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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](mailto: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 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.**

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.

**Advertising Space Available - Beginning New Financial Year**

Quarterly (No Easter Ads): \$330  
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# ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

## St Benedict's Church

Corner Justin & Neville Street  
SMITHFIELD

**Sunday Masses:**  
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm;  
7.30am (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);  
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

## 13th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

28 June 2020



**We pray for the sick of this parish**

Giuseppina Pignataro, 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**

Joseph Ruggier, Elisabetta Meduri,  
Francesco Tosello, Teresina Bordin,  
Jill Wilson, Giuseppe Brusciolo,  
Giuseppa Portolesi

**Recently Deceased**

**And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time**  
Nola Tierney, Lucia Crema, Mariga Basic,  
Martin Sartor, George Sledge, Giusseppe Sinicropi,  
Mario Licciardello, Tommaso Caruso &  
Richard Soulie, Giuseppe Pignataro

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Office:

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Website: [www.stgertrude.org.au](http://www.stgertrude.org.au)

### Parish Council:

Denise Namroud

### Finance Committee:

Tan Do  
Andrew Maia: Work Health & Safety

### Catechists:

9725 4317  
Mimi Romeo: [catechist@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:catechist@stgertrude.org.au)

### Sacraments:

9725 4317 Helena Mertin  
[sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au)  
Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

### 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; &  
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 JUNE

#### The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

## ~ Solemnity ~

Monday 29th June  
Sts Peter and Paul,  
Apostles

## Feast

St Thomas, apostle

## 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.

The Parish does not imply any endorsement for advertisements listed in this bulletin.

## 13th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

**ENTRANCE** Ps 46:2

*All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!*

**FIRST READING** 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

*A reading from the second book of the Kings*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

**(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;  
it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

**SECOND READING** Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

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

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is

life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 1 Pt 2:9

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people  
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

*Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** Mt 10:37-42

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** Cf. Ps 102:1

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all within me, his holy name.*

Next Week: 14 SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

*Readings: Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30*

### Office Hours

As we gradually return to normal operations, our secretaries will be in the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am to 2pm. You may still contact the Parish Office via phone or email at any time. This will come into effect as of the week of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

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### Gradual Reopening.

It is good to see that we have been transitioning very well with the gradual reopening of our Parish. In keeping with government guidelines, next weekend (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July) we are allowed to have more people attend Mass. No longer are we restricted to 50 people, but rather now calculations are **in accordance with social distancing regulations**. This means for St. Benedict's Shrine we can accommodate 100-120 people and St. Therese 40-50 people. We will still have in place an "overflow" Mass in the Montefano Hall if the need should arise. Again, we thank you for your patience and understanding as we try to accommodate these new regulations.

### Timetable - Masses

Mass Times are as shown on front page of bulletin. Please note changes to the **Sunday Italian Mass now 7.30am and no 7.30am Sunday Mass at St Therese**.

### A Friendly Reminder.

While it seems that we are gradually coming back to some sense of normality we must remember that **we are still in the midst of a Global Pandemic**. The figures released this week suggest that we are coming close to the 10 million mark for global infections and almost 500,000 deaths. For this reason we still have measures in place to limit the possibility of transmission.

◇ **Contact Tracing:** Write your name and contact details on the sheets provided at the doors of the church (these are kept for contact tracing and will be destroyed after 21 days)

◇ **Hand Sanitiser:** Use the hand sanitiser at the doors of the church. This is very important.

◇ **Seating:** Sit in the allocated seating. There are **yellow Xs** marked on the pews for you to safely be seated. Please only sit where the pew is marked.

◇ **Confession:** Confession times have resumed. Again, please only sit on the pews with the **yellow X**.

◇ **Sign of Peace** – with a nod, bow, smile or wave. No physical contact.

◇ **Communion to be received on the hand.** As per guidelines from the Archbishop at this stage we are directed to receive communion only on the hand.

◇ **Weekly Offerings/Collections:** As it is not possible to "pass the plate around" at Mass, there are two boxes at the doors of the church for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection. You can leave your offering as you enter the church. Alternatively, you may wish to make use of electronic transfer. Details are in the bulletin. Thank you for your continued support of your Parish and your priests.

◇ **Sanitising the church:** After each service the church is sanitised using commercial grade disinfectant detergent.

◇ **Limiting exposure:** We all like to have a chat after Mass, but health guidelines encourage us not to remain for unnecessary amounts of time in groups. If you do have a chat after Mass, please maintain social distancing.

◇ **At Risk Persons:** According to recommendations those at risk - **(those over 70 years of age, those with any symptoms, those with compromised immune or respiratory systems)**, are asked to consider carefully your health and safety when considering attending a Church Service. If you show any symptoms, please refrain from attending church services at this time. The dispensation from Sunday Mass is still in place by the Archbishop.

I understand that we may feel some frustration at this time around certain regulations and recommendations but know that we are working in the best interest of all in our community. *Thank you for your patience and understanding.*

### Cessation of ZOOM-ed Mass.

From this weekend we will no longer be transmitting Mass via Zoom. This has served us well during the time of the closure of places of worship. Thank you to those who joined our Mass via Zoom. For those who cannot attend Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral offers streamed Mass.  
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

### First Friday and First Saturday Celebrations.

This week we return to our celebrations of First Friday and First Saturday devotions.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**  
St Therese's: 6.30-7.00am Exposition and Confession.;  
7.00am Mass

St. Benedict's: 7.00pm Mass;  
7.30-8.30pm Exposition and Confession

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July**  
St. Therese's: 7.00-8.00am Exposition and Confession;  
8.00am Mass

### Chocolate Lambs.

Due to the sudden closure of churches over Easter we have a number of chocolate lambs remaining unsold. These are available at the doors of the church and if you wish to take a chocolate lamb home you are welcome. All we ask is that you make a donation for the lamb.

### Parish Donations

#### 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

**Thank you for your continued support and generosity.**  
God Bless.

### Church use during COVID-19.

Please take note that during the current Pandemic situation if a family has chosen a priest from outside the Smithfield Parish to preside at a wedding or funeral or other religious service, then it is a requirement that the family arrange for the church to be cleaned and sanitised. The Parish will only take responsibility for Parish events with our priests.

**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, ALL Safeguarding Training will be postponed until the start of September 2020.**

Thank you for your co-operation. Any concerns please contact [pssostgertrude.org.au](mailto:pssostgertrude.org.au). or the Parish Office on 9604 1199  
Tuesday—Friday 10am-2pm.