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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.au](mailto: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 1st April & 22nd April 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.**



#### PARISH PLAYGROUP—THIS WEEK

New and existing families are invited to attend.

When: Thursday 7th April  
Where: Demountable next to the Paddock  
Time: 9:30 am—11:30 am

Playgroup will meet every Thursday during the school term.

Hope to see you all there!!

#### Advertising Space Available - Beginning New

##### Financial Year

Quarterly (No Easter Ads): \$330  
Half Year (26 Weeks - No Easter Ads): \$550  
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•10% discount for parishioners who are actively donating via the St Gertrude's Fund.

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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

## 5th Sunday of Lent

**3 April 2022**



### Congratulations to

Kirk Frank ARSHAK & Alyssa Jane MARIE  
Married in our Parish

### 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

Rocco Cavallaro, Bernadette McCormick, Peter Forner, Paul Cilia, John Cini, Antonio Giannini, Alma Gordon, Emma Bertoldi, Mary Portelli, Vera Winter, Emma Zuleni, Ted Hunter, Rosa Gravante, Pietro Anastasi, Giuseppe D'elia,

### And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

John Patani, Fortunato Murdica, Anthony Dimech, Rena Spisso.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Office:

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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)

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](mailto:catechist@stgertrude.org.au)

Sacraments: 9725 4317

[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 8:30 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:wwcc@stgertrude.org.au) (all WWCC renewals)

[psso@stgertrude.org.au](mailto: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 Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

## 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 9th April

St Benedict: Group D Grace & Pina  
Therese's: Group C Spanish

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

COVID19 Safety Procedures  
Please see Church Notice Boards



## 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

### FIRST READING

**Is. 43: 16-21.**

*A reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord,  
who made a way through the sea,  
a path in the great waters;  
who put chariots and horse in the field  
and a powerful army,  
which lay there never to rise again,  
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,  
no need to think about what was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed,  
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?  
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,  
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,  
jackals and ostriches,  
because I am putting water in the wilderness  
(rivers in the wild)  
to give my chosen people drink.  
The people I have formed for myself  
will sing my praises.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.**

- When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
- The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
- Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
- They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

**Phil. 3: 8-14.**

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

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I

am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.  
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### GOSPEL

**Jn. 8: 1-11.**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.  
The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord  
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.



### EASTER COOKIES FOR SALE

Orders are being taken for some delicious **Easter Cookies** at the Piety Stall at St. Benedict's Shrine.

**Cost \$4 each or 3 for \$10.**

These would make a great gift idea for Easter or to fill your own Easter feast at home!

### PARISH EASTER WORKING BEE - SATURDAY 9TH APRIL

A Parish working Bee to prepare St. Benedict's Shrine and St. Therese's Church has been arranged for Saturday 9th April, starting at **St. Therese's Church at 9.30am** and then at **St. Benedict's at 11.30am**. If you have some free time please come and help prepare for Holy Week Celebrations.

### PALM & OLIVE BRANCHES

If you have any Palm Tree or Olive Tree branches for Palm Sunday, please bring these to the church on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th April and leave them in the church foyer.

**Next Week:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
**Scripture: Entrance (Gospel) Lk. 19: 28-40**  
**Is. 50: 4-7; Phil. 2: 6-11**  
**Passion: Luke 22:14-23:56.**

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### EASTER MASS TIMETABLE

#### HOLY WEEK

**Saturday 9th April:**  
St. Therese's Church  
St. Benedicts Shrine

**Vigil of Palm Sunday**  
5:00 pm Vietnamese  
6:00 pm English

**Sunday 10th April:**  
St. Therese's Church  
St. Benedicts Shrine

**Palm Sunday**  
7:30 am English  
12:00 pm Spanish  
9:00 am Italian  
10:30 am English  
1:00 pm Syriac Rite  
6:00 pm English

