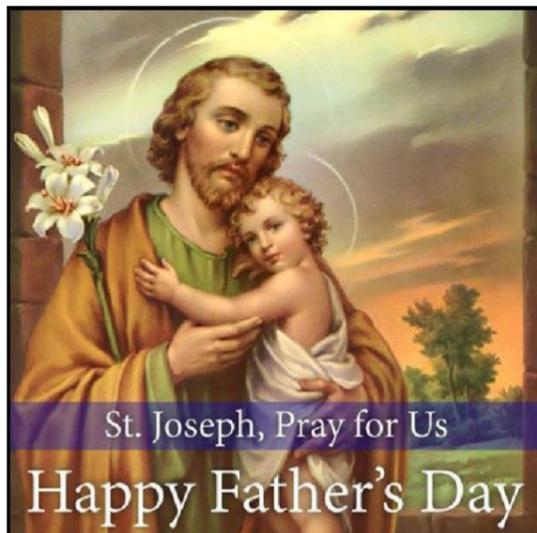
2nd Collection Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$1,690.05 Loose Money: \$1,395.40

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

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY ~ 1st September

A special Father's Day Blessing will be given at all Masses this weekend.

Morning tea will be held after the Sunday 10:30am Mass.



Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to You for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender, in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. St Joseph, Pray for all our Fathers, Amen

Special Collection This weekend 31st/1st ~ Priest's Retirement Foundation ~

Even in retirement, most priests, while their health allows, will continue to serve the community, in particular, by the celebration of the weekend masses in parishes and assisting as chaplains in aged care facilities.

The Priests' Retirement Foundation covers needs such as

- * Convalescence care
- * Nursing home and hostel care for frail priests.
- * Assistance in transitioning to retirement
- * Health insurance
- * Medical and dental expenses
- * Assistance with board and lodging expenses.

The Archdiocese will give two dollars for every dollar contributed to the Priests' Retirement Foundation.

~ Memorial ~

*** St Gregory the Great (pope, doctor)**

Tuesday 3rd September

*** Spring Ember Day**

Friday 6th September

EMBER DAYS mark the beginning of each of the four seasons. In Australia, the Church observes the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring (March and September) as special days of prayer and penance, focussing on the environment, the seasons and God's providence.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS ~ 6th September

St Benedict's Church

9:15am ~ Mass followed by exposition & prayers
7:00pm ~ Mass followed by exposition, devotion & confessions

St Therese's Church

First Friday 6:30am Exposition & confessions followed by Mass at 7:00am

First Saturday of the month
7am ~ Rosary & confessions followed by Mass at 8am

CONFIRMATION 2019

Important dates for your diary:

- **RETREAT - Friday 6th September from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- **REHEARSALS:**
 - Ceremony 1 - Monday 2nd Sept at 7 p.m.
 - Ceremony 2 - Thursday 5th Sept at 7 p.m.
- **CONFIRMATION MASSES:**
 - Ceremony 1 - Sunday 8th Sep at 2 p.m.
 - Ceremony 2 - Sunday 8th Sep at 4 p.m.

Please keep the candidates and their families in your prayers.

Wedding Anniversary Blessing ~

Sunday 8th September ~ 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)

Altar Servers Meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 10th September
4:30 - 5.15pm

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS

Monday 9 September at 7.30pm Group 1
(Second Monday of the Month)

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

Smithfield YOUTH MASS

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

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

All Youth Welcome

SENIORS GROUP MEETING

~ Friday the 13th September ~ 10:30am
at St Therese's Hall

PARISH BBQ

~ Saturday 14th September~
After the 6pm Mass

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 for your cooperation.

NEW CANDLE STAND AT ST THERESE'S CHURCH, FAIRFIELD WEST

A big thank you to Mrs Rachel Romeo who very generously donated the money to purchase the new candle stand for St Therese's Church.

It is a welcome upgrade to the last stand that was not working properly.

Thank you kindly for your generosity!

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

Tuesday 17th September - 6:30pm

MOVIE ~ 'UNPLANNED'

Hoyts Wetherill Park

\$14 per person.

Please contact the parish office to book during the week or after the Masses on the weekend.

Tickets selling fast!

A gripping film about one woman's journey that captures your heart and never lets go! Unplanned cuts past the rhetoric and the politics to tell the story about an insider who saw the truth about abortion and how it changed her life.

CFW August Appeal

Thank you to all who donated towards the CFW appeal.

A total of **\$2126.40** has been generously donated so far.

Your donation supports the works of the charitable agencies and social services in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

This is a **Tax-deductible donation** (over \$2) and your generosity supports our parish **financial commitment of \$27,000** that we as a parish are obliged to pay every year to this appeal.



The ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION S/Field

**Bingo held every 1st and 3rd Friday of each Month

For more information Please Contact:

Tony Coiera 0409 908424 Gina Morosin; 9604 2458

+++All money Raised is distributed to Various Charities +++

Book Launch: Hidden in the Shadow of Love

Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor invites friends of Eileen O'Connor, Servant of God, to the office launch of the book: "Hidden in the Shadow of Love: The Story of Mother Theresa McLaughlin and our Lady's Nurses for the Poor" by Jocelyn Hedley. The book will be launched by Most Rev. Anthony Randazzo, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney.

When: 11am Saturday 28 September

Where: Our Lady's Home, 35 Dudley St, Coogee

Followed by a light luncheon. RSVP by 13 September

at olnp@ourladyesnurses.org.au or call (02) 9665 6331

Trauma affects us all differently

If you have been affected by trauma either recently or in the past, our counsellors have specialist experience working through loss. Call **CCareline on 13 18 19** to be connected to our free counselling service today.

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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