The BAPTISM of the LORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Mt 3:16-17

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

FIRST READING

Is 42:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law.

- I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right:
- I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
 I have appointed you as covenant of the people
 and light of the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

- O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)
- The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)
- 3. The God of glory thunders.
 In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
 The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
 the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard

about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 1:32,34

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Next Week: 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

St Benedict's Church

Corner Justin & Neville Street

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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



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Assistant Priests

Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE & Fr Peter James Strohmayer OSPPE

St Theresa's Church

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Saturday Vigil 5pm (Vietnamese); 7.30am & 9.00am; 12 noon (Spanish); 6pm (Arabic)

Weekday Masses:

Mon - Fri 7.00am; Saturday 8am Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am

First Friday of the Month:

First Saturday of the Month:

7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tuesdays after Mass

The BAPTISM of the LORD

12 January 2020



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

Maria Sugetano, Vincenzo Valatutti, Josephine Fanale Lucia (Lucy) Branca, Vincenzo Bruno, Santina Pomili, Rosario Violi Maria Szady,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time :

Grazia Panuccio, Carmelo Riviera, Charlie Saliba



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)

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: JANUARY Prayer intention for evangelisation - Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

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!

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The demands of righteousness

To carry out the will of God in our life – that's a pretty big ask. It was a hard task for Jesus to act in accordance with God's will in the face of all sorts of difficulties, disappointments and despair. For us to even try to emulate Jesus requires firstly openness to the fact that God has a desire for us to live our lives in a particular way, in right relationship with God and with others. It requires a certain humility to open ourselves to God's will and prayerful discernment of God's will in our life.

Church Cleaners

Weekending 18 January Group C ~ Warren Wilson & Family

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Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 05/01/2020

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 \$1,470.80

2nd Collection Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$1,443.00 Loose Money: \$1,066.05

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

~ Feasts~

Sunday 12 January The Baptism of the Lord

The Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Liturgical season of Christmas.

Wednesday 15 January St Paul the First Hermit

Patron Saint to the Pauline Fathers

Parish celebrations of this feast will be held w/e 19th January. Solemn Mass will be at the 10.30am Mass with blessings of children and fruit.



Thursday January 16 Our Lady Queen of Hermits.

Patroness of the Order of St Paul the First Hermit and yearly consecration to our Lady of the Pauline Fathers and brothers.

Novena

9 day Novena to St Paul the First Hermit began on 7 January 2020.

Litany will be said after each week day Mass during this time. Everyone Welcome

Dear pilgrims and visitors to Penrose Park,

Due to the heatwaves and local bushfires predicted this weekend we have found that it is necessary to cancel the 13th of January celebrations. We apologise for inconveniences.

This decision has been made in conjunction with the NSW Rural Fire Service for the safety of our pilgrims and visitors. God bless you and please pray for rain and those affected by the bushfires.

The Pauline Fathers

2020 Parish Facility Bookings

(Smithfield & Fairfield West Church & Hall)

Would all groups wanting to use the facilities at our parish, please book your dates and times in writing /email with the parish office as soon as possible. office@stgertrude.org.au Thank you.

Collection at all Masses next weekend (Australia Day) for the St Vincent De Paul bushfire appeal

Friends, the sad tragedy of the bushfires has impacted upon our Catholic community across the Archdiocese of Sydney in a very real way. A brave Rural Fire Service volunteer Andrew O'Dwyer was farewelled at a Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Victories Parish in Horsley Park this week. The parish is providing ongoing support to his widow Melissa and 19 month old daughter Charlotte and our prayers are with them. Amidst the devastation of the fires, it has been encouraging to witness the support of so many ordinary Australians, including so many men and women of faith. While much of the response must be at a local parish and diocesan level, such a great crisis also requires a national response. Alongside my brother bishops across the country, I encourage you to donate to a special parish collection at Masses over the Australia Day weekend (25 and 26 January) through the St Vincent De Paul Society. Through this bushfire appeal, you can make a tangible difference in the lives of those affected, whether that be to cover basic clothing or the food bill for a family evacuated from their home. The support may also come through psychological counselling services for families left traumatised by the disaster or financial counselling as they struggle to pay unexpected bills. Together we can offer real comfort and long term support to families left struggling after the bushfires. + Anthony Fisher OP

A Prayer amidst bushfires

Almighty God and heavenly Father, we pray for this world that you love so much that you sent your Son Jesus to be born as the child of Bethlehem:

We pray for the safety of those sheltering from fires and those fighting fires, for livestock, native animals, paddocks, bushlands and sacred places.

We remember our own loved ones and those who are dear to us facing this crisis.

We pray for those tending to the injured, the frightened and the broken-hearted, for emergency services, emergency broadcasters, chaplains and counsellors.

We ask for your forgiveness for our own failures in safeguarding your good creation, and pray for political and community leaders, and all those responding to the current crisis in our nation.

Above all, we pray the peace that passes all understanding, in our natation and state, in our homes and in our hearts. This we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

This prayer was written by Dean Andreas Loewe.

~ Altar Servers ~

Altar Servers meetings will resume in February on a monthly basis.

YOUTH MASS & YOUTH GROUP

Youth group, Mass, meetings and music rehearsals will re-commence in February.

Any youth who are wanting to be a part of the Youth group, please contact Fr Wojtek or the Parish Office.

All new members are most welcome!

SACRAMENT NEWS:

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/wSkRi3Z06PzkRfbo1.

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

The Sacrament Office has closed for 2019 and will re-open on Wednesday 29th January 2020.

For all enquiries please email sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or call 9725 4317 and leave a message.

St Gertrude's Parish Fund

New sets of envelopes will be available to pick up at the end of February, therefore please contact the parish office on 9604 1199 of any changes prior to distribution. Also as there has been a decline in givers using the envelope systems, and to save money and paper wastage. new envelope numbers will be allocated to givers using envelopes between # 250 and 270.

A letter advising you of your new number will be sent in the coming weeks.

Anyone wishing to use envelopes for St Gertrude's Parish Fund then please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support!

FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA LA TOMBOLA ricomincera' il 7 FEBBRAIO 2020

*Da Parte Mia, Antonio Coiera e Membri del mio Comitato Vi **Auauriamo**

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo , Sperando che Gesu'Bambino vi riempe di Buona Salute e Benedizione per L'Anno Nuovo e per Sempre. CHRISTO REGNI.

(CON LA BENZIONE DEL SIGNORE SPERO DI RIVEDERCI NEL 2020)

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION [FCI]

*BINGO will Restart in FEBRUARY the 7th & 21st 2020 The Italian Catholic Federation of S/Field & I Tony Coiera would like to wish you all

A Happy New Year. May God Bless you all with Good Health. For more information call, Tony Coiera 0409 908 424 Gina Morosin 0417 203 908

Visit Of The Relics Of St Therese Of Lisieux and Her **Parents**

The National Pilgrimage of the Relics of Saints Thérèse, and her parents, Louis and Zélie, will visit the Archdiocese of Sydney in February and March in various parishes. Please view parish noticeboard so that you are aware of where and when they can take this opportunity to venerate the relics of one of the Catholic Church's most popular saints and her parents who helped nurture her faith.

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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