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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: 10:00am

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:

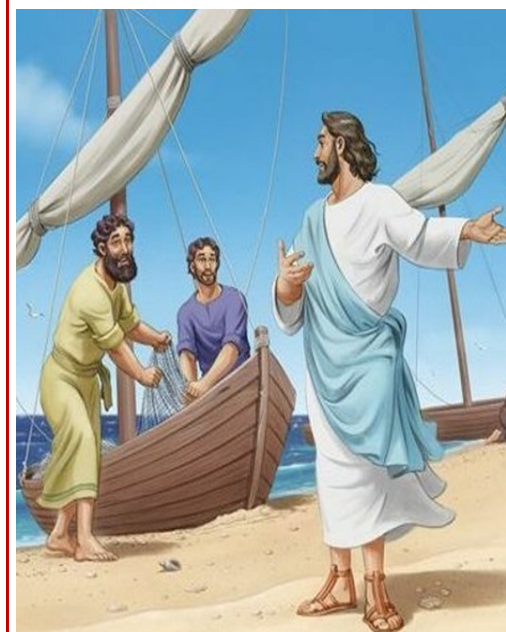
7:00 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesday after Mass

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

22 January 2023



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 Kodsy, 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

Mike Erak, Regina De Biasi, Angelo Vit,
Marlene Pace, Robyn Hankinson,
Joe Ida, Walter Schranz.

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Silvana Fenech, Maria Fernandes, Mihaly Puskas,
Angelo Sinocropi, Carmen Rosa Diaz.

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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PATRICIAN BROTHER'S COLLEGE FAIRFIELD

Boys: 7-12: Ph: 9728-4488
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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible
witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than
competition and helping the youngest and
most vulnerable above all.

Church Cleaners

W/E 28 January

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

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
(closed Wednesday)

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING Is 8:23-9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase,
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. (R.)
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Cor 1:10-13,17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 4:12-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

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.

OFFICE HOURS

Please note: The parish office will be closed
on Friday, 27th January 2023.

Next Week: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Scripture: Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13, 1 Cor 1:26-31
Gospel: Mt 5:1-12

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NO WEDNESDAY EVENING MASSES DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY



Wednesday evening Masses will resume at
7:00 pm, Wednesday 8th February 2023 with
Adoration and Novena to St. Benedict.

AUSTRALIA DAY JANUARY 26TH

Thursday 26th of January is Australia Day. As this is a public
holiday Mass will be celebrated

St. Therese's Church 8:00 am
St. Benedict's Shrine 10:00 am

Please join with us as we pray for our country.



Term 1 is starting on Friday, 27th January 2023 and 40km/hr
speed limits are also in effect from Friday.

St Gertrude's Catholic Primary Smithfield
Kindergarten Monday 30th January 2023
Years 1-6 Tuesday 31st January 2023

Patrician Brothers' Fairfield
Years 7, 11, 12 Tuesday 31st January 2023
All other years Wednesday 1st February 2023

Mary MacKillop Wakeley
Year 7 Monday 30th January 2023
Years 8-12 Tuesday 31st January 2023

We would like to wish all our students, parents and carers,
teachers & school staff every success in 2023.

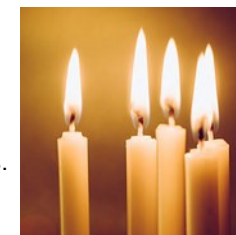
FEAST OF PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: BLESSING OF CANDLES THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

The Feast of the Presentation will be celebrated on Thursday
2nd February.

Mass times are:

St. Therese's Church 7:00 am
St. Benedict's Shrine 9:15 am

As is custom in the Catholic Tradition,
candles will be blessed at these Masses.
The candles are available for purchase
at our Piety stall.



ORDINATION OF DEACON ADAM CARLO TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The Ordination of Deacon Adam Carlo to the priesthood will
occur at 7pm, 2nd February 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral,
Parramatta.

His first Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 10:30.
Sunday 5th February 2023 at St Benedicts Shrine.

Please keep Deacon Adam in prayer, as he prepares for his
ordination to the sacred Priesthood.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

2023 FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Thank you to those families who have enrolled into the Parish
First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Sacramental
Program for 2023. Enrolments are **NOW CLOSED**.

IMPORTANT DATES

The **Parent Information Night** for the First Reconciliation and
First Holy Communion will be from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the
Montefano Hall on **Thursday, 16th February 2023**.

Only one adult per family to attend.

Please do not bring the children to the meeting.

RECONCILIATION LESSONS

From 8:45 am to 10:15 am in the Montefano Hall.

Lesson 1 – Sunday, 5th March

Lesson 2 – Sunday, 12th March

Lesson 3 – Sunday, 19th March

Lesson 4 – Sunday, 26th March



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



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PPC & PFC MEETING — 7TH FEBRUARY 2023



The next Parish Pastoral Council and Parish
Finance Council Meeting will be a joint meeting.
This will take place at **7pm, Tuesday 7th
February in the Parish Office.**

FCI – Italian Catholic Federation

ALL Nationalities are welcome.
Bingo Numbers called out in English & Italian
Next Bingo 10:00 am Friday 3rd February 2023
Montefano Hall \$15 entry includes
Bingo Games, prizes; Morning Tea/Coffee and light lunch.
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