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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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**ST GERTRUDE'S FEAST DAY
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**WEDNESDAY
16 NOVEMBER 2022**



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ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

St Benedict's Shrine

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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
4:30pm—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

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time C

13 November 2022



Congratulations to

Stefan BROZIC & Stephanie OCCHIUTO,
Antonio SPAGNOLO & Catherine MACRI
Married in our Parish

Welcome into our Parish

Charlie Rose MELLUSO
Baptised this weekend

We pray for the sick of this Parish

Alyssa Ferreri, Giuseppina Pignataro, Gino Mifsud
Fr. Anthony David, OSPPE, Fr. Gabriel Taylor,
OSPPE, Adam Westwood,
Emile & Mary Kodszy, 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

Anthony Cini, Paul Bradbury, Salvatore Annetta,
Fr. Juraj Domsic, OSPPE, George Diacono

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

John Francis Gissane

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)
9:00 am - 4:00 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 - Saturday 4:30 — 5:30 pm

Sunday 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: psso@stgertrude.org.au

(Parish Safeguarding Support Officers and
all WWCC renewals)

Other: FCI (Italian Catholic Federation)

Tony Coiera 0409 908 424

Parish Playgroup: Thursday during school
term. 9:30 am - 11:30 am.

Our Schools

ST GERTRUDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SMITHFIELD

Boys & Girls: K-6: Ph: 9609-4414
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MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE

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Girls: 7-12: Ph: 9725 4322
Principal: Ms Gilda Pussich
5 Carnarvon St, Wakeley NSW 2176
info@mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au
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PATRICIAN BROTHER'S COLLEGE FAIRFIELD

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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER For children who suffer

We pray for children who are suffering,
especially those who are homeless, orphans,
and victims of war; may they be guaranteed
access to education and the opportunity to
experience family affection.

Novena to St Benedict

Wednesday after the 7:00 pm Mass with
Rosary & Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament.
Reconciliation is available during this time.

Church Cleaners

W/E 19 November

St Benedict: Group A: Frances
St. Therese: Group C: Spanish

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 am—4:00 pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
(closed Wednesday)

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING Mal 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) *The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.*

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. (R.)
3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

SECOND READING 2 Thes 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here

and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

or

Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask in prayer,
believe that you will receive,
and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

November is the month that we traditionally pray for all our deceased relatives and friends. November Mass Offering Envelopes are available in the pews of the church and at the doors of the church for those wishing to have their loved ones included in the November Masses. These offerings for the deceased will be offered as a collective Gregorian Mass.

FIRST MASS OF FR. CASIMIR ZIELINSKI SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

By special Decree, Fr. Casimir Zielinski will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in our Parish on Sunday 27th November. This is a special time for the Parish and Fr. Casimir as it is with joy we celebrate the ordination of a priest to the Pauline Order in Australia but also the opportunity to give thanks for his vocation. Fr. Casimir will celebrate:

9:00am Italian
10:30am English

There will be some refreshments in the Montefano Hall following the 10.30am Mass.

Please continue to pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life, especially to the Pauline Order.

ST. GERTRUDE'S FEAST DAY WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

As Patroness of our Parish Community, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Gertrude this Wednesday. This day will be celebrated as a Solemnity. Mass times:

St. Therese's Church: 7:00 am
St. Benedict's Shrine: 9:15 am – Whole School Mass
7:00 pm

PPC & PFC MEETING — 15TH NOVEMBER 2022

The next Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council Meeting will be a joint meeting. This will take place this **Tuesday, at St. Therese Church Hall at 7pm.** All members are asked to be in attendance.

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PROVINCE CHAPTER OF THE PAULINE FATHERS IN AUSTRALIA



Last weekend we welcomed Fr. Arnold and Fr. Bartholomew to our Parish. I would like to extend to all our Parishioners my thanks for the warm welcome and hospitality that they received.

This week, Fr. Arnold led the Australian Province of the Pauline Fathers in our Provincial Chapter at the St. Joseph's Retreat Centre and Baulkham Hills. It was a great opportunity for the Pauline Fathers to reconnect after two years of restrictions and to discuss the future governance, direction and Pastoral Care of the Order in Australia.

Thank you for your patience this week.

As a result of the Chapter, the members of the Australian Province have elected the following Council:

Provincial: Fr. Jaroslaw (Jarek) Zan
I Definitor (& Provincial Vicar): Fr. Damian Mosakowski
II Definitor: Fr. Joseph Maria Buckley
III Definitor: Fr. Wojciech (Wojtek) Sliwa
IV Definitor: Fr. Peter James Strohmayr

We would like to congratulate these members of the Council and offer our Prayers for their success as they lead the Pauline Order in Australia for the next three years.

COMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Sunday 20th November

Next Sunday the Parish will commission the new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion at the 10:30 am Mass.

CWF APPEAL—THIS WEEKEND

The CWF Appeal is happening this weekend. The devastation of the last two years has especially taken its toll on the most vulnerable of Sydney: those facing unemployment, homelessness, mental health concerns, and more. Envelopes are available in the pews of the church. The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is a centralised fund that supports the charitable 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.

Catholic Care – 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.

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SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

2023 FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENTS OPEN



Enrolments for the 2023 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Sacramental Preparation Program are now open. Children in 2023 who are enrolled in Year 3 and above, who have been **Baptised** in the **Catholic Church**, are eligible to enrol in the combined First Reconciliation/First Communion Program. To enrol please complete the online form by scanning the following **QR code** or **logging onto** <https://tinyurl.com/3zfheh5r>.



The form can also be accessed by visiting the **Parish Website**. Enrolments are due by no later than **Sunday, 18 December**. **Late enrolments will not be accepted.**

For all 2023 Sacramental Preparation Program dates and further information please visit the Parish Website. <https://www.stgertrude.org.au/ministries/sacramental-program/>

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS

If you ordered Confirmation photos, the collection date is **Thursday, 24 November** between 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Montefano Hall. If you would like to purchase the photo of your child's anointing or the group photo, please visit the hall on this day also. Both eftpos and cash will be accepted.

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.
God bless

Jodie

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE

Christmas choir rehearsals for the **Children's Vigil Mass** will commence on Monday **14 November** at 6.30pm in the Church. All children who would like to sing for this Mass are welcome to attend.

FCI – Italian Catholic Federation

ALL Nationalities are welcome.

Bingo Numbers called out in English & Italian
Next Bingo 10:00 am Friday 18th November
Montefano Hall \$15 entry includes
Bingo Games, prizes; Morning Tea/Coffee and light lunch.
Come join us, united as a Parish.



Next Week: Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE
Yr. C

Scripture: 2 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20

Gospel: Lk 23:35-43

PARISH DONATIONS

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