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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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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

First Sunday of Advent Year A

27 November 2022



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 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

Lucia Flores, Maria Assunta Garofolletti, Rina Crestani, 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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Girls: 7-12: Ph: 9725 4322
Principal: Ms Gilda Pussich
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info@mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au
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PATRICIAN BROTHER'S COLLEGE FAIRFIELD

Boys: 7-12: Ph: 9728-4488
Principal: Mr Peter Wade
268 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield NSW 2165
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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

For volunteer not-for-profit organisations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human developments find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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 3 December

St Benedict: Group C: Wilson family
St. Therese: Group C: Spanish

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

First Sunday of Advent Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING Is 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. (R.)
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' (R.)
4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. (R.)

SECOND READING Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Romans
You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our
salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted.
The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up

all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let
us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently
as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no
promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy.
Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 24:37- 44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Matthew
Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it
be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the
Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking
husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and
they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all
away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of
two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at
the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.
'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your
master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the
householder had known at what time of the night the burglar
would come, he would have stayed awake and would not
have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house.
Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of
Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

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.

MALTESE SENIORS - ALL WELCOME

Next Meeting - **Tuesday 29th November @ 10am:** St Theresa's
Hall. For more info please Contact: **Miriam on 0419 476924**

Next Week: Second Sunday of Advent, Year A

Scripture: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9;

Gospel: Mt 3:1-12

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FIRST FRIDAY – 2ND DECEMBER 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 DECEMBER 2022

Mass times as follows:

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

St. Benedict's Shrine: 10:00 am Rosary

COMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION



Congratulations to our newly commissioned Extraordinary
Ministers of Communion. Thank you for your service.



PARISH VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATION MASS & PICNIC 11TH DECEMBER

The Parish invites all our volunteers who have contributed to
the continued Mission of our Parish to celebrate a Mass of
Appreciation for all your efforts. **Mass will be celebrated at
10:30am, Sunday 11th December 2022.** A Parish picnic will
follow Mass. More details to follow.



YOUNG ADULT'S 18+ GROUP

Our Young Adult Group meeting will take place
on **Monday 28th November at 8:00 pm** in the
St. Augustin's Catechesis Centre.



PIETY STALL

Copies of the **Blessed Advent and Christmas
Daily Reflections** are available for purchase @
\$10 each.

Columban Calendars are also available for sale @ \$10 each.



CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE

Christmas choir rehearsals for the **Children's
Vigil Mass** will be held on Mondays **at 7pm in
the Church.** All children who would like to sing
for this Mass are welcome.

Christmas Carol Service and **Midnight Mass** rehearsals will
be held on **Mondays at 7.30pm in the Church.** All welcome to
attend.

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



PARISH PLAYGROUP

When: Thursday 1st December 2022

Where: St. Augustine Catechesis Centre

Time: 9:30am—11.30am

Playgroup will meet every Thursday during the school
term. New and existing families are invited to attend. Hope to see you
all there!

FCI – Italian Catholic Federation

ALL Nationalities are welcome.

Bingo Numbers called out in English & Italian

Next Bingo 10:00 am Friday 2nd December

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