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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

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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.

Parish Catechesis for Adults and Young People

2020 has been disturbing, shaking us from our normal way of living. Loneliness and isolation has confronted us all. The Lord in his love for you, has prepared a banquet, it is YOU he invites to this wedding feast today.

Come and listen!

To a series of catechesis will be held every **Monday and Thursday at 7:30pm, beginning Monday October 12th.** Meeting in St Gertrude's Chapel, 1 Justin St Smithfield, opposite St Benedict's Shrine.

Babysitting available and recommendations of safe COVID/social distancing will be followed.

For information please contact Louisa 0413 231 531



FCI
BINGO is BACK!
ALL Parishioners WELCOME.

Come, join us 10:00 am

Dates to be confirmed in the Montefano Hall.

Only \$10 entry - includes prizes, morning tea/coffee and light lunch.



St Gertrude's
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ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

St Benedict's Church

Corner Justin & Neville Street
SMITHFIELD

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm;
9am (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 & 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);
7:30am (English); 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

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

6 Justin St, Smithfield
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

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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

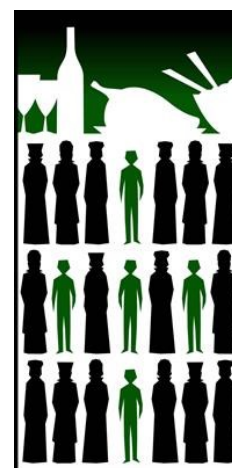
Marriages: Parish Office 9604 1199
By appointment only (6 months required)

Sick Calls: 9604 1199
Any Time

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 October, 2020



We welcome the following

Joshua MORRIS

Baptised in our Parish Community

Congratulations to

Alyssa MALOVIC & Michael BABIC

Married in our Parish

May God confirm them in their love.

We pray for the sick of this parish

Fr Gabriel Taylor OSPPE, David Lazarus, Giuseppina Pignataro, 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

Remember in your prayers

Rose Farrugia, Carmelina Oliveri, Ivan Stefulj, Vera Klish, Caterina Cassarino, Providenza Viteta, Giuseppe Busa, John Donnantuoni, Teresa Ianelli

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Rosario Violi, Carmela Delle Coste, Gaetana Catania

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

Intention for October

The Laity's Mission in the Church
We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Novena to St Benedict

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—October 17
Group B: PPC /Teachers (St Benedict's)
Group C: Spanish (St Therese)

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

*** COVID19 Safety Procedures—**
Please see Church Notice Boards

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

FIRST READING Is 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.
The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22. R. v.6

*(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.*

- The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. *(R.)*
- He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. *(R.)*
- You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. *(R.)*
- Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. *(R.)*

SECOND READING Phil 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I
have been through my initiation and now I am ready for
anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, pov-
erty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the
help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it
was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In re-
turn my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as
lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ev-
er and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:
‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who
gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants
to call those who had been invited, but they would not
come. Next he sent some more servants. “Tell those who
have been invited” he said “that I have my banquet all
prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaugh-
tered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding.” But
they were not interested: one went off to his farm, an-
other to his business, and the rest seized his servants,
maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious.
He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and
burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, “The wed-
ding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be
unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite
everyone you can find to the wedding.” So these servants
went out onto the roads and collected together everyone
they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall
was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at
the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a
wedding garment, and said to him, “How did you get in
here, my friend, without a wedding garment?” And the
man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants,
“Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark,
where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.” For
many are called, but few are chosen.’

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek
the Lord lack no blessing.

Next Week: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Is 45:1,4-6; Thes 1:1-5, Mt 22:15-21

OCTOBER ROSARY

It is a tradition in the Church that October is dedicated to the Holy
Rosary. The Rosary will be prayed each week day in our Parish.
St. Benedict's: 8.50am (before morning Mass)
St. Therese's: 7.00pm
*You are most welcome to pray the rosary as a community for the intentions of
our world.*

ARCHDIOCESAN OCTOBER FAMILY ~ ROSARY PILGRIMAGE

The official Pilgrim Statue of **Our Lady Help of Christians** will be
travelling through the parishes of the Archdiocese during the month of
October. It will be visiting our parish on **25th October**.
Our Parish Family Rosary will commence at 7pm .
Please feel free to bring flowers as a gift to Our Lady during her visit to our parish

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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. Recent Government
regulations which came into effect on Friday 24th July have limited funerals
and places and worship to a maximum of 100 persons, providing there is a
four square metre space around each person, with the exception of people
from the same household. Therefore, St. Benedict's Shrine can have a
maximum of 100 people. St. Therese has a maximum of 50 people, and
the Montefano Hall a maximum of 90 persons.

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/](https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/).

