

<b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</b>	
<b>ENTRANCE ANTIPHON</b>	<i>Lk 2:16</i>
<i>The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.</i>	
<b>FIRST READING</b>	<i>Sir 3:2-6. 12-14</i>
<i>A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus</i>	
<p>The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.</p> <p>Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.</p> <p>My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.</p> <p>The word of the Lord.</p>	
<b>All:</b>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>
<b>RESPONSORIAL PSALM</b>	<i>Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1</i>

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**SECOND READING** *Col 3:12-21*

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*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**    *Col 3:15. 16*

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*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you.  
*Alleluia!*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

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

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*Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.*

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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 Bouvarde & 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

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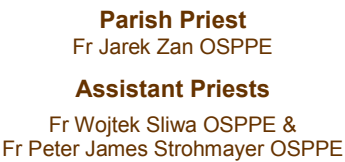
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29 December, 2019

## 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***

Lucia (Lucy) Branca, Vincenzo Bruno,  
Santina Pomili, Rosario Violi Maria Szady,

## ***Recently Deceased***

***And for those whose Anniversaries occur  
at this time :***

Mario Micallef, Alberto Magri, Agnese Baratto

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Office:

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### Parish Council:

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### Finance Committee:

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### Catechists: 9725 4317

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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; &  
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### Marriages: Parish Office 9604 1199

By appointment only (6 months required)

### Sick Calls: 9604 1199

Any Time

## Pope's Intention: DECEMBER

### **The Future of the Very Young**

That every country take the  
measures necessary to prioritize  
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especially those who are  
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*Weekending 4 January  
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### Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 05/01/2020

**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 \$1,470.80

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 nation 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 [pssso@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:pssso@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](mailto: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

ricomincerà' il 7 FEBBRAIO 2020

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

**Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo. Sperando che Gesu' Bambino vi riempie 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](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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