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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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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 & Friday after 9.15am Mass with Exposition.



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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 February 2022



We welcome into our Parish

Gian-Luca IORFINO
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 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

Recently Deceased

Carmen Rosa Diaz David Lazarus, Eustace Cyril Robeiro, Maria Fernandez, Mihaly Puskas, Haras El-Hachem.

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Giovanni Oliverio, Maria Caltabiano, Adreana Attard, Olga Tumanik, Charlie Saliba, Caesar Sammut,

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 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 12th February 2022

St Benedict: Group A Frances
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**

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING

Is. 6:1-8

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.
And they cried out to one another in this way,
'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
His glory fills the whole earth.'
The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:
'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'
Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:
'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'
Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:
'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'
I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Cor. 15: 1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.
Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.
I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk. 5: 1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

TONGA COLLECTION—THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who contributed to our special collection for Tonga. Your generous contributions have raised \$2875.50 May God return to you many blessings for your generosity to those who are in need.



BLESSING OF BACKPACKS: SUNDAY 27TH

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

REMOVAL OF CLOTHING BINS

Some of you may have noticed that the St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Charity Bins have been removed from the Parish Car Park. The reason that these charity bins were removed was that they had become too unmanageable. Much of the donations that were given was unusable clothing and broken household items that could not be sold. There was also the WHS issue to Parishioners and visitors, as well as the untidy look that the charity bins were giving to the Parish. For those who have clothing items for donation, there is a charity bin outside the Dulux Paint Store as well as some of the local major shopping centres. We apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause but it really was a necessity for the safety of our visitors and guests.

Next Week: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Scripture: Jer 17: 5-8; 1 Cor. 15:12, 16-20;
Lk. 6: 17, 20-26.

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CATECHIST NEWS

CATECHIST SUNDAY

6 FEBRUARY 10.30am Mass
St Benedict's Shrine Church.

All catechists who are able to teach in our State Schools will be commissioned and sent forth for 2022.

CATECHIST MEETING – Wednesday 16 February
10am Montefano Hall, Smithfield.

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?

Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8
I then heard the voice of the Lord saying:
Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?
And I said, "Hear am I, send me.'

Congratulations to Marlene Do Sivieng in recognition of 5 years of service as a catechist in our Parish.

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](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@sydnecatholic.org

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

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

SACRAMENTAL NEWS !

CONFIRMATION MASSES:

Next weekend, 93 Candidates from our Parish Community will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. We ask the Parish Community to please keep the candidates and their families in your prayers over the coming week. Confirmations will be celebrated by Bishop Terence Brady and we welcome Bishop Terence to our Parish.

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

PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL REGULARLY FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES REGARDING YOUR CHILD'S CONFIRMATION CEREMONY.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSALS:

- Ceremony 1 - Tuesday 8th February from 6:30pm to 8pm.
- Ceremony 2 - Thursday 10th February from 5pm to 6:30 pm (note earlier time).
- Ceremony 3 - Friday 11th February from 6:30pm to 8pm.

RECONCILIATION BEFORE CONFIRMATION:

Reconciliation will take place **1 hour before your child's Confirmation Rehearsal**.

- Ceremony 1 Candidates – Tuesday 8th February at 5:30pm
- Ceremony 2 Candidates – Thursday 10th February at 4pm
- Ceremony 3 Candidates – Friday 11th February at 5:30pm

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).

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



RIP DAVID LAZARUS

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of David Lazarus, who served the Parish of St. Gertrude's for many years. David passed away on Saturday 22nd January. His funeral will take place at Our Lady of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Cemetery on Thursday 10th February at 2pm. The Parish wishes to extend to David's family our condolences and prayers at this time.



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.