**Monday 11th April**  
St. Therese's Church  
St. Benedicts Shrine

7:00 am Mass of the Day  
9:15 am Mass of the Day

**Tuesday 12th April**  
St. Therese's Church  
St. Benedicts Shrine

7:00 am Mass of the Day  
9:15 am Mass of the Day  
6:30 pm *Rehearsals*

**Wednesday 13th April**  
St. Therese's Church  
St. Benedicts Shrine

7:00 am Mass of the Day  
5:30 pm Syriac Rite  
7:00 pm Mass of the Day  
Confessions

**Thursday 14th April - No MORNING MASS**  
St. Mary's Cathedral  
St. Therese's Church

10:00 am Chrism Mass  
5:30 pm Syriac Rite Mass

#### The Sacred Paschal Triduum

St. Benedicts Shrine  
Supper with adoration at the Altar of Repose until Midnight.

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's

**Friday 15th April:**  
St Therese's Church

**Good Friday.**  
**No morning Mass**  
1:00 pm Vietnamese

St. Benedict's Shrine  
*Adoration at the Altar of Repose from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm.*

9:00 am Morning Prayer at the  
Altar of Repose (led by Neo-Cats)  
10:00 am Stations of the Cross  
3:00 pm Commemoration of  
The Lord's Passion followed by  
Divine Mercy Novena

**Saturday 16th April**  
St Therese's Church  
St. Benedict's Shrine

6:00 pm  
6:30 pm

**Holy Saturday**  
**No morning Mass**  
3:00 pm Vietnamese Vigil  
10:30 am Morning Prayer at the  
Altar of Repose (led by Neo-Cats)  
Divine Mercy Novena  
Easter Vigil

**Sunday 17th April**  
St. Therese's Church  
St. Benedicts Shrine

7:30 am English  
12:00 pm Spanish  
2:30 pm Vietnamese  
5:30 pm Syriac Rite  
9:00 am Italian  
10:30 am English  
6:00 pm English

**Please note that there are no confessions in the Parish during the Sacred Triduum or Easter Sunday.**

**Monday 18th April**  
St. Therese's Church  
St. Benedict's Shrine

8:00 am English  
6:00 pm Vietnamese  
10:30 am English



### SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

Preparation lessons for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist will continue

**THIS WEEKEND 3RD APRIL AT 8:45 AM 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.

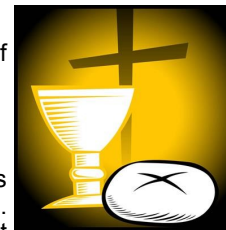
This is our last week of lessons and we will return on **Sunday 1st May 2022.**

**Thank you to those who accepted to become a "Prayer Partner". 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](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au) or phone 9725 4317 to leave a message.



### CHOIR PRACTICE : MONDAY 7.30PM

The Choir will meet for rehearsal for Easter on Monday at 7.30pm at St. Benedict's Shrine.



### WATER DAMAGE IN THE PARISH

Whilst we give thanks to God for the gift of rain to water our crops and fill our water supply, there are also some negative affects of the rain.

The Parish has sustained some serious water damage as a result of the recent prolonged heavy rain. Therefore we have had to close the *Children's Room* at St. Benedict's Shrine until further notice.

**Please keep the pews at the back of the Shrine free for parents with children, especially parents with prams.** This will allow parents a quick exit if needed and room for the prams.

There was also significant damage to the church (roof, foyer area, pipe organ) and the Montefano Hall (parquetry floor and annex). St. Gertrude's Chapel has also been damaged and will remain closed for the foreseeable future.

*There will be some works taking place over the next few weeks so please take extra care around the Parish.*

### CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER

To prepare for celebration of Easter this it is encouraged that Catholics receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession. In addition to our regular confession times, there will be the availability for reconciliation on Wednesday 13th April during the Novena following Mass. A number of Priests have been invited to assist on this evening. This will be the last opportunity before Easter for this Sacrament of Reconciliation as there will be no reconciliation during the Sacred Triduum.

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