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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 contact details to Laura Rahill

at laura.rahill@sydneycatholic.org

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE **OF SYDNEY**

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

> SAFEGUARDINGENQUIR-IES@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 LE-GAL OBLIGATION TO REPORT CRIMES TO THE PO-LICE.

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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 Boulevarde & 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

Pentecost Sunday

31st May 2020



We pray for the sick of this 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

Teresina Bordin. Jill Wilson, Giuseppe Bruscino, Giuseppa Portolesi, Fr Pat McAuliffe,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Luciana Veneran, Peter Klish, George Garces, Domenica Carpientieri, Nina Vella, Oviidio Fedele-Giovanni Taska, Phyllis Richardson, Erasmo Tolomeo, Geoffery Manche



PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

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Parish Council:

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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

Other: FCI (Italian Catholic Federation) Tony Coiera 0409 908 424

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER **Intention for MAY For Deacons**

We pray that the Deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol For the entire Church.

Solemnity ~ Sunday 7 June ~ The Most Holy TRINITY

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

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do no disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

has taken upon himself our suffer-

ings and carried our sorrows to lead

us, through the cross, to the joy of

the resurrection. Amen.

Church Cleaners:

No rostered cleaners during this time.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Wis 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
 Lord God, how great you are,
 How many are your works, O Lord!
 The earth is full of your riches. (R.)

- You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
- 3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
 May the Lord rejoice in his works!
 May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
 I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

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

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure; Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay; All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour thy dew; Wash the stains of quilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die; Give us life with thee on high; Give us joys that never end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. *Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Acts 2:4,11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Next Week: The Most Holy TRINITY

Readings: Ex 34:4-6, 8-9: 2 Cor 13:11-13

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Information on the <u>Gradual Re-Opening of Church</u> <u>Activities: Stage One</u> will be a separate insert to this bulletin.

CURRENT SCHEDULE

St. Benedict's Shrine

<u> Monday – Friday</u>

Private Prayer 9.00am – Noon (except if there is a funeral)

4.00pm - 7.00pm

Confession 6.00pm – 7.00pm Adoration 7.30pm via Zoom

Mass 8.00pm via Zoom

Saturday

Confession 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Mass 6.00pm via Zoom

<u>Sunday</u>

Mass 9.00am & 6.00pm via Zoom.

St. Therese Church

<u> Monday – Friday</u>

Mass 3.00pm

Syriac Mass Services - St. Therese

The Syriac Community will resume its services in accordance with the ten person limit this week. Mass will begin at 6.30pm. This will be organised by the Syriac community according to their allocate envelope number.

For further inquiries please email info@syriac-catholic-church.org.au or Fr. Lenard Ina on 0476860277.

Parish Maintenance Program Update

Whilst this time of restricted movement during the Pandemic has meant that many church activities have come to a stop, the maintenance and upkeep of the Parish has continued. During the past weeks many maintenance works have been undertaken: installation of Internet connection to St. Benedict's Shrine, continued renovation of the Parish demountable buildings, installation and changing of lighting at St. Benedict's, plumbing works at St. Benedict's, extensive cleaning of St. Benedict's and St. Therese, improvements to the sound system at St. Therese, erection of fencing at St. Therese, and general maintenance such as gardening, cleaning, etc.

The rental property on The Boulevarde at Fairfield Heights has recently been vacated by the tenants and it has come to our attention that the property is in need of some urgent maintenance including removal of mould, repaint throughout and new guttering. The Montessori Academy on Oxford Street (child-care centre) is also in need of some major drainage maintenance. These will be conducted in the near future at quite an expense to the Parish.

Your continued support and generosity is very much appreciated, especially during this time where the Parish finances have come under extraordinary strain.

Do you own a business? We would love to help you by letting everyone know. If you would like to advertise your business in our Weekly Bulletin, please contact the Parish Office on 9604 1199. Limited spaces available. Low and flexible rates apply.

Thank You St. Gertrude's Parish

Fr. Jarek, Fr. Wojtek and Fr. Peter James would like to extend our sincere thanks to the St. Gertrude's Parish community for your continued support during this time of Pandemic. We have been overwhelmed and humbled by the generosity of our Parishioners who have shared with us meals, groceries, financial support, emails, telephone and SMS support, words of encouragement, cards, letters and above all your prayers. This has been a very challenging time for the priests on so many levels, but your constant contact has given us encouragement.

We would also like to thank the army of volunteers who have actively sought to assist and to serve, not only the priests, but the parish in so many different ways. Thank you also to those who have kept contact with some of our isolated parishioners sharing with them Mass resources, bulletins, offering to do shopping and to collect medications. We have had so much overwhelming positive feedback from Parishioners who have been kept engaged with the Parish. Thank you and God bless you all!

Parish Donations

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.

