

26th Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON   *Dn 3:31,29,30,43,42*

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING   *Am 6:1. 4-7*

*A reading from the prophet Amos*  
The almighty Lord says this:  
  
Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion  
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain  
of Samaria.  
Lying on ivory beds  
and sprawling on their divans,  
they dine on lambs from the flock,  
and stall-fattened veal;  
they bawl to the sound of the harp,  
they invent new instruments of music like David,  
they drink wine by the bowlful,  
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,  
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.  
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;  
the sprawlers’ revelry is over.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM   Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

**(R.)Praise the Lord, my soul!**  

1.   It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

2.   It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)

3.   He upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion’s God, from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING           *1 Tm 6:11-16*

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy*  
As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be  
saintly and religious, filled with faith and love,  
patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith  
and win for yourself the eternal life to which you  
were called when you made your profession and  
spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses.  
Now, before God the source of all life and before  
Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the  
truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty  
of doing all that you have been told, with no faults  
or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus  
Christ,  
  
who at the due time will be revealed  
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,  
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,  
who alone is immortal,

whose home is in inaccessible light,  
whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:  
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION   *2 Cor 8:9*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.  
*Alleluia!*

GOSPEL                   *Lk 16:19-31*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*  
Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘There was a rich man who  
used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast  
magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor  
man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to  
fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man’s  
table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the  
poor man died and was carried away by angels to the  
bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was  
buried.  
  
‘In his torment in Hades he looked up and  
saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom.  
So he cried out, “Father Abraham, pity me and  
send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool  
my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.” “My  
son,” Abraham replied “remember that during your life  
good things come your way, just as bad things came the  
way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while  
you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you  
a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted  
to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any  
crossing from your side to ours.”  
  
‘The rich man replied, “Father, I beg you then to  
send Lazarus to my father’s house, since I have five  
brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come  
to this place of torment too.” “They have Moses and the  
prophets,” said Abraham “let them listen to them.” “Ah  
no, father Abraham,” said the rich man “but if someone  
comes to them from the dead, they will repent.”  
Then Abraham said to him, “If they will not listen either  
to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced  
even if someone should rise from the dead.”’

The Gospel of the Lord  
**All:     Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON   *Cf. Ps 118:49-50*

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Next Week: 27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
*Readings:   Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-9*

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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 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

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29 September 2019



**Congratulations to**  
Lauren BOURKE & Riccardo FRANCO  
Hana MAUGA & Reginald WARREN  
Jahleen AGIUS & Brian MAI

**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 Kody,  
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**  
Grace Saliba, Nancy Maklouf,  
Philomena Greenwood, Mary Grech,  
Bertilla Colusso, Josephine Micallef,  
James Singh, Rocco Febbo,  
Giuseppe Speranza, Filomena Monaco,  
Gigliola Puiatti, Rosina Gigliotti, Lorna Green,  
**Recently Deceased**

**And for those whose Anniversaries occur  
at this time :**  
  
Innocenzo Panebianco, Pasqualina Garzaniti,  
Gabriele Chiavaroli, Santa Reitano,  
Dominic Napoletano,  
Giuseppe Castagnella, Filippa Crisafulli

PARISH INFORMATION

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[sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au)  
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Liturgy: 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert  
[liturgy@stgertrude.org.au](mailto: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)

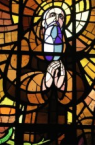
Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199  
1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month during the  
10.30am Mass at St Benedict’s Church; &  
Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict’s

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**  
**Paying attention**  
*It’s easy to be distracted by ‘having’ and  
forget to pay attention to ‘being’. There  
is no suggestion in the gospel passage  
that the rich man is in any way wicked  
or sinful, other than his lack of attention  
to the needs of one sitting at his gate.  
In the eyes of his neighbours, he was  
probably a very upright and just man,  
fulfilling all the purity requirements of  
his faith. But his focus of attention was  
on himself and not others. He lacked  
the compassion and mellowness of  
heart that Jesus reminded people was  
expected by God.*

**Church Cleaners**  
*Weekending 5 October  
Group C ~ Warren Wilson & Family*



### Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 22/09/2019

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection** goes to Fr. Jarek, Fr Wojtek & Fr Peter James as well as the upkeep of their Order of St Paul the First Hermit \$1,505.10

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$1,615.00**  
**Loose Money: \$967.15**

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

### Rosary during month of October

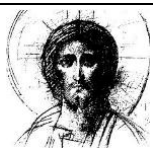
Please join parishioners in saying the Rosary Week Nights at 7pm at St Therese's Church Fairfield West and before Masses in St Benedict's Church Smithfield.

