

27th Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON   *Cf. Est 4:17*

*Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.*

FIRST READING   *Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4*

*A reading from the prophet Habakkuk*

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry ‘Oppression!’ in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said,

‘Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.’

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM   *Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8*

**(R) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ (R)

SECOND READING       *2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14*

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy*

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God’s gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION    *1 Pt 1:25*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News.

*Alleluia!*

GOSPEL *Lk 17:5-10*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith.’ The Lord replied, ‘Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you.

‘Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, “Come and have your meal immediately”? Would he not be more likely to say, “Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards”? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, “We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty.”’

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON   *Lam 3:25*

*The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.*

Next Week: 28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

*Readings:  2 Kg 5:14-17; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19*

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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 Boulevarde & 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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6 October, 2019



We welcome the following

Cartia KRZTON,

Baptised in our Parish Community

Congratulations to

Sophia VENERI & Aukustino PENIATA  
Cynthia VARACALLI & Frank PIPERATA

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 :

Enrico Muio, Agostino Santucci,  
Achille Pavone (Frank), Immacolata Carioti,  
Antoniette Colaiacolo, Dominic Lagudi,  
Pasquale Beraradinelli, Vita Blanda



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  
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

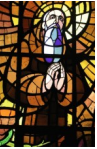
Marriages: Parish Office 9604 1199  
By appointment only (6 months required)

Sick Calls: 9604 1199  
Any Time

Pope’s Intention: OCTOBER  
A Missionary “Spring” in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit  
engender a new missionary “spring”  
in the Church.

*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!*

gospel focus

Faith

*The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question – and the reply given by Jesus – does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to others.*

Church Cleaners

Weekending 12 October  
Group D ~ Grace & Pina, Helen,  
Suong



### Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 29/09/2019

**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 \$1,706.70

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$2,230.00**

**Loose Money: \$1,084.30**

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

### Catholic Mission Appeal This weekend of the 5th & 6th October Third Collection All Masses

DO NOT FEAR  
*for I am with you*  
Isaiah 41:10

Reach out. Give life.  
Please give generously

### Public Holiday Monday 7th October

Mass Times: St Therese: 8am & St Benedict 10:30am

### 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.

#### Pray to Christ with Mary

*Through the goodness of the Father, the mediation of Christ and power of the Holy Spirit we approach God with all our needs and desires. Mary helps us to pray. She supports us and lifts us up as our hearts cry out to God. 'The prayer of the church is sustained by the prayer of Mary.'* (#16)



**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 28 October at 7.30pm Group 2  
(last Monday of the Month)

### LITURGY MINISTERS

New Rosters are complete. Please take one from the foyer.  
Thank you for your continued help and commitment throughout this year. God bless

### CATECHIST NEWS

### Catechist Meeting - Wednesday 16 October 2019 10am in the Parish Office.

**Christmas resources available**

**All Catechists welcome.**

### 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

### 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 15th 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).

## 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*

## Children's Mass with Blessing of Pets



~ Sunday 27 October ~  
**10.30am Mass**



to be held on the grass area  
behind the Montefano Hall.

*Bring your creatures, great and small to this Mass.  
Everyone Welcome!*



### 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.**

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 ~ Doors Open 6.30pm**

St Mark Coptic Catholic Church 533 Reservoir Road, Prospect.

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

**Special Guest Speaker :**

Dr Wanda Skowronska Catholic Psychologist



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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.

**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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