

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 till 7.30pm; *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; 112 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:
From 6.30am

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Tuesdays after Mass

Third Sunday of Easter

26 April 2020



We pray for the sick of the parish

Charbel Kassas, 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.*

We remember in your prayers

Fr Pat McAuliffe, Domenica Ponzo, Francesco
Bruzano, Lorraine Mock, Lesley Spagnol,
George Ebejer, Aldo De Gasperi,

Recently Deceased

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 Sunday of month during the 10.30am
Mass at St Benedict's Church; and 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

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

[Universal prayer
intention - Freedom from
Addiction](#)

We pray that those
suffering from addiction
may be helped and
accompanied.

Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary
during Coronavirus Pandemic
O Mary, you always shine on
our path as a sign of salvation
and of hope. We entrust
ourselves to you, Health of the
Sick, who at the cross took part
in Jesus' pain, keeping your
faith firm. You, Salvation of
Your People, know what we
need, and we are sure you will
provide so that, as in Cana of
Galilee, we may return to joy
and to feasting after this time
of trial. Help us, Mother of
Divine Love, to conform to the
will of the Father and to do as
we are told by Jesus, who has
taken upon himself our
sufferings and carried our
sorrows to lead us, through the
cross, to the joy of the
resurrection. Amen. Under your
protection, we seek refuge,
Holy Mother of God. Do not
disdain the entreaties of we who
are in trial, but deliver us from
every danger, O glorious and
blessed Virgin. Amen

Church Cleaners:
No rostered cleaners during this time.

Third Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 65:1-2*

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.*

First Reading *Acts 2:14, 22-33*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11*

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at
my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the
dead, nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading *1 Pt 1:17-21*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation *See Lk 24:32*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia

Gospel *Lk 24:13-35*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would

be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Communion Antiphon**Lk 24:35**

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.



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Dear Parishioners

Christ is Risen Alleluia, Alleluia

He is truly Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This year amid the global COVID-19 Pandemic, we have seen our Sacred Triduum celebrated in a different way. From Pope Francis in Rome, to St. Mary's Cathedral in Sydney, to our own Parish, the pews remained empty as we walked with Christ and his disciples from the Upper Room, to the Garden of Gethsemane, to the Golgotha. But today that emptiness has a new meaning. We are not looking at empty pews and closed churches, but rather we stand in awe of an open and empty tomb! It is this sight, amid tragedy and anxiety, which gives us the courage and the unity to sing from the innermost place of our soul, "Alleluia! He is Risen!" That empty tomb gives us the promise that God does not abandon his people, that God has not fallen deaf to our pleading, that God promises us life and hope. It is this same life and hope that Christ brings to us this Easter Sunday. Today as you celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, remember that it is Christ's body, broken and raised, that unites us all. As St. Paul writes in his Letter to the Romans, "Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom.8: 38). May the Blessings of this Easter Season be poured with abundance upon you and your loved ones and give you the strength you need in these unusual and uncertain times. Happy Easter and God Bless! Alleluia!

Fr Jarek, Fr Wojtek and Fr Peter James



Anzac Day 25th April

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth. This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

<https://anzacday.org.au/prayers-for-anzac-day-services>



Spiritual Communion

Catholics are encouraged to make a 'spiritual communion'. St. John Paul II writes that "it is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist. This was the origin of the practice of 'spiritual communion', which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life. Saint Teresa of Jesus wrote: 'When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you.'" (Ecclesia Eucharistia, no. 34)

How do I make a Spiritual Communion?

Below are recommendations for how to make a 'spiritual communion' when unable to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The recommendations can be adapted based upon personal and family needs.

- Gather with others in your household and begin a time of prayer with the sign of the cross.
- Take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Mass
- Share prayer intentions quietly or aloud.
- Pray the Lord's Prayer.
- Pray the Act of Spiritual Communion (see below).
- Close with the sign of the cross

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. (Pause for a moment in silence and adoration). I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Parish Donations

As our Parish and the Priests rely on the generosity of our Parishioners, not having Sunday Mass will place a very heavy burden on our Parish. I also understand that many of our Parishioners may have found themselves affected by loss of jobs in so many vital industries. If it is at all possible for you to continue to contribute to our Parish it would be greatly appreciated. We all anticipate the day we can celebrate physically together once more around the Lord's Table. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God Bless.

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Account Name: Smithfield Catholic Church

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Prayer Resources during time of Pandemic

The Archdiocese of Sydney has a dedicated webpage with prayers and scriptural reflections to help nurture your faith during these difficult times. You'll find the webpage <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

The Catholic Weekly has temporarily transitioned to a digital presence only due to the government's decision to close all Churches during the COVID-19 pandemic. While it has brought challenges, I am pleased to inform you that we have adapted extremely well and are continuing to produce the paper in a **digital form** making it available to everyone online at www.catholicweekly.com.au



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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.

**Patrician Brothers' College Fairfield has
extended the due date for Enrolment
applications for 2021 and 2022.
The new closing date is now May 1st 2020.
Starting Term 2, the College's Office hours
are 8am - 3pm.
Please contact the Enrolment officer on
9728 4488 ext 1011 for any inquiries.**

CATHOLIC Care Volunteer Program

The Archdiocese of Sydney is working alongside our social
welfare agency Catholic Care to roll out a volunteer
program to help the needy access groceries, cooked
meals, medicines and other necessities at this difficult
time. You are asked to nominate a volunteer coordinator
(not your Parish Priest or parish secretary) and 5-10
people in your parish who are young and healthy enough
to carry out these visits to the needy. Please provide their
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at laura.rahill@sydneycatholic.org

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