



Mark Malone J.P.
Director

678 Brenan Street, Smithfield NSW 2164
Ph: (02) 9727 0400 Fax: (02) 9727 0800 Mob: 0404 718 528
www.integrityfuneralsnsw.com.au

Advertising Space Available - Beginning New Financial Year

Quarterly (No Easter Ads): \$330
Half Year (26 Weeks - No Easter Ads): \$550
Annually (No Easter Ads): \$990

- 10% discount for parishioners who are actively donating via the St Gertrude's Fund.

Contact Parish Office - 9604 1199
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10 am—2 pm



St Gertrude's
Catholic Primary School
Smithfield



OPEN DAYS

Monday 7 March 2022 • 3.30pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 9 March 2022 • 9.30am-10.30am
Monday 14 March 2022 • 3.30pm-5.00pm

To book a tour, please visit: www.trybooking.com/BWJIG

stgsmithfield.catholic.edu.au



MARY MACKILLOP
CATHOLIC COLLEGE
WAKELEY

marymackillop.catholic.edu.au
P (02) 9725 4322

OPEN DAY

Tuesday
22 March
2022
4.00pm-
7.30pm

Newman Selective
Catholic Education Program



Patrician Brothers'
College Fairfield



OPEN DAY

Tuesday 29 March 2022 • 3.00pm-6.30pm

pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au

Advertising Space Available - Beginning New Financial Year

Quarterly (No Easter Ads): \$330
Half Year (26 Weeks - No Easter Ads): \$550
Annually (No Easter Ads): \$990

- 10% discount for parishioners who are actively donating via the St Gertrude's Fund.

Contact Parish Office - 9604 1199
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10 am—2 pm

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."

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

ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

St Benedict's Shrine

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; Saturday 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: Tuesday after Mass &



Parish Administrator

Fr Peter James Strohmayr OSPPE

Assistant Priest

Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE

St Therese'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 Holiday: 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:

Tuesday after Mass

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 February 2022



We welcome into our Parish

Sophie HEDGES,
Raven MATTHEWS

Baptised this weekend

We pray for the sick of this parish

Alyssa Ferreri,
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

Recently Deceased

Rosa Gravante, Giuseppe D'Elia, Pietro Anastasi,
Carmen Rosa Diaz, David Lazarus, Eustace Cyril Robeiro, Maria Fernandez, Mihaly Puskas, Haras El-Hachem.

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Wendy Bonicevic, Leon Paseka, Giuliano Nadalina, Giovanni Oliverio

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 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: Currently not available at this time.

Reconciliation:

Smithfield - Sat 4.45—5.45 pm
Sunday 10.15am & 5.45pm
Wednesday During Novena
(or by appointment)

Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month 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)

Parish Playgroup: Thursday during school term. 9.30am – 11.30am

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

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

For religious sisters and
consecrated women

We pray for religious sisters and
consecrated women; thanking them for
their mission and their courage; may
they continue to find new responses to
the challenges of our times.

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:

w/e 26th February 2022

St Benedict: Group C Wilson Family
St Therese's: Group A Frances

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

* COVID19 Safety Procedures—Please see Church Notice Boards

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

FIRST READING

1Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23.

A reading from the First Book of Samuel

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Cor. 15: 45-49.

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you. .
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk. 6: 27-38.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to

treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back '

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR DAVID LAZARUS TUESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY, 7PM

A one month anniversary Mass will be celebrated for David Lazarus on **Tuesday 22nd February at 7pm at St. Benedict's Shrine**. For many years David served the Parish of Smithfield and is well respected for his dedicated service and commitment to the Parish. This Mass is an opportunity for us as a Parish Community to celebrate the life of David and to give thanks to God for David. All welcome to attend.

CATECHIST NEWS



THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE SERVICE OF TERESA CULJACK TO OUR AREA CATECHISTS FRIDAY 25TH FEBRUARY AT 9.15AM

For many years Teresa Culjak has been a familiar face to the Catechists in our local area. She has brought laughter, professionalism, vitality and a commitment to all our catechists. Teresa has recently resigned from her position and has decided to move on to other pursuits. To say thank you to Teresa for her years of service a Mass will be celebrated for her in thanksgiving for her service on Friday 25th February at 9.15am. All Catechists are welcome to attend.

Our Catechist are committed and dedicated to bringing the Word of God to approximately 1000 children in our State Schools. Being a Catechist and bringing the Word of God to our children is an important Mission of the Church.

Thank you to all our Catechists for you amazing commitment and representation of Christ and our Parish in the community.

Have you considered being a Catechist?

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS: SUNDAY 27TH, 10.30AM



The blessing of backpacks will take place on Sunday 27th at 10.30am. Students are invited to bring their school backpacks for this blessing.

