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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 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
Half Year (26 Weeks - No Easter Ads): \$550
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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: Fridays after 9.15am Mass with Exposition.



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);
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

14th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

5 July 2020



We welcome the following
Isla Hofland
Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish
Giuseppina Pignataro, 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
Jeanne Jarkey, Eddie Rogers, Joseph Ruggier, Elisabetta Meduri,
Francesco Tosello, Teresina Bordin,
Jill Wilson, Giuseppe Brusolino,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time
Santa Licciardello, Rina Favotto,

PARISH INFORMATION

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Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585
Email: office@stgertrude.org.au
Website: www.stgertrude.org.au

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (closed Wednesday)
10am - 2pm

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

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

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER
Intention for July
Universal prayer intention—
Our Families
We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Novena to St Benedict

Every Wednesday after the 7pm Mass with Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Reconciliation is available during this time.

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.

14th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE Cf. Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING Zec 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this:
'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1

**(R.) I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

SECOND READING Rom 8:9.11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Your interests 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, 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.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good;

blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Next Week: 15 SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

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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 recent government regulations and guidelines from the Archdiocese we are now permitted to have more people in our churches calculated **in accordance with social distancing regulations**. This means for St. Benedict's Shrine we can accommodate a maximum of 120 people and St. Therese a maximum of 50 people. We will still have in place an "overflow" Mass in the Montefano Hall if the need should arise. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has also issued a **Seventh Pastoral Letter**. This is available on the Parish Notice Board outside St. Benedict's Shrine, or you can access a copy on the St. Mary's Cathedral website <https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/>. Again, we thank you for your patience and understanding as we try to accommodate these new regulations.

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 show over 10 million global infections and in excess of 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 28 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. People living in the same household are allowed to sit together.
- ◇ **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 recommended by the Archbishop at this stage we will continue to distribute 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 1st and 2nd 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. However in his latest Pastoral letter the Archbishop states that **"those who are at low risk of infection and able ... are exhorted to take all reasonable steps to attend Sunday Mass."**

I understand that we may feel some frustration at this time around certain regulations and recommendations but know that we are

Office Hours

As we gradually return to normal operations, our secretaries will be in the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday, (closed Wednesday) 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 from Monday 6th July 2020.**

Resuming Parish Groups

Over the coming weeks the Parish will begin to resume our Parish groups and activities. The resumption of these activities will of course be in accordance with Public Health and Safety Regulations.

Parish Feast of St. Benedict.

Next weekend (11th and 12th July) as a Parish community we will celebrate the Feast of St. Benedict. All Masses will be celebrated using the Prayers and Readings for St. Benedict. Unfortunately as we still have restrictions, we will not be able to have a morning tea after 10:30am Mass but I encourage you as a family to celebrate the Day in a special way.

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 psso@stgertrude.org.au. or the Parish Office on 9604 1199 Tuesday—Friday 10am-2pm.