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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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**Daily Consecration
to
Our Lady
of
Jasna Gora
Black Madonna**

**Holy Mother of Jasna Gora,
Mediatrice of all graces,
You are full of grace, goodness and
mercy. I consecrate to you all my
thoughts, words and actions, my
soul and body.**

**I ask your help and especially your
prayers for my salvation.**

**Today, I consecrate myself to you,
Holy Mother, totally, with body and
soul amid joys and sufferings to
obtain for myself and others your
help on this earth and eternal life
in heaven. Amen**

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St Benedict's Shrine

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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
4:30pm—5:30pm; & Friday 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:

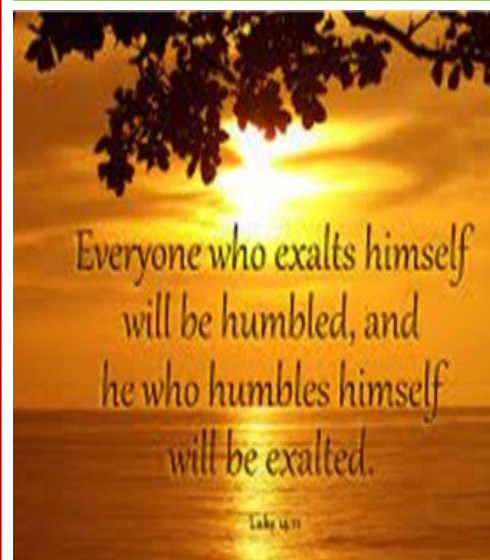
7:00 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesday after Mass

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time C

28 August 2022



We pray for the sick of this Parish

Alyssa Ferreri, Giuseppina Pignataro,
Fr Anthony David OSPPE,
Fr. Francis Tuyet Van Nguyen (Vietnamese
Chaplain), 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

Fr Benjamin Bezzina, Christina Gangemi,
Martino Trapletti, Charlie Penza, Charles, Xuereb,
Rocco Vaccari, Olinda Yarza, Renzo Magro,
Nicola Lungo, Lorenzina Favotto Kevin Dicconson,
Johnny Portelli, Vince Italiano, Tania ElKhouri,
Jim Vassallo, Antonia Brozzesi,
Vincenzo Orlando, Giuseppina Ronzini,
Rosemary Henries.

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Eugen Kleibert, Francesca Carbone,
Antonino Franco, Giovanni Moretti, Allen Wong,
Pauline Sammut, Mary Portelli,
Hamid & Youssef Tawil, Alvaro Arriguetti,

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

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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 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 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)

pssso@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 Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized
businesses; in the midst of economic and
social crisis, may they find ways to continue
operating, and serving their 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 3rd September
St Benedict: Group A: Frances
Therese's: Group D: Syriacs**

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

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING SIR 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

- The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **(R.)**
- Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **(R.)**
- You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk.14:1, 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

or

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven

Next Week: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. C

Scripture: Wis 9:13-18; Phlm 9 -10, 12-17

Gospel: Lk 14:25-33

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Friday 2 September—Spring Ember Day: A day of prayer and penance

- Amber days seek God's blessing of favourable weather and a fruitful harvest from the land, interceding in times of drought or flood and giving thanks in better times.
- There is a strong impulse on these days towards the justice of God's kingdom, with attention given to those who are devastated by famine and exploitation.
- Ember days rightly focus on the environment, climate change, and our stewardship of the world's resources. Doing penance reminds us that sustainable use of our resources will cost us in our attitudes and lifestyle.



FIRST FRIDAY— 2 SEPTEMBER 2022

Mass times as follows:

St Therese's Church: 6:30 am exposition and confession
7:00 am Mass

St. Benedict's Shrine: 9:15 am Mass followed by devotions.
7:00 pm: Mass followed by devotions.

FIRST SATURDAY— 3RD SEPTEMBER 2022

Mass times as follows:

St Therese's Church: 7:00 am exposition and confession
8:00 am Mass

***Please note change from Smithfield to
St Therese Church for 10:00 am Rosary**



Please be respectful.

This is God's house.

Please keep the church and the Parish amenities clean and tidy by taking the Bulletins home and your rubbish with you after Mass Celebrations.



Church cleaners desperately needed.

If you can spare a few hours every 4 weeks we would really appreciate you helping to keep our Churches clean.

Please contact Parish Office: 9604-1199



Father's Day Raffle

10:30 am Mass Sunday 4th September

1st, 2nd, 3rd Prizes

Tickets on sale now at Piety Stall

\$2 each or 6 for 10

**Happy Father's Day to all the
Fathers, Grandfathers and Godfathers**

FCI SPECIAL Father's Day Bingo

Friday 2 September 2022

@ 10:00 am in Montefano Hall

Booking essential for this special day.

Contact Gina Morosin on 9604-2458



OVER 18 yrs - YOUTH GROUP:

Our over 18 years old Youth Group will be meeting at 7:00 pm Sunday 28 August 2022, in the Demountables



MALTESE SENIORS - ALL WELCOME

Next Meeting - **Tuesday 30 August @ 10am:** St Theresa's Hall, Cnr The Blared & Stella Street Fairfield Heights.
For more info please **Contact: Marisa Previtera 0414 863 123**

SACRAMENTAL NEWS! CONFIRMATION 2022

Confirmation enrolments for 2022

have now closed.

Thank you to those parents who have enrolled their children for this Sacrament.

There are approximately 30 children enrolled for the Sacrament this year.

Some dates for the Calendar:

Lesson 4: Sunday 28th August 8.45am: Parish Hall

Those enrolled in Confirmation are expected to be at all lessons with at least one parent/guardian/carer.

There is then the opportunity to attend 10.30am Mass with the Parish community.

Celebration of Confirmation: Saturday 15th October
**** Please note the change of date for Celebration**

Reconciliation and

Confirmation Rehearsal Night

Thursday 13 October beginning at 6:00 pm

*** Reminder to Parents—Confirmation Craft day
Tuesday 6 September in Demountable**

Please continue to pray for these Candidates and their families as they prepare for this important Sacrament of Initiation


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



Thank you to all who so generously donated towards the cost of repairs towards our Shrine following the recent rain events. May your kindness and generosity be rewarded in heaven.

St Benedict's Shrine ROOF APPEAL

Thank you to all parishioners who donated through the envelopes. Your generosity towards the Roof Appeal. Is much appreciated. We raised \$9,245.70.

May God bless  you for all you do for our Parish.

**Envelopes are still available in the foyer of the Church*

Priest Retirement Foundation

Father's Day appeal—Next weekend

The Priests' Retirement Foundation is a crucial part of the Sydney Archdiocese's charitable mission—to provide essential care and support for our sick and retired priests, giving them what they deserve in retirement such as suitable accommodation, health care and other practical assistance. Your gift to this charity is a 'thank you' to our priests who've contributed in many ways in your life. They are friends who've counselled, comforted and provided spiritual nourishment through their wisdom and willingness to teach.

PARISH DONATIONS

First Collection (Priests) Account : Smithfield House – Order of St Paul the First Hermit

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Second Collection (Parish) Account : Smithfield Catholic Church BSB: 062784 Acct. No. 100001084

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

