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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 [safeguarding@sydneycatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@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**

**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—SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAK

Our Parish Playgroup will be on break during School Holidays and will return in Term 2.

When: Thursday 21st April  
Where: Demountable next to the Paddock  
Time: 9:30 am—11:30 am

Playgroup will meet every Thursday during the school term. New and existing families are invited to attend.

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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# 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:

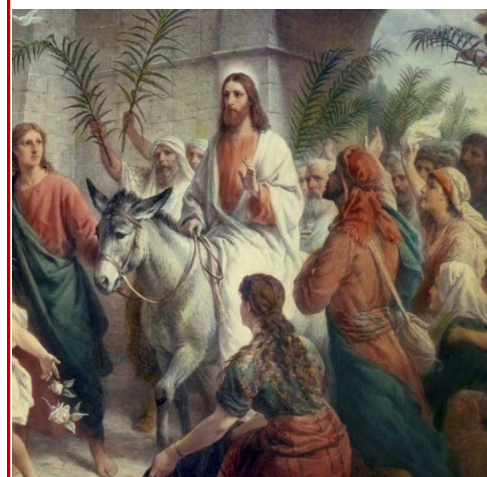
7:00 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

### Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesday after Mass

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**10 April 2022**



### We pray for the sick of this Parish

Alyssa Ferreri, Giuseppina Pignataro,  
Fr Anthony David OSPPE, Kevin Dicconson,  
Adam Westwood, Emile & Mary Kodys,  
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

Natala Limonelli  
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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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)

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 10:15 am & 5:45 pm

(or by appointment)

Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199

Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month at

12:00 noon in St Benedict's Shrine Church

Smithfield

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 16th April  
St Benedict: Group E Neo-Cats  
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



**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
**THE PROCESSION**

**GOSPEL**

**Lk 19:28-40**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, whereon entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it"'. So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it'. And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'. He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out'.

**HYMN: ALL GLORY PRAISE AND HONOUR**

All glory, praise and honour  
To you, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel,  
And David's royal son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming,  
Our King and blessed one.

The company of angels  
Are praising You on high;  
And mortals joined with all things  
created make reply.

The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before You went.  
Our praise and prayers and anthems  
Before You we present.

To You before Your passion  
They sang their hymns of praise:  
To You, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.

Their praises you accepted,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
great source of love and goodness,  
Our Saviour and our King.

**FIRST READING**

**Is. 50:4-7**

*A reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

The Lord has given me  
a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,

so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
Let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.'

**SECOND READING**

**Phil. 2:6-11**

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

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are,  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death  
dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**THE NARRATIVE OF THE LORD'S PASSION Lk 22:14-23:56**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,  
your will be done.

**Next Week:** Easter Sunday  
**Scripture:** Acts 10:34:37-43; Col. 3:1-4 ;  
**Gospel:** Luke 20:1-9.

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**EASTER MASS TIMETABLE**

**HOLY WEEK**

**Saturday 9th April:** Vigil of Palm Sunday  
St. Therese's Church 5:00 pm Vietnamese  
St. Benedicts Shrine 6:00 pm English

**Sunday 10th April:** Palm Sunday  
St. Therese's Church 7:30 am English  
12:00 pm Spanish  
9:00 am Italian  
10:30 am English  
6:00 pm English  
St. Benedicts Shrine

**Monday 11th April**  
St. Therese's Church 7:00 am Mass of the Day  
St. Benedicts Shrine 9:15 am Mass of the Day

**Tuesday 12th April**  
St. Therese's Church 7:00 am Mass of the Day  
St. Benedicts Shrine 9:15 am Mass of the Day  
6:30 pm Rehearsals

**Wednesday 13th April**  
St. Therese's Church 7:00 am Mass of the Day  
5:30 pm Syriac  
St. Benedicts Shrine 7:00 pm Mass of the Day  
Confessions

**Thursday 14th April - No MORNING MASS**  
St. Mary's Cathedral 10:30 am Chrism Mass  
St. Therese's Church 5:30 pm Syriac Rite Mass

**The Sacred Paschal Triduum**  
St. Benedicts Shrine 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
with adoration at the Altar of Repose until Midnight.

**Friday 15th April:** Good Friday.  
St Therese's Church No morning Mass  
1:00 pm Vietnamese

St. Benedict's Shrine No morning Mass  
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** Holy Saturday  
St Therese's Church No morning Mass  
3:00 pm Vietnamese  
St. Benedict's Shrine 10:30 am Morning Prayer at the  
Altar of Repose (led by Neo-Cats)  
6:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena  
6:30 pm Easter Vigil

**Sunday 17th April** Easter Sunday  
St. Therese's Church 7:30 am English  
12:00 pm Spanish  
2:30 pm Vietnamese  
5:30 pm Syriac Rite  
St. Benedicts Shrine 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** Easter Monday  
St. Therese's Church 8:00am English  
6:00pm Vietnamese  
St. Benedict's Shrine 10:30am English



**SACRAMENTAL NEWS!**

Preparation lessons for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist will return:

**SUNDAY 1ST MAY 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.

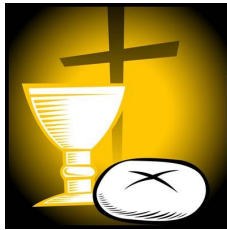
If you are unable to attend, please contact the sacraments email.

**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.



**YOUNG ADULTS 18+: MONDAY 7.00PM**

Our Young Adult Group will meet on Monday at 7:00pm in the demountable.

**CHOIR PRACTICE : MONDAY 7.30PM**

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



**EASTER REHEARSALS : TUESDAY 6.30PM**

Acolytes & Altar Servers will meet for rehearsal to prepare for our Easter Liturgies on Tuesday at 6:30 pm at St. Benedict's Shrine.

**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 !

All monies raised will go to the parish.



**CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER**

To prepare for the celebration of Easter 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.

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