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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 safeguardingenguiries@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."

FCI – Italian Catholic Federation



ALL Nationalities are welcome.

Bingo Numbers called out in **ENGLISH**

Next Bingo 10:00 am

Friday 20 May in Montefano Hall \$10 entry includes

Bingo Games, prizes Morning Tea/Coffee and light Lunch. Come join us, united as a Parish.



PARISH PLAYGROUP

Our Parish Playgroup will be on this week

When: Thursday 12th May 2022

Demountable next to the Paddock Where:

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 Annually (No Easter Ads): \$990

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

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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 6:00 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 Boulevarde & 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:

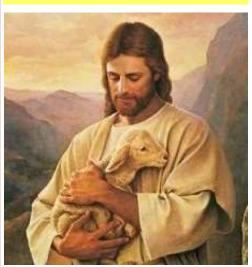
7:00 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesday after Mass

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8 May 2022



Congratulations to

Michael OMERIS & Kristina LISKA Married in our Parish

We pray for the sick of this Parish

Giuseppina Ronzini, Alyssa Ferreri, Ġiuseppina 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

Domenic John Pavisa, Santo Zoccoli, Agatino Sacca, Ana Paternoster, Bounkeo Sivieng, Nicola Giampola, Lucy Sophia Ziober. Natala Limonelli, Gaetano Vaccari Rocco Cavallaro, Bernadette McCormick Peter Forner, Paul Cilia, John Cini, Antonio Giannini, Alma Gordon, Emma Bertoldi, Mary Portelli,

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Gabrielle Palozzo, Anton Jarkey, Merlene Nagli,

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)

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 sacraments@stgertrude.org.au Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

Liturgy: 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert

liturgy@stgertrude.org.au Adult Sacraments (RCIA): Mariola

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 1st & 3rd 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 (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 Faith-Filled Young People We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Novena to St Benedict Wednesday after the 7:00 pm Mass with Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

ciliation 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

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

after this time of trial.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do no 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 14th May St Benedict: Group D Grace & Pina Therese's: Group D Syriacs

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

COVID19 Safety Procedures
Please see Church Notice Boards

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth: by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it. since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations. so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

- Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
- Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
- Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING

Rv 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Jn 10:27-30 GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.



The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is a centralised fund that supports the charitable CHARITABLE WORKS FUND and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

It is your charity, the charity of the Sydney Catholic community and your local parish.

CWF funds six agencies:

- •Aboriginal Catholic Ministry promoting reconciliation and mutual understanding and providing pastoral care for Catholic Aboriginals and supporting them in the living of their Faith.
- •CatholicCare Formerly known as Centacare, delivers over 100 programs in Ageing, Disability, Children & Youth, Employment Training & Support, and Family Services.
- •Chaplaincies Our chaplaincy services in hospital, prisons and universities provide much needed support to the lonely, sick, hurt and suffering in the community.
- Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) provides religious education and Christian formation for Catholic children in public schools.
- •Ephpheta Centre provides services to the deaf and hearing impaired including sacramental, counselling, support and advocacy services.
- •Seminary of the Good Shepherd supporting the education and training of future Priests for the Archdiocese.

St. Gertrude's has a Parish quota of \$8,600.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting these Catholic Agencies of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Next Week: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 14:21-27; Rev. 21:1-5,

Gospel: John 13:31-35

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Wishing all our mother's, a blessed and joyful Mother's Day. May you know how beautiful and precíous you are.

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.'

REGINA CAELI

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.

For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.

For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

*The Regina Caeli is a Marian prayer synonymous with the Easter Season. Traditionally, it replaces the Angelus during this time.

EASTER OFFERINGS

Easter Offerings help support our priests.

Easter Offering envelopes will be available in the Church from the Easter Vioil and throughout the Easter Season.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish priests.

PRIMARY/HIGH SCHOOLERS YOUTH GROUP

Our Primary/Highschoolers Youth Group will be meeting at 7:00 pm, Sunday 15th May, 2022 in the Montefano Hall. Please join us as we meet, have fun and pray together!

Young Adult's 18+ Group

Our Young Adult Group will be meeting at 7:00 pm, Monday 16th May, 2022 in the demountable.

It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives! - St John Paul II

Meeting

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Finance Council will be held at 7:00pm Tuesday 17th May 2022 in the demountable.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Please be aware of your personal belongings during Mass. During Communion, don't leave personal items unattended.

UKRAINE APPEAL

As a parish, we have done amazingly well and have so far raised \$6333.45 to support those suffering by the war in Ukraine.

Thank you for your generosity!



HOLY COMMUNION

NO HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES ON 8TH MAY (MOTHERS DAY)

Preparation lessons for

Holy Communion will resume on

15th May in the Montefano Hall.

All children are expected to be at this lesson with their pens and pencils. One parent/Carer/guardian is also to be present.

If you are unable to attend, please contact the sacraments

FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation will take place at 7:00 pm, Thursday 19th May, 2022. Please keep these little ones in prayer as they encounter the merciful heart of Jesus.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS 2022

Confirmation enrolment for 2022 will commence on 15th May online. More details will follow.

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

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DAY PILGRIMAGE TO PENROSE PARK **FRIDAY 13 MAY 2022**



A Parish Pilgrimage to Penrose Park is being organised for the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Friday 13 May 2022 to

Our Lady of Mercy Shrine, Penrose Park.

The bus will depart St Benedict's Shrine, Smithfield at 8:15 am and will return approximately at 5:00 pm

Cost: \$25

To book, please see volunteer in Church Foyer to add your name to the list or contact the Parish Office.

Space is limited.



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