Next Week: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Scripture: Sir 27: 4-7; 1Cor 15: 54-58; Lk. 6: 39-45.

© The scriptural quotations are taken from the Jerusalem Bible, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers.
The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the Alleluia and Gospel Verses, and the Lenten Gospel Acclamations, and the Titles, Summaries, and Conclusion of the Readings, from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved.
The prayers are from the English Translation of the Roman Missal © 2010 I International Committee on English in the Liturgy Inc. (ICEL). All rights reserved.



ASH WEDNESDAY: 2ND MARCH

In the Roman Catholic Tradition, Ash Wednesday begins the penitential Season of Lent. Although this is not a holy day of obligation, the faithful are strongly encouraged to attend Mass and receive the ashes.

Mass times:

St. Therese's Church 7am
St. Benedict's Shrine 9.15am
7pm

Please note that there will be **no Novena** on the evening of Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fasting** (one main meal and two snacks) **and abstinence** (not eating meat). Fasting applies to those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

Project Compassion Boxes can also be collected from the entrance of the Church.

LENTEN PROGRAM

We are planning a number of Lenten activities to help us reflect during Lent and to prepare for the celebration of Easter. More information will be given in the bulletin next week. There has been difficulty obtaining the Lenten reflections and hopefully this will be sorted for next weekend.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE:

NEW REFRESHER TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Safeguarding Ministerial Office have advised that volunteers who completed Safeguarding Induction Training **more than 3 years ago** need to complete a **Refresher Training**.

If you are unsure of when you previously completed Safeguarding Induction Training please contact psso (psso@stgertrude.org.au) or ministry co-ordinators.

Currently this is only available through Online platforms. Volunteers can register for the new Refresher Training via SALT training (allows you to complete in own time) **or** via ZOOM.

To register for SALT training, please follow this link ink <https://forms.gle/XuQFsRsvq3BYtXqT9> .

Alternatively, Volunteer Refresher training is available via Zoom. Below are the available dates for the Zoom Refresher Training, volunteers will simply need to register by emailing safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org

If you have any further queries or require assistance please contact psso at psso@stgertrude.org.au or speak to your ministry coordinator.

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, 22 February 2022	9.00am – 10.00am	ZOOM
Friday, 11 March 2022	3.00pm – 4.00pm	ZOOM
Thursday, 31 March 2022	9.00am – 10.00am	ZOOM
Wednesday, 6 April 2022	4.00pm – 5.00pm	ZOOM
Monday, 16 May 2022	3.00pm – 4.00pm	ZOOM
Monday, 6 June 2022	9.00am – 10.00am	ZOOM

SACRAMENTAL NEWS !

CONFIRMATION – 2020 & 2021 COHORTS

Congratulations to all the young people who were Confirmed or received a special blessing last weekend. We pray that you will continue your faith journey through life with heightened awareness of the power of the Holy Spirit within you.

The prayer and support from members of the Parish Community was much appreciated by parents and the Confirmandi. Thank you, parents, for the sacrifices you made in preparing your children for this special time. Covid complicated matters, especially with our ceremonies being postponed twice over the last 2 years. Thankfully with the help of technology we were able to hold our lessons via Zoom and prepare virtually together for this important Sacrament. To the Confirmandi, your enthusiasm and dedication to the preparation programme was admirable. Your Saint projects, which can be viewed on the Parish website, were very inspiring.

A big thank you to Fr Peter James, Fr Jarek and Fr Wojtek for all your support as we prepared the Candidates during this challenging time. Thank you also to the many people from our Parish and School Community who were involved in preparing for our Confirmation Masses, making the ceremonies a memorable event for our Candidates.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS

Please refer to the email sent out on Thursday, providing you with a link to view your child's photos. Please direct all questions regarding purchasing photographs to Giovanni Portelli by emailing info@giovanniportelli.com.au



FIRST RECONCIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

Families who enrolled in November 2021, have been sent an email to acknowledge that enrolment has been received. You will be contacted again at the end of February with more information regarding your child's First Reconciliation lessons.

Reminder: Parent Information Meeting will take place on Tuesday 1st March at 7 pm in the Montefano Hall (please note the date/time may be subject to change).

If you missed the enrolment period last year, please visit the Parish website for more information <http://www.stgertrude.org.au/ministries/sacramental-program/enrolment-first-reconciliation-first-holy-communion-2022/> Enrolments for 2022 will not be accepted after the 25th February.

For all enquiries, please contact the Sacramental Office by emailing sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or phone 9725 4317 to leave a message.



REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

Please remember to turn off your mobile phones – or switch to silent – when entering the Church.

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.