First Collection (Priests)

Account Name: Smithfield House – Order of St Paul the First Hermit

BSB 066711 Acct. No. 007392

Second Collection (Parish)

Account Name: Smithfield Catholic Church BSB: 062784 Acct. No. 6675001

** Payment by Bpoint will be available soon.

Communion to the Sick

The Parish has resumed its weekly communion to the sick. If you or anyone you know would like to receive a visit from one of our priests, please contact the Parish

Office Tuesday - Friday 10am - 2pm on 9604 1199.

Below is a link to a Petition to the Premier of NSW to treat religious worship equally with other activities.

https://www.sydneycatholic.org/petition/

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.

** The Safeguarding Office takes the safety and welfare of all clergy, employees and volunteers seriously so it is with great upset that the Safeguarding Office wishes to inform you that due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, <u>ALL</u> Safeguarding Training will be postponed until

Please NO Chewing Gum in Church at any time.

St Gertrude's Parish, Smithfield

Information on the Gradual Re-Opening of Church Activities: Stage One.

As you will be aware by now the Government has announced some revised regulations in regards to places of worship. Under the new guidelines, 20 mourners are allowed at an indoor funeral, 30 for an outdoor funeral. In addition <u>religious gatherings and places of worship can have up to 10 worshippers</u> at any one time. In line with these new regulations and on encouragement from Archbishop Anthony Fisher, we are proposing the following to come into effect on a <u>trial basis</u>, from <u>Monday 18th May, 2020 at St. Gertrude's Parish:</u>

- <u>St. Benedict's Shrine Smithfield</u> will be open for private prayer weekdays from 9am Noon (except if a funeral is booked then precedence will be given to the Funeral Service) and from 4pm-7pm. To accommodate this there will be volunteers who will remain in the church to ensure social distancing and hygiene protocols are followed. The pews that may be used will be clearly marked. We ask that you only use those places that are marked.
- <u>Confessions</u> Monday to Friday 6pm to 7pm; Saturday 4pm 5pm. Please note, that those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation are included in the 10 worshippers.
- Mass times at St. Benedict's will remain as they are at present:

Monday – Friday 8pm Mass streamed via Zoom with adoration at 7.30pm.

Saturday Vigil 6pm Mass streamed via Zoom

Sunday
 9am & 6pm Mass streamed via Zoom

Mass times at St. Therese Fairfield Heights

Monday – Friday 3pm

In accordance with Government guidelines, <u>each person who enters the church MUST give their name, telephone</u> <u>number and email address</u> (if they have one). There will be a sheet provided in the foyer of the church for this purpose. The information will be kept confidential and is purely for tracing purposes should anyone test positive for COVID 19.

Interested parties who would like to attend Mass as part of the 10 worshippers are asked to text the <u>Parish Mobile 0491 185 681</u> and leave the names of those desiring to attend and the day of attendance and place (St. Benedict or St. Therese). For those who are unable to text, there will also be a box at the doors of the church to place a handwritten request. There is also an option to register your interest via the Parish Facebook site. As there are only 10 worshippers a roster will be devised and worshippers notified by one of our assigned Mass coordinators. Please note that it may not be possible to give you the EXACT date you desire, but every effort will be made to accommodate you.

If you would like to act as an usher for the periods of private prayer please also contact the Parish Mobile and we can allocate you a time in the church.

It is important to note that, in line with recommendations from the Federal and State Governments and the Archdiocese that if you are an "at-risk" parishioner (the very elderly, those with any symptoms, those with compromised immune or respiratory systems) you are asked to consider carefully your health and safety when asking to attend a Church Service. The Parish acknowledges that whilst we are allowed to have worshippers in the church this comes with some risk and we will make every effort to minimise the risk to all Parishioners, especially those identified as most vulnerable. However, there also needs to be some personal responsibility taken in this matter.

According to hygiene guidelines, the church will be cleaned regularly with commercial grade disinfectant detergent.

• <u>Baptism:</u> In line with Government and Church recommendations, baptisms may be celebrated in the church with a limit of 10 attendees. If you would like to have your child baptised, please contact the Parish Office.

• <u>Weddings:</u> The Government has allowed for 10 guests (not including the bride and groom and celebrant or essential workers) to attend a wedding. All other Government and Church regulations are still applicable for weddings, e.g. Pre-marriage course, completion of appropriate paperwork, etc. For bookings, please contact the Parish Office.

As mentioned, this is a <u>trial basis only</u>. As this situation and the regulations handed down by various authorities are constantly changing, we ask for your patience and understanding at this time. This is a new and unique situation for all of us so we may find that things will change in the coming weeks. Please keep updated with the Parish Bulletin and Facebook Site. We are doing all that we can to allow you to express your faith but also need to adhere to various regulations.

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