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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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time C

4 September 2022



Welcome into our Parish

Axley Quinn Theresa DANA
Baptised this weekend

We pray for the sick of this Parish

Alyssa Ferreri, Giuseppina Pignataro, Gino Mifsud
Fr Anthony David OSPPE, Adam Westwood,
Emile & Mary Kody, Kartia Grace Russell,
& 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

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Luciano Marson, Antonio Tigano

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: Contact: Jodie Micallef

Mob: 0412-804-465 (to leave a message)

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:

wwwcc@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 September

Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

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

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."

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING Wis 9:13 -18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday,
come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:

SECOND READING Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which

should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave anymore, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So, if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk.14:25 -33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way, and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

or

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

Next Week: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. C

Scripture: Ex 32:7-11, 13 -14: 1 Tim 1:12-17

Gospel: Lk 15: 1-32:

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The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 8 September



Mass Times:

St Therese Church at 7:00 am

St Benedict's Shrine Church at 9:15 am.

Reminder for Parish Meetings this month

Parish Pastoral Council: 7:00 pm Tuesday 6 September

Parish Finance Committee: 7:00 pm Tuesday 13 September.

In Parish demountable. Parishioners welcome to attend.



Please be respectful.

This is God's house.



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

Church cleaners desperately needed.

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

Please contact Parish Office: 9604 -1199



Happy Father's Day
to all the Fathers,
Grandfathers and Godfathers
Father's Day Raffle will be drawn
Sunday 4 September
after 6:00 pm evening Mass

SACRAMENTAL NEWS! CONFIRMATION 2022



On behalf of Fr. Peter James, I take the opportunity to thank our Confirmation Candidates, and their parents, for their commitment to the Parish Sacramental Preparation Program. Together, as the first educators of the faith, we have walked with the Candidates to explore how the Holy Spirit will be sent upon them again at Confirmation, as in their Baptism, to give them gifts to go forth as true witnesses of Christ in word and example.

Important Dates:

Sacramental Craft:

Has been postponed. A new date will be shared when available.

Sacrament of Penance:

Thursday, 13 October at 6.00 pm-7.00 pm in St Benedict's Shrine Church.

Confirmation Rehearsal:

Thursday, 13 October at 7.00 pm-8.00 pm in St Benedict's Shrine Church

Confirmation Mass:

Saturday, 15 October at 1.00pm in St Benedict's Shrine Church
Thank you.

God bless

Jodie


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 0412-804-465 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 \$9,800.

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 -This 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.

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