

# 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 Boulevard & Stella Street  
FAIRFIELD WEST

### Sunday Masses:

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

### 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:**  
from 6.30am

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy:**  
Tuesdays after Mass

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

29 March 2020



### We pray for the sick of this parish

Charbel Kassas, 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

Domenica Ponzo, Francesco Bruzzano,  
Lorraine Mock, Lesley Spagnol,  
George Ebejer, Aldo De Gasperi,  
Peter Capolupo, Maria Scigliano,  
Vincenzo Valatutti, Josephine Fanale

Recently Deceased

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

Francisco Astroza, Luciano Zadro,  
Ferruccio Carniato, & Pietro Di Donato



## PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Office:

6 Justin St, Smithfield  
Tuesday-Friday 10am - 2pm  
Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585  
Email: office@stgertrude.org.au  
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**Parish Council:**  
Denise Namroud

**Finance Committee:** Tan Do  
Andrew Maia: Work Health & Safety

**Catechists:** 9725 4317  
Mimi Romeo: catechist@stgertrude.org.au

**Sacraments:** 9725 4317 Helena Mertin  
sacraments@stgertrude.org.au  
Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

**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: March  
*Prayer intention for  
evangelisation—Catholics in China  
We pray that the Church in China  
may persevere in its faithfulness to  
the Gospel and grow in unity.*

**Altar Server's Meeting:**  
Second & Fourth Tuesday's of  
the Month 4.30—5.15pm  
St Benedict's Church

**Youth Group ~ Music  
Rehearsals**  
Group 1:  
Second Monday of the Month  
Group 2:  
Last Monday of the Month.

**St Gertrude's Parish  
Playgroup**  
Thursdays between  
9.30am—11.30am  
In Montefano Hall during  
renovations.  
Contact: Parish Office

Youth Mass  
1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month  
at the 6pm Mass  
Youth Program is held on the 3rd  
Sunday 7pm—8pm in the  
Montefano Hall

Wedding Anniversary Blessings  
10:30am Mass every 2nd  
Sunday of the Month.

Men's Rosary Group  
4th Thursday of the Month  
St Benedict's Church

Parish BBQ  
Second Saturday of the Month

**Church Cleaners:**  
Weekending 4 April  
Group D ~ Grace & Pina

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 42:1-2

*Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.*

**First Reading** Ez 37:12-14

*A reading from the prophet Ezekiel*

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 129. R. v.7

- (R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R.)
  2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R.)
  3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.  
(Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)
  4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

**Second Reading** Rom 8:8-11

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

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** See Jn 11:25.26

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Gospel**

Jn 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

'Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.  
Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my pray  
I knew indeed that you always hear me,  
but I speak  
for the sake of all these who stand round me,  
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Communion Antiphon**

Cf. Jn 11:26

*Everyone who lives and believes in me  
will not die for ever, says the Lord.*

**Next Week: Palm Sunday or the Passion of the Lord  
Readings: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 – 27:66**