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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

"A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes 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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Contact Parish Office - 9604 1199
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FCI-Italian-Catholic-Federation
Invites ALL Parishioners & friends to join us for Bingo.

Next FCI Bingo is Friday 11 & 25 June 2021

10:00 am - Montefano Hall
\$10 entry Bingo Games, morning tea/coffee & light lunch included.
Member's meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 8 June.
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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:
9.15 am followed by Devotions
7pm Mass & Adoration followed by Devotions

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 (Syriac)

Weekday Masses:
Mon - Fri 7.00am; Saturday 8am
Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am

First Friday of the Month:
6.30am Exposition & Confession; 7am Mass

First Saturday of the Month:
7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Tuesdays after Mass

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 June 2021



We welcome the following

Isabell Ristevski, Koby Wright, Nayt Wright,
Zeljko Kelic

Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish

Alyssa Ferreri, Fr Gabriel Taylor OSPPE,
David Lazarus, Giuseppina Pignataro,
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

Remember in your prayers

Silvestro Sganga, Mary Doran, Gina Wilson,
Marija Stefulj, Anton Jarkey, Lawrence Cachia,
Gabrielle Palozzo, Rina Spisso, Anthony Dimech,
Giovanna Fedele; Placy D'Souza,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Elisabetta Meduri, Joseph Ruggier

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

Sacraments: 9725 4317 Helena Martin
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: Currently not available at this time.

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

Safeguarding:

wwcc@stgertrude.org.au (all WWCC renewals)
psso@stgertrude.org.au (Parish Safeguarding Support Officers)

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

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

Intention for June
The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

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— 26 June
Group C: Wilson Family
(St Benedict's)
Group D: Syriacs
(St Theresa's)

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

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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 27:8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

FIRST READING Jb 38:1. 8-11

A reading from the book of Job

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

- 1. Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters. These men have seen the Lord’s deeds, the wonders he does in the deep. (R.)
- 2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress. (R.)
- 3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed. (R.)
- 4. They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men. (R.)

SECOND READING 2 Cor 5:14-17

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

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to Go

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 4:35-41

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Let us cross over to the other side.’ And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, ‘Master, do you not care? We are going down!’ And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ‘Quiet now! Be calm!’ And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, ‘Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?’ They were filled with awe and said to one another, ‘Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 144:15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

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Thursday 24 June ~ Solemnity
Nativity of St John the Baptist

Masses: 7am St Theresa’s Church
9:15am St Benedict’s Shrine

Next Week: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24;
2 Cor 8:7.9. 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

CHANGES TO MANAGEMENT OF CEMETERIES

You may be aware that this week the NSW Government has announced sweeping changes to the management of cemeteries, namely that all cemetery trusts will merge into a single government trust. In effect, this dismisses faith-based operators. The consequences of this decision are:

- That faith groups (including Muslims, Jews and other Christians) who manage and operate cemeteries will be replaced by government run agencies. For Catholics this ends 150 years of the role of the Church in burying the dead (a corporal work of mercy), the upkeep of graves and support of grieving families.
- That assets set aside to manage cemeteries will be forcibly acquired by the NSW Government without proper consultation.
- Uncertainty about graves being kept “in perpetuity” (forever).
- Almost certainty of increased costs for funerals.
- Uncertainty as to the use of Chapels for funeral services.
- Lack of understanding on the Government’s behalf that burying the dead is a spiritual mission which needs to be met with sensitivity and Pastoral Care.

A copy of an article written by Archbishop Anthony Fisher and a sheet outlining in more detail the concerns over this government decision are available at the foyer of the church

We encourage you to write to or telephone your local Member of Parliament appealing a reverse in this decision.

Please sign the petition at saveourgraves.com.au

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – TUESDAY 22ND JUNE

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet this Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Parish Demountable. If you have a concern that you would like the Council to discuss please email the Parish Office by Tuesday 22nd June.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP – SUNDAY 20TH JUNE

The Parish Youth Group meets every third Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be this weekend **Sunday 20th June** Join us for Mass at 6pm and following the Mass, youth meeting in the Parish

MEN’S ROSARY GROUP – THURSDAY 24TH JUNE

The Men’s Rosary Group meets the last Thursday of every month at **7pm at St. Benedict’s Shrine**. The group will next meet on **Thursday 24th June**. New members are always welcome to join.

FAMILY AND CHILDREN’S MASS—SUNDAY 27TH JUNE

A family and children’s Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 27th June at St. Benedict’s Shrine at 10.30am. All welcome!

MASS FOR SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF THE UNBORN—MONDAY 28TH JUNE

Mass for the Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn will be celebrated on Monday 28th June at St. Benedict’s Shrine at 7pm.

Those who have committed to thisSpiritual Adoption are encouraged to attend.



ST. BENEDICT’S FEAST DAY – SUNDAY JULY 11TH



The Parish will celebrate the Feast of St. Benedict on Sunday 11th July at 10.30am. The main celebrant for the day will be emeritus Bishop Peter Ingham, who is also a Confrater of the Pauline Order. More details about the celebration will be given in the coming weeks.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

HOLY COMMUNION PHOTO COLLECTION EVENING: Holy Communion Photos can be collected from the Montefano Hall on Friday 2nd July from 6:30 pm to 8 pm.

CONFIRMATION will be celebrated on Sunday 12th September 2021

- Parent Information Meeting: Tuesday 20th July, 7 pm in the Montefano Hall.
- Sessions commence weekend of 24/25th July.
- Enrolled candidates will be contacted at the end of June, by email, with more information regarding preparation classes and ceremony time.

The Sacramental Office is currently closed and will re-open on Friday 25th June.

For all enquiries please email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or phone: 9725 4317 to leave a message. If you wish to see Helena face-to-face, please email/call the Sacramental Office to make an appointment. Thank You.

FR. ALBERIC ANNIVERSARY MASS – SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST

A Mass of thanksgiving commemorating the 60th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr. Alberic will be celebrated on Sunday 1st August at 10.30am. More details in the coming weeks.

FAIRFIELD ACTIVE MALTESE SENIORS

Will celebrate the Feast of St Peter & Paul **Tuesday 29 June** With Mass @ 10am
St Theresa’s Church, 129 The Boulevard Fairfield Heights, followed by Festive M/tea in the Hall.
All Members & Friends welcome.
Contact: Marisa on 0414 863 123

COVID-19 UPDATE

There have been some changes to the NSW Health directives in regards to places of worship: The wearing of masks is no longer mandatory. However, NSW Health does maintain that this is **strongly recommended**. The number of people attending church services has also changed. Under the new regulations, there is no longer a “cap” of people attending provided that the **one person per 2m² rule** is observed. As such, St. Benedict’s Shrine can hold a maximum of 300 people, St. Theresa’s Church 100 people and Montefano Hall 180 people.

Dispensation Lifted

Archbishop Anthony Fisher has lifted **the dispensation from our Sunday Mass obligation**. The Catholic faithful are once again obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation when this is reasonably possible. Those who are of great age, have health conditions or are otherwise anxious about the risks of COVID-19 are free to remain at home and find another way of keeping the Sabbath holy.

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.