

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Rv 5:12; 1:6*

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

FIRST READING *2 Sm 5:1-3*

A reading from the second book of Samuel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. ‘Look’ they said ‘we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, “You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.”’ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2*

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: ‘Let us go to God’s house.’ And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)

2. Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. (R.)

3. For Israel’s law it is, there to praise the Lord’s name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. (R.)

SECOND READING *Col 1:12-20*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Mk 11:9. 10*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *Alleluia!*

GOSPEL *Lk 23:35-43*

A reading from the holy Gospel according Luke

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. ‘He saved others,’ they said, ‘let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.’ The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, ‘If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.’ Above him there was an inscription: ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. ‘Are you not the Christ?’ he said. ‘Save yourself and us as well.’ But the other spoke up and rebuked him. ‘Have you no fear of God at all?’ he said. ‘You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,’ he said, ‘remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ ‘Indeed, I promise you,’ he replied, ‘today you will be with me in paradise.’

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Ps 28:10-11*

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Next Week: First Sunday of Advent
Readings: *Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; mt 24:37-44*

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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 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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24 November, 2019




We pray for the sick of this parish
Fr Anthony David OSPPE,
Kevin Dicconson, 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
Santina Pomili, Rosario Violi Maria Szady, Gaetana Catania, Eliba Morelli, Gloria O’Brien, Giuseppa Garozzo, Grace Saliba, Nancy Makloun

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time :
Antonio Mammone, Carmela Stivala, Betty Stepkovitch, Yole Costa, Allanah Cassar Falappi, Mary-Rose Pace,



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)

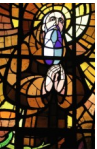
Sick Calls: 9604 1199
Any Time

Pope’s Intention: NOVEMBER Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

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

A kingdom of inclusion

In response to the criminal’s faith, Jesus assures him, ‘today you will be with me in paradise’. There is a certainty and immediacy about the response. Jesus does not tell him that some time in the future he will be rewarded for his faith. No, it is today that the criminal will join Jesus in paradise. It is an expression of the welcome and inclusion that Jesus has extended to the outsider and undervalued throughout his ministry. It is a clear indication that the Kingdom of God that Jesus has worked to bring about is a kingdom of inclusion and welcome.

Church Cleaners

Weekending 30 November
Group A—Edith’s Group

Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 17/11/2019

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 \$1,693.30

2nd Collection Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$1,867.70

Loose Money: \$1,086.10

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

Sunday 24th November ~ Solemnity Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE



Jesus is the centre of creation; and so the attitude demanded of us as true believers is that of recognizing and accepting in our lives the centrality of Jesus Christ, in our thoughts, in our words and in our works.

– Homily of Pope Francis, Solemnity of Christ the King,
November 24, 2013

Saturday 30 November ~ Feast St Andrew, apostle

ATTENTION!!

~ All Acolytes & Extraordinary Ministers ~
Renewal of your mission on the Feast of Christ of King
Sunday **23 & 24 November at ALL MASSES**

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.

Altar Servers Meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 3 December 4:30 - 5.15pm

Thank You!

Thank you to the Italian Catholic Federation (FCI) for their generous donation of \$8000 towards our parish. This money was raised from the many fundraising activities they have held throughout the year! Thanks also to the parishioners for supporting the FCI in their charitable mission.

November Masses

During the Month of November we pray for all our deceased relatives and friends. During this month a total of 30 Masses will be collectively offered for the intentions of the deceased at both St. Benedict's Shrine and St. Therese's Church.

(On Sundays the Mass will be at 10.30am at St. Benedict's Shrine and 9am at St. Therese's Church as well as the daily Masses during the month.)

† November Mass Envelopes are available from the church foyers.

Parish Volunteers Thanksgiving Celebrations on Wednesday 4 December 2019.



In appreciation for all the dedication and contributions to our Parish of St Gertrude's, all Parish Volunteers are invited to attend
Thanksgiving Mass
7:00 pm on Wednesday 4 December 2019
followed by celebrations in the Montefano Hall

For catering purposes please RSVP by 30 November
by placing your name on the
RSVP Sheet located in the Church foyer.

