

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 Strohmayr OSPPE

St Theresa's Church

Corner The Boulevard & Stella Street
FAIRFIELD WEST

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5pm (Vietnamese);
7.30am & 9.00am; 11.20am (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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

17 May 2020



We pray for the sick of the 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.*

We remember in your prayers

Fr Pat McAuliffe, Domenica Ponzio,
Francesco Bruzzano, Lorraine Mock, Lesley
Spagnol,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this
time

Geoffery Manche

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 May For Deacons

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

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Is 48:20*

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading *Acts 8:5-8. 14-17*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!
(R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading *1 Pt 3:15-18*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring.

And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation *Jn 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Jn 14:15-21*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and
keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Communion Antiphon *Jn 14:15-16*

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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MONTH OF MAY IS

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary



THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that it is a thing unheard of, that anyone ever had recourse to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, and was left forsaken. Filled therefore with confidence in your goodness I fly to you, O Mother, Virgin of virgins. To you I come, before you I stand, a sorrowful sinner. Despise not my poor words, O Mother of the Word of God, but graciously hear and grant my prayer.



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 **religious gatherings and places of worship can have up to 10 worshippers 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 **trial basis**, from **Monday 18th May, 2020 at St. Gertrude's Parish:**

- **St. Benedict's Shrine Smithfield** 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.
- **Confessions** Monday to Saturday **4pm to 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:
 - Mon – Fri **8pm** Mass streamed via Zoom with **Adoration at 7.30pm.**
 - Saturday Vigil **6pm**
 - Sunday **9am & 6pm**
- **Mass times at St. Therese** Fairfield Heights
 - Mon – Fri **3pm**

In accordance with Government guidelines, **each person who enters the church MUST give their name, telephone number and email address** (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 **Parish Mobile 0491 185 681** 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. 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.

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

- **Baptism:** 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 on 9604 1199.
- **Weddings:** 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 **trial basis only**. 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.

ST. BENEDICT'S SHRINE

Monday – Friday

Private Prayer	9am – Noon (<i>except if there is a funeral</i>) 4pm – 7pm
Confession	4pm – 5pm
Adoration	7.30pm <i>via Zoom</i>
Mass	8pm <i>via Zoom</i>

Saturday

Confession	4pm – 5pm
Mass	6pm <i>via Zoom</i>

Sunday

Confession	4 – 5pm
Mass	6pm <i>via Zoom</i>

ST. THERESE CHURCH

Monday – Friday

Mass	3pm
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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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2020 Child Protection Week Initiative

We are kindly asking for your participation in the CyberSafety Survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TC7CYQ3> and encourage our parish community to take part. The Safeguarding Office hopes that with your help, together they can develop a suite of eSafety resources that will educate the Archdiocese community about eSafety.

The Safeguarding Office appreciates your support in safeguarding our parish community and supporting 2020 Child Protection Week initiative.

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 will find the webpage: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic>



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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 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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Alternatively, if you require assistance with your PC Box or cash, please call our friendly team on 1800 024 413.