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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

Second Sunday of Advent Year A

4 December 2022



Welcome into our Parish

Tia Mary BARONIAN, Lucas A J NEAVES,
Lottie Zelda SYMONS
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 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

Dora Gabriel, Sylvia Muscat, Carmen Bugeja,
Michael Muscat, Ernesto Campolongo,
Filippa Cutelli, Lucia Flores, Maria Assunta
Garofolotti, Rina Crestani, Anthony Cini

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Kevin William Wright, Giuseppina Reitano, Luisa
Santucci, Teresa Bramha Chandra,
Salvatore Mazzeo, Eustace Cyril Rebeiro

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

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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 10 December

St Benedict: Group D: Grace
St. Therese: Group C: Spanish

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

Second Sunday of Advent Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING Is 11:1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair
the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm,
on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to the earth's bounds. (R.)
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. (R.)
4. May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. (R.)

SECOND READING Rom 15:4-9

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Romans
Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was
meant to teach us something about hope from the examples
scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped
by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up,
help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the
example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you

may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other
in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason
Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only
so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to
the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to
God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I
shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 3:1-2

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Matthew
In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the
wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for
the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man
the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a
leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and
wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole
Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were
baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins.
But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees
coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who
warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if
you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not
presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our
father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for
Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the
roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce
good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise
you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is
more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His
winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor
and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn
in a fire that will never go out.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

THANK YOU FROM FR CASIMIR ZIELINSKI

I would like to say thank you to Fr. Peter James, Fr. Wojtek
and Fr. Jarek for your warm welcome and hospitality during my
recent stay. I would also like to extend to the Parishioners of
St. Gertrude's my sincere thanks for allowing me to celebrate
my "First Mass" in the Parish and for the fabulous Morning Tea
that was provided following the Mass. Thank you to all who
coordinated, planned and cooked the food for our enjoyment.
Please continue to pray for me as I will continue to keep you all
in my prayers. God Bless

Fr. Casimir Zielinski

Next Week: Second Sunday of Advent, Year A

Scripture: Is 35:1-6; James 5:7-10;

Gospel: Mt 11:2-11

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SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION THURSDAY, 8TH DECEMBER



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
will be celebrated this Thursday 8th December.

Mass times as follows:

St. Therese's Church 7:00 am followed by
Rosary and Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Benedict's Shrine 9:15 am and 7:00 pm



PARISH VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATION MASS & PARISH 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.** Parish picnic will
follow Mass with a free sausage sizzle available for all.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION VISIT TO THE HOUSEBOUND TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER

Our parish priests would like to pastorally visit our homebound
parishioners and to minister to them the Sacraments of
Confession and Eucharist between 10 – 1pm on Tuesday 20th
December 2022. If you know anyone who would like to receive
the sacraments but are unable to attend Church, please contact
the parish office on 9604 1199.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION - WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER

The 2nd Rite of the Sacrament of Penance will be held on
Wednesday 21st December following the 7pm Mass.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

This weekend members of our Parish Finance Committee
will present the Parish with a financial outlook of the Parish.
We thank the PFC for their efforts in our Parish.

You will also be invited to join our "Planned Giving" envelope
contributions. These are vital in planning for weekly and
future expenses. For more details, please see our PFC
member after Mass.



ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath is a very important
symbol in the Church's Liturgical Season.
It is a visual reminder to us of our
preparation for the Birth of Christ and the
Christmas Celebrations. As part of our family preparation for
Christmas, why not make your own Advent Wreath at home?
All you need is 5 candles; one for each Sunday and one for
Christ's Birth. There are a limited number of candles for sale
at the Piety Stall to help you.



PIETY STALL

Religious Christmas Cards available for purchase
this week as well as some Christmas gift ideas.
Columban Calendars are also available for sale
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Please remember to turn off your mobile phones – or
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SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

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ENROLMENTS OPEN - 2 MORE WEEKS ONLY

Enrolments for the 2023 First Reconciliation and First Holy
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Children in 2023 who are enrolled in Year 3 and above, who
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enrol in the combined First Reconciliation/First Communion
Program. To enrol please complete the online form by scanning
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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/>

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 8th December 2022
Where: St. Augustine Catechesis Centre
Time: 9:30am—11.30am

This will be our last playgroup for this year.



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.

PARISH WORKING BEE FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER

In preparation for Christmas, a working bee has been
organized for Friday 9th December from 6pm for both St.
Benedict's Shrine and St. Therese's Church. If you are
available and willing to give of your time for the Parish you
are most welcome!!

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