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

Contact Parish Office - 9604 1199
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10:00 am—2:00 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.au.

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.

FCI—Italian Catholic Federation

Happy & healthy 2022 to all Parishioners & FCI Patrons
You are invited to join us for

2022 Parish BINGO on 10:00 am

Restrictions permitting

Friday 18th March 2022

in Montefano Hall

\$10 entry includes Bingo Games, morning tea/coffee and light lunch.

Come Join us for a morning of fun and prizes.



St Gertrude's
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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

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ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

St Benedict's Shrine

Corner Justin & Neville Street
SMITHFIELD

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm;
9:00 am (Italian); 10:30am; 6:00pm.

Weekday Masses:

9:15am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday;
7:00 pm Wednesday

Weekday Public Holidays: 10:30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Adoration:

Wednesdays after evening Mass with Novena to St Benedict until 8:30 pm; 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 Strohmayer OSPPE

Assistant Priest

Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE

St Therese's Church

Corner The Boulevard & Stella Street
FAIRFIELD WEST

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm (Vietnamese);
7:30 am (English); 12 noon (Spanish); 6:00 pm (Syriac)

Weekday Masses:

Mon - Fri 7:00 am; Saturday 8:00 am
Weekday Public Holiday: 8:00 am

First Friday of the Month:

6.30 am Exposition & Confession; 7:00 am Mass

First Saturday of the Month:

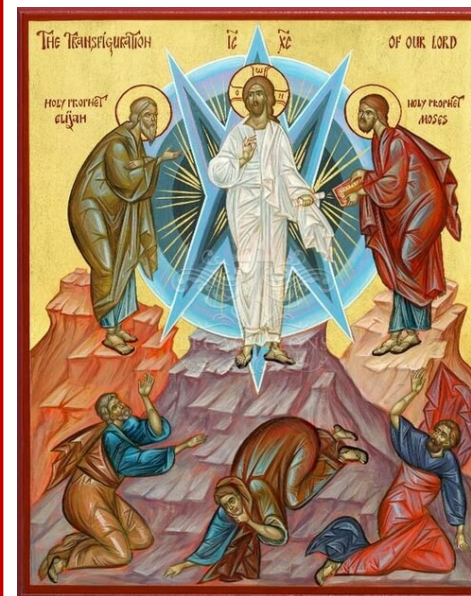
7:00 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesday after Mass

2nd Sunday of Lent

13 March 2022



Welcome into our Parish

Everleigh Kheir, Selena Toma
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

Vera Winter, Emma Zulen, Ted Hunter, Rosa Gravante, Pietro Anastasi, Giuseppe D'elia,
David Lazarus, Eustace Cyril Robeiro,

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Br. Mark Ryan FSP, Leon Paseka, Wendy Banicevic, Roberto Bordin, Caterina Nadalinni,
Ivan Bakic, Hanna Kmita, Rocco Carusso.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

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Email: office@stgertrude.org.au

Website: www.stgertrude.org.au

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (closed Wednesday)

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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 8:30 am 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

(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 12 noon 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

Parish Playgroup: Thursday during school

term. 9:30 am - 11:30 am

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER
For a Christian response to bioethical challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of human life with prayer and action.

Novena to St Benedict

Wednesday after the 7:00 pm 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 19th March 2022

St Benedict: Group A Frances
Therese's: Group B Vietnamese

Parish Office Hours: 10:00 am—2:00 pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
(closed Wednesday)

COVID19 Safety Procedures
Please see Church Notice Boards

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

or

Remember your compassion, O Lord,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Let not our enemies exult over us.
Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

FIRST READING **Gen. 15: 5-12, 17-18.**

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my light and salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' (R.)
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

SECOND READING **Phil. 3: 17- 4:1.**

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his

glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown .

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining clout the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL **Lk. 9: 28-36.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.



PARISH PLAYGROUP—THIS WEEK

New and existing families are invited to attend.

When: Thursday 10th March
Where: Demountable next to the Paddock
Time: 9.30am—11.30am

Playgroup will then meet every Thursday during the school term.

Hope to see you all there!!



PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES:
Please collect your project compassion boxes available at the doors of the church.

Next Week: Third Sunday of Lent

**Scripture: Ex. 3:1-8, 13-15 1Cor. 10: 1-6, 10-12;
Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9.**

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LENTEN PROGRAM 2022

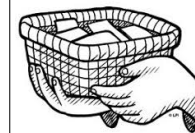
COME BACK TO ME LENTEN COMPANION. This publication contains Gospel meditations for each Sunday in Lent and Passion Sunday, with some questions to help discussion. There is also the inclusion of the Stations of the Cross. This is available at the doors of the church. Maybe you would like to set up a group or even use this for family prayer!

Stations of the Cross & Mass each Friday.

St. Therese Church
7:00 am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross
St. Benedict's Shrine
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE

There are a number of Pauline Fathers currently ministering in the Ukraine. Whilst our Fathers are currently safe, there is concern for those in Mariupol where the media reports constant Russian bombing. Please keep them and their congregations in your prayers.



COLLECTIONS AT MASS

We have resumed using the "collection plate" during our weekend Masses. The collections will be taken:

First Collection—after the homily
Second Collection— after Communion
once the Altar has been cleared and the hosts reposed in the Tabernacle and the celebrant has

been seated

Thank you for your continued support of your Parish and Priests.



JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2022, 7PM.

All members of our Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils are invited to attend an extraordinary joint meeting on Monday 14th March at 7pm in the Parish Demountable. All members of our Councils are urged to attend. If you are unable, please contact your Chairperson.

EASTER ROSTER AVAILABILITY

We are in the process of planning for our Easter liturgies. To assist us in this, all ministers are asked to take home a sheet and indicate your availability over the Easter celebrations. You can return the completed sheet to Mimi, the Parish Office or scan your response and email to the Parish Office.

Please complete these sheets by Friday 25th March.

Thank you to all our volunteers and Ministers who assist at our Liturgies and who serve our Parish with joy and commitment.

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF OUR NEIGHBOURS

We have recently received a number of concerns regarding our neighbours, particularly those at St. Therese's Church Fairfield Heights. We ask that all our parishioners be considerate and mindful of our neighbours. In particular to be careful when using street parking **not to block to driveway** of the residents or to park so close to the driveway that it makes it difficult to enter or leave the premises. Also be mindful of **rubbish and litter**. There have been a number of occasions where drink cartons, food wrappings and cigarette butts have been thrown into the neighbours gardens or left on the street. Please take your litter with you or use the bins provided. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

**REMINDER: First Reconciliation/
First Holy Communion 2022
Classes to begin THIS WEEKEND
Sunday 13th March**



**Enrolments for First Reconciliation
and Eucharist are now CLOSED.**

Preparation lessons for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist will commence **THIS WEEKEND 13TH MARCH AT 8.45AM IN THE MONTEFANO HALL.** All children are expected to be at this lesson with their pens and pencils. Workbooks will be distributed at the first lesson. One parent/carer/guardian is also to be present. If you are unable to attend, please contact the sacraments email.

Prayer Partners: Sacramental time is a special time of grace for all in our community. Over the next two weekends, before or after the Masses, children preparing for First Reconciliation may ask members of the community to be "Prayer Partners". Accepting an invitation to be a "Prayer Partner" involves taking the prayer card and praying for the candidate during the time leading up to their receiving the Sacrament.

Should you be invited to become a "Prayer Partner" please accept the candidate's invitation and reassure him/her of your support. If you do not receive a prayer card, please pray for all the children.

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/>

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

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new set of planned giving envelopes are ready for collection.

These are available this week at St. Benedict's Shrine.

The Giving envelopes are a vital way that the Parish can plan for future expenses. Your weekly contributions allow us to calculate and forecast income to pay for expenses such as Parish loans, utilities, maintenance, etc. If you would like to join our Planned Giving System, please complete the form provided. There is also the option of direct debit.

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish!

Upcoming Solemnity Celebrations for March.

17 March: St Patrick –Bishop

19 March: St Joseph– Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

25 March: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD



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.