### MONDAY 7 OCTOBER ~ LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY MASSES:

8am St Therese's F/W  
10.30am St Benedict's Smithfield

### Pauline Fathers Retreat 30th September to 4th October

The priests will be away during this period and ask that you please pray for them.



**Listen! "Come to me, all of you, who are tired and overburdened, and I will give you rest." Mt 11:28**

The Neocatechumenal Way of St Gertrude's Parish Smithfield, are offering a series of catechesis that come to answer the situations of your life today for adults and young people.

**Every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30pm, beginning Tuesday 24th September.**

**Meeting in St Gertrude's Chapel, Cnr of Justin St & Neville St Smithfield.**

For more information, contact Brad on 0431 271 620

### SENIORS GROUP MEETING ~ F/ WEST CHURCH & HALL

Friday the 11th October  
10:00am: Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church  
10:30am: Coffee, tea, a chat and line dancing for beginners in the hall

### PARISH BBQ After the 6pm Mass ~ Saturday 12 October ~

### YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS

Monday 14 October at 7.30pm Group 1  
(Second Monday of the Month)

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm Group 2  
(last Monday of the Month)

### Altar Servers Meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 22 October 4:30 - 5.15pm  
\*No Meeting during School Holidays

### ~ Wedding Anniversary Blessing ~

**Sunday 13 October ~ at the 10:30am mass**

All Married couples celebrating a Wedding Anniversary during the month of October are invited to attend and receive a Blessing.

### Men's Rosary Group ~ 24th October

Every 4th Thursday of each month

## Smithfield YOUTH MASS

**Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month at the 6pm evening Mass**

**Youth Program is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall.**

*All Youth Welcome*

### Catholic Mission Appeal

**Weekend of the 5th & 6th October**

DO NOT FEAR

*for I am with you*

*Isaiah 41:10*

Reach out. Give life.

Please give generously

### SACRAMENT NEWS:

Confirmation Photo Collection will take place on Friday 18th October from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the Montefano Hall.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2020 enrolments will take place on 2/3 Nov and 9/10 Nov at Parish Masses. Enrolment forms will be available at the beginning of Term 4.

**Please note:** The Sacramental office will be **CLOSED** during the school holidays and will re-open on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

*For all enquires please contact Helena*  
*- [sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au) or 9725 4317 (Tues/Wed, 10 am - 4 pm).*

### St Gertrude's Parish Playgroup

**When:** Thursday's (during School Term)

**Time:** 9:30am - 11:30am

**Where:** In the demountable behind the Montefano Hall.

*Please contact the Parish Office for enquiries*  
*Ph: 96041199 Or email: [officac@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:officac@stgertrude.org.au)*

### SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation started Sunday 1st Sept. and runs through to October 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, and Pope Francis said, "is a time conducive to the praise of God for all his creatures and the assumption of responsibility in the face of the cry of the Earth."

See <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2019-09/pope-s-appeal-to-pray-reflect-and-act-to-safeguard-creation.html>

The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, "creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself". Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation. *Laudato Si (2015) 236*

### 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.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

### Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 13 October 2019 (Behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2.30pm followed by Mass and Blessing of the Sick at 3pm. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Richard Umbers.

*Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.*

**Society of Our Lady of Lourdes.**

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### Walk with Christ

Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the **Feast of Christ The King on November 24 at 2.30pm.**

Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city.

Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on November 24.

Daylight Saving Time - Sunday, 6 October 2019 at

2:00am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to 3:00am Sunday 6 October.

### Free Event

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
in  
Christ

*A Spiritual Concert for Mental Health Awareness with Catholic and Orthodox Performers*

**Saturday 26th October 2019**

St Mark Coptic Catholic Church 533 Reservoir Road, Prospect.

### Special Guest Speaker

Dr Wanda Skowronska Catholic Psychologist

**Featuring** COSIMA Devito No. 1 Aria Singles Chart Artist

**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](mailto: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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