

SECOND SUNDAY in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING Is 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord said to me, "You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I shall be glorified";
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the
survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of
the earth.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

(R.) Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. (R.)

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. (R.)

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. (R.)

4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Cor 1:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle,
together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to
the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of
Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place
among all the saints everywhere who pray to our
Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than
ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
send you grace and peace.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among
us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, "Look,
there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of
the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A
man is coming after me who ranks before me
because he existed before me. I did not know him
myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I
came baptising with water." John also declared, "I
saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven
like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him
myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water
had said to me, "The man on whom you see the
Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going
to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen
and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of
God.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 22:5

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Next Week: 3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Readings: Is 8:23—9:3; Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

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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

St Theresa's Church

Corner The Boulevard & Stella Street
FAIRFIELD WEST

Sunday Masses:
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:
from 6.30am

First Saturday of the Month:
7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Tuesdays after Mass

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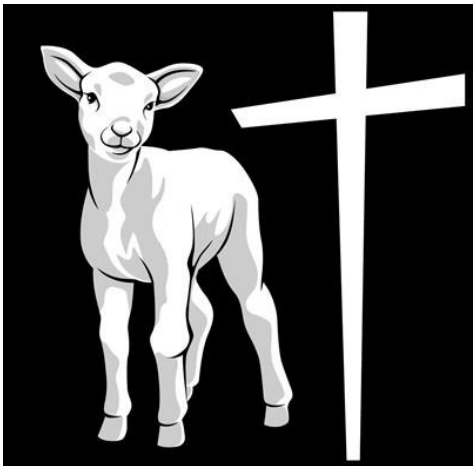


Parish Priest
Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE

Assistant Priests
Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE &
Fr Peter James Strohmayr OSPPE

Second Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

19 January 2020




We welcome the following
David Alfred, Penelope Fredes
Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish
Fr Anthony David OSPPE,
Kevin Dicconson, 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
Maria Sugetano, Vincenzo Valatutti,
Josephine Fanale

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur
at this time :
Grazia Panuccio, Carmelo Riviera, Charlie Saliba,
Caterina Varacalli,



PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:
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Liturgy: 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert
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
1st Sundays of the month during the
10.30am Mass at St Benedict's Church; &
Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict's

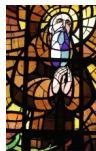
Marriages: Parish Office 9604 1199
By appointment only (6 months required)

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!

LIVING gospel

Pointing the way

John the Baptist fills the role of 'pointing
the way' to Jesus. In our own lives we
also have the ability to 'point the way'
towards Jesus. It doesn't need to be
as blatant as John's 'Look, there he
is!' However, the way we choose to
live our life can point the way just as
powerfully as John did. More often
than not, our actions speak much more
powerfully than any words we might
utter. Consistently treating others with
respect, maintaining prayer as a central
part of life and working for justice in the
world will make an impression on others
and point the way to Jesus.

Church Cleaners

Weekending 25 January
Group D ~ Grace & Pina

Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 12/01/2020
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 \$1,761.50
2nd Collection Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$1,575.50
Loose Money: \$1,173.60
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

~ Feasts ~
Conversion of St Paul, apostle ~ Saturday 25th January
Presentation of the Lord ~ Sunday 2 February 2020
The Feast of the Presentation falls on a Sunday this year. On this day it is a Church tradition to bless candles. Parishioners are invited to bring their candles to be blessed at all Masses on this day.
St Blaise ~ Monday 3rd February 2020
There will be the traditional 'blessing of throats' at the 7.00am and 9.15am Masses.
Our Lady of Lourdes ~ Tuesday 11th February, 2020
The first apparition occurred on 11th February 1858, when 14-year old Bernadette Soubirous told her mother that a 'lady' spoke to her in the cave of Massabielle (a kilometre and a half (1 mi) from the town) while she was gathering firewood with her sister and a friend. The Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes is a major place of pilgrimage today, especially of the sick.
On this day we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the 7.00am and 9.15am Masses.

St Bakhita's Day ~ Saturday 8 February 2020
(Anti-Slavery Day)
The Archbishop will commemorate the Feast Day at Midday Mass in St Mary's Cathedral with the South Sudanese Catholic Community on Saturday 8 February followed by lunch at Cathedral College Hall at 1pm. Parishioners are encouraged to attend.
For more information contact: Anna Dimo (M) 0409 458 695.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 9 - 20th November 2020
The Parish of St Gertrude's Smithfield is organising a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, led by our Parish Priest Fr Jarek Zan. If there are any Parishioners who would like to express their interest in joining the pilgrimage, please leave your name and contact details on the forms at the doors of the Church, both at St Benedict's and St Therese's. Alternatively, you can contact the Parish office by phone 9604 1100 or email office@stgertrude.org.au with your details. An information evening is being organised for February this year.

Happy Name's Day Fr Jarek
On Tuesday 21/01 our Parish Priest will celebrate his Name's Day. As a Parish community we extend to him our prayers & thoughts. May our Heavenly Mother protect and intercede for you and may our Heavenly Father shower you with Graces and Blessings!

Jubilee Year of Bl. Eusebius
This year the Pauline Order will celebrate the 750th Anniversary of the death of our founder Blessed Eusebius of Esztergom. This Jubilee Year calls for much celebration and thanksgiving to God for the life, witness and charisma of our founder. As the Pauline Order and as a Parish community, we will commemorate this jubilee with various activities in our Shrines, and particularly with our local Parish community. We will have a series over the next few weeks on the life of Bl. Eusebius. More information about the Jubilee Celebrations will be advertised in the Bulletin.

Who is Blessed Eusebius of Esztergom?
Blessed Eusebius of Esztergom was born c. 1200AD in Esztergom, Hungary. He came from a well-known Hungarian family, with some evidence showing that he was a relative of the royal family of the Hungarian Kingdom. As a child, Eusebius had shown his deep religious faith and an ability to learn. He spent a lot of time in prayer and contemplation. He studied in the Seminary of Esztergom to become a priest. Later, he was named canon in Esztergom county, and showed compassion to the poor. In his spare time he wrote books, none of which have survived.
At that time Eusebius was often visited by hermits from the Pilis Mountains who sold him woven baskets in exchange for bread and other food. Eusebius also visited them personally several times. The life of these hermits aroused his interest and he desired to become a hermit but his plans were delayed by the Mongol invasion of Europe (1220-1240AD). He remained at his post, helping to rebuild the country.

Collection at all Masses next weekend 26 January (Australia Day) for the St Vincent De Paul bushfire appeal
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

Almighty God, who alone created the beauty and the bounty of our land, who cares and loves everyone - from the workers in the fields to the owners of the fields. Be with your people in Australia now in the midst of the fires. Bring an end to the loss of lives and the loss of homes. Bring aid to the firefighters who, by serving others, serve you. Give them courage and strength to persevere, to find the ability in their bodies and souls to keep working for another day or hour or minute. Ease the winds that spread the flames and disperse the smoke that covers the sky. Bring hope to the displaced and the homeless. Keep alive inside their minds and hearts the memories, the physical traces of which may be lost. Remind us that you are the promise of a new tomorrow. Jesus, we trust in you!

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

~ 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!

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.

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*BINGO will Restart in FEBRUARY the 7th & 21st 2020
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.

The Maltese Language School of NSW invites applications for Maltese language classes at Horsley Park on Saturday mornings starting 8th February. Enrolment Day is on 1st February at Horsley Park Public School from 9.30am to 11.30am. Both young and adult students may apply. Please contact Mary Pace-Feraud vie email: malteselanguageschoolnsw@hotmail.com

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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