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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.**

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

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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 Administrator

Fr Peter James Strohmayr OSPPE

#### Assistant Priest

Fr Wojtek Sliwa 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

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 January 2021



#### We welcome the following

Gianna Zgiar, Elara Maria Castro, Ace Dinh  
**Baptised in our Parish Community**

#### Congratulations to

Samantha Tawil & Neal Michael Vaz  
**Married in our Parish**

**May God confirm them in their love.**

#### We pray for the sick of our parish

Fr Gabriel Taylor OSPPE, David Lazarus,  
Giuseppina Pignataro, Fr Anthony David  
OSPPE, Kevin Dicconson, Adam Westwood,  
Emile & Mary Kods, Kartia Grace Russell,  
Gino Mifsud & Ivy Fernandes.

**Bless our sick Heavenly Father and restore them quickly to health**  
**Remember in your prayers**

Maria Frizzo, Joseph Cortez, Caesar Sammut, Adreana Attard, Giovanni Oliverio,  
Maria Caltabiano, Josephine Cachia,  
Constantino Axiak, Therese Do, Dorothy Vella,

#### Recently Deceased

Emilio Spinazze, Maria Fernandez, Silvana Fenech

#### In Remembrance:

Maria Caltabiano, Peter Capolupo, Salvatore Mazzzeo, Giuseppina Reitano,  
Maria Sciglitano, Peter Capolupo,  
Aldo De Gasperi

## PARISH INFORMATION

#### Parish Office:

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Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585  
Email: [office@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:office@stgertrude.org.au)  
Website: [www.stgertrude.org.au](http://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](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:

#### 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 January

#### True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

## 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—

### Group C

Warren Wilson and family  
Group D: Syriacs (St Therese)

## Parish Office Hours:

10am—2pm  
Monday, Thursday, & Friday  
during January

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



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING

Neh 8:2-6. 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep’. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, It gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)

2.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.)

3.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)

4.

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27

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

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us

all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ’s body; but each of you is a different part of it.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Next Week: 4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 4:21-30

Scriptural Context Framing

On either side of the quote from Isaiah in today’s gospel there are very symmetrical actions. Before reading, Jesus stands, is handed the scroll and then unrolls the scroll. On completion he rolls up the scroll, hands it back and then sits down. There is a balance to every action. This framing or bracketing technique is used throughout the gospel of Luke as a cue to the audience. Whenever this framing occurs, it means that there is a very important teaching or action that occurs within the frame. On this occasion, the frame surrounds Jesus declaring his intentions for his ministry.

2022 PARISH FACILITY BOOKINGS (Smithfield & Fairfield West Church & Hall)


Groups wanting to use these facilities on a regular basis, please book your dates and times in writing/email to the Parish Office office@stgertrude.org.au Thank you.

Australia Day Jan 26<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of January is Australia Day. As this is a public holiday Mass will be celebrated

St. Therese’s Church 8am  
St. Benedict’s Shrine 7.00pm

Please join with us as we pray for our country



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. 100001084

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

Monday 24th January

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor

Tuesday 25th January ~ Feast

Conversion of St Paul

Friday 28th January

Saint Thomas Aquinas,

SACRAMENTAL NEWS !

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation Ceremonies for the 2020 & 2021 cohorts will take place as follows:

- Ceremony 1: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 11:30 am
- Ceremony 2: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 12:30 pm
- Ceremony 3: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30 pm

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE IMPORTANT EMAIL REGARDING YOUR CHILD’S CONFIRMATION CEREMONY.

- ◆ Reconciliation, Retreat, Rehearsals and Ceremony dates to be advised. These dates may be subject to change beyond our control.
- ◆ Confirmation Programme: To pray for the candidates, view their work or see updates about the programme, visit the Parish web-site: <https://www.stgertrude.org.au/confirmation-programme-2021/>

FIRST RECONCILIATION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022: Enrolments have closed.

If you missed the enrolment period, please contact the Sacrament Office ASAP.

Late enrolments may not be accepted.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARTICLE 3 THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

1322 The holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation. Those who have been raised to the dignity of the royal priesthood by Baptism and configured more deeply to Christ by Confirmation participate with the whole community in the Lord's own sacrifice by means of the Eucharist.

1323 "At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet 'in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'"<sup>135</sup>

I. THE EUCHARIST - SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF ECCLESIAL LIFE

1324 The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life."<sup>136</sup> "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."<sup>137</sup>

1325 "The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being. It is the culmination both of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through him to the Father in the Holy Spirit."<sup>138</sup>

1326 Finally, by the Eucharistic celebration we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be all in all."<sup>139</sup>

1327 In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith: "Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking."<sup>140</sup>