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hampers

Listed below are the items that our parishioners have been asked to donate towards the 2019 *St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hampers*. This is a joint venture with our St Gertrude's Catholic Primary School and being co-ordinated by our Family Educator, Mrs Alida Bila. Donations can be left at the Parish Office:

Jar of cream cheese long life, packets of macaroni, instant mashed potatoes, Pancake mix, Jar of pasta sauce, toilet paper, 2Lt custard long life, tins of fruit beetroot, etc.

~ Wedding Anniversary Blessing ~ Sunday 8 December ~ 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.

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS

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

Monday 25 November at 7.30pm Group 2
(last Monday of the Month)

Widows & Widowers GROUP MEETING ~ F/ WEST CHURCH & HALL Friday 13th December

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

Parish Working Bee ~ Saturday 30th November from 9am

We will start at St Benedict's Church then onto St Therese's Church.

Can you please join us for a couple of hours to help prepare our Churches for Christmas .

Visitation of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima & Icon of Our Lady of Jasna Góra continuing

The schedule for this year is now full. A new list will be available beginning of next year.

LA FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA S/Field

Annuncia Le Attività Del Mese di Dicembre

***TOMBOLA (BINGO)**

Il 6 Dicembre Sara' l'ultima Tombola Per L' Anno 2019 .

Grazie a tutti i partecipanti nel 2019.

***Pranzo di NATALE Venerdì' il 13 di Dicembre 12pm to 5pm**

Nella sala di Montefano Smithfield

Prezzo \$30. A persona. Pranzo 3 pietanze ,musica con **JOE ZAPPIA**

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Molto Grazie. Tony Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409 908 424

Gina Morosin 9604 2458 or 0417 203 908

Safeguarding

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney have introduced new requirements for volunteers 18yrs and over. All volunteers must sign a **Volunteer Acceptance Form, a Code of Conduct for Working with Children** and complete a **Safeguarding Induction Training Course**. The **ONLINE Induction Training Course** is available to new parish volunteers. Please register by following this link:-

<https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1>.

Additionally, some new volunteers are also required to attend an interview. These include * Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Children's Liturgy, Catechists, Collectors, Acolytes etc.

Thank you for your co-operation. Any concerns please contact psso@stgertrude.org.au. or the Parish Office office@stgertrude.org.au

Annual Lourdes Day Mass 7 December 2019

The Annual Lourdes Day Mass of the Order of Malta will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Fisher and the Chaplains of the Order on Saturday 7 December at 10am in St Mary's Cathedral.

This is a very special event in our calendar, to offer Charism to the sick, the elderly and frail. There will be a Blessing from the Archbishop and Chaplains, and vials of Lourdes water will be distributed.

A reserved area for those in wheelchairs or needing assistance is set aside and access to the Cathedral for wheelchairs is from St. Mary's Rd. Family and friends are welcome.

Parking for the general congregation is in the Enacon Car Park adjacent, at the end of Cathedral St. For any enquiries or should you need assistance please contact the Order at: info@smom.org.au; macolmi@bigpond.net.au or phone 9331 8477.

Lights of Christmas Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral with a special Opening Night Concert featuring Friar Alessandro, the Voice from Assisi, and internationally acclaimed Australian pianist Vivian Choi.

A wonderful free community event starting Thursday, 5 December with the Opening Night Concert from 7.30pm. A Sydney tradition, the Lights of Christmas runs every night until Christmas featuring a range of choirs.

The Maltese Welfare is organising a seminar on how to avoid being SCAMMED on social media, phone calls, messages and emails.

Speaker: Detective Senior Constable Shawn Schussler.

When: Wednesday 27 November 2019 at 7pm.

Where: Dun George Preca Hall, OLQP Church, Greystanes.

Free entry. All Welcome.

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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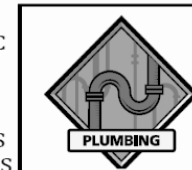


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