Overflow Mass 10.30am Sunday

In recent weeks it has come to our attention that the 10:30am Mass is a
popular choice for our Parishioners. In order to follow NSW State
guidelines and to ensure your access to celebrate Sunday Mass, there will
be an overflow Mass in the Montefano Hall.
Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

NSW Health Recommendation: Wearing face Masks

Recently, the NSW Premier has now **recommended** that people wear masks
when they are in crowded places and social distancing is not easy to maintain.
She cites as examples public transport and places of worship. I thank our pa-
rishioners for their great efforts maintaining their social
distance, but because people remain together there for 40 or more minutes, it
would seem that masks will provide an additional safeguard. It is not
compulsory in NSW but **strongly recommended**. The primary precautions
remain hand sanitising and distance.

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

- ◇ **Contact Tracing:** Write your name and contact details on the sheets
provided at the doors of St Benedict's, St Therese's, & Montefano Hall (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
essential.
- ◇ **Sanitising the church:** After each service the churches and Montefano Hall
are sanitised using commercial grade disinfectant detergent.
- ◇ **Seating:** Sit in the allocated seating. In both the churches there is an 'X'
marked on the Pews, and in the Montefano Hall chairs placed at social
distancing for you to be seated safely. Please **ONLY** sit where the Pew is
marked. People living in the same household may sit together in the Pews.
- ◇ **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.
- ◇ **Receiving Holy Communion:** The recommended way of receiving Holy
Communion is on the hand. Please remain in your pew and Holy Communion
will be brought to you.
- ◇ **Planned Giving & Collections:** At ALL Masses, there are two boxes at the
doors of the church for 1st and 2nd Collection. You can place your offering as
you enter or leave 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.
- ◇ **Limiting exposure:** Health guidelines encourage us not to remain for
unnecessary amounts of time in groups. It is essential to 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 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 working in the best
interest of all in our community. *Thank you for your patience and understanding.*

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.

Parish Donations

First Collection (Priests) Account : Smithfield House – Order of St Paul the First Hermit
BSB 066711 Acct. No. 007392

Second Collection (Parish) Account : Smithfield Catholic Church
BSB: 062784 Acct. No. 6675001

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

Communion to the Sick will be given on a fortnightly basis.
The next date is Tuesday 13th and 27th October.

HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL ~ This Weekend at all Masses.

Our parish will be holding a special appeal this weekend for the Holy
Father. The Holy Father's Appeal supports Pope Francis' charitable
works around the world and is an important source of funding that al-
lows the Church to extend its help to where it's most desperately need-
ed.
For those unable to donate this week, the donation box will also be
available next weekend.
Your support is very much appreciated!

Parish Maintenance Update

Over the past few months there has been a lot of activity in the church with
maintenance projects. Some of the more major works include:

St. Benedict's Shrine

- Replacing exterior tiles under the stained glass windows
- Upgrades to data projector, the sound system and microphones
- Installation of Wi-Fi to stream Mass
- Repair of window roller shutters
- Professional cleaning of marble floors throughout the church
- Installation of cleaner's sink in sacristy
- Repair to external flood lighting
- Replace internal pelmet lighting and other lighting
- Refurbishment of Parish Demountables

St. Therese

- Connection of hot water for cleaners
- Repair and reconfigure church sound system
- Installation of new boundary Colourbond fencing.
- Repaint and repair rental property

Montefano Hall

- Repair downpipes and part roofing repair
- Installation of new hot water system to kitchen
- Electrical works
- Exit signs and external sensor lights

These works are only made possible by the generous donations of
Parishioners and Benefactors.

Upcoming Urgent Maintenance.

There are a number of maintenance projects that still need to be
completed. Some have been put on hold due to Covid but others are
unavoidable and are urgent. In particular:
- Roof repairs to St. Benedict's Shrine, estimated at \$12,000
- External security upgrades of CCTV security, estimated \$12,000

If you are able and would like to make a contribution to our upcoming
maintenance please contact the Parish Priest via the Parish office.
Thank you for your continued support of the Parish.

Blessing of Pets 25th October Due to the ongoing health situation the
decision has been made not to hold the Pet's Mass this year. However, you are
invited to bring a picture of your pet to the **10.30am Mass on Sunday 25th
October for a blessing.**

Sacramental Programme

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation
preparation has been deferred to 2021. Children currently enrolled will be contact-
ed when classes are ready to resume.

Enrolment information and any changes to the programmes will be
published in the parish bulletin.

The Sacramental Office is currently closed. For all general enquiries, please
email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au.

Parental Petition – First Holy Communion

The Church has always held the view that parents are the first educators of their
children in the Catholic Faith. Parishioners who attend weekly Mass, are known in
our parish and to our parish priests, whose child is of age, and who feel that their
child is suitably prepared to receive the
Sacrament of First Holy Communion, may contact the Sacramental Office to
discuss eligibility for an individual ceremony. Upon contacting the Sacramental
Office, a meeting may be organised with the Parish Priest to discuss your
circumstances further and a decision will be made at the Parish Priest's
discretion.

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/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfb01>.

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.

**Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, ALL Safeguarding Training will be
postponed until the start of January 2021.**

Thank you for your co-operation. Any concerns please contact
psso@stgertrude.org.au. or the Parish Office on 9604 1199 .