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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: 10:00am

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 Strohmayr 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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

29 January 2023



We pray for the sick of this Parish

Alyssa Ferreri, Ray Wilson, 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

Elizabeth Ebejer, Mike Erak, Regina De Biasi,
Angelo Vit,
Marlene Pace, Robyn Hankinson,
Joe Ida.

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

D'Elia Giuseppe, 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 parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion
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Church Cleaners

W/E 4 February

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

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 am—4:00 pm

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING Zep 2:3,3:12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the
name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Cor 1:26-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.
or
Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.



FIRST FRIDAY – 3RD FEBRUARY 2023

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– 4TH FEBRUARY 2023

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

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.

Next Week: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Scripture: Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5

Gospel: Mt 5:13-16

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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.



ST. BLAISE: BLESSING OF THROATS - FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

On Friday, 3rd February 2023 we celebrate the Memorial of St. Blaise. The blessing of throats will take place following the 7:00 am and 9.15am Masses.



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 St. Augustine Catechesis Centre.
All members are asked to be in attendance.



PONTIFICAL REQUIEM MASS FOR THE LATE GEORGE CARDINAL PELL AC 2 FEBRUARY

The Funeral Mass for our late Archbishop will be held on **Thursday 2 February at 11am at St Mary's Cathedral**. Members of the public are invited to attend.

If you're unable to attend the Funeral Mass, there will also be other opportunities to pay our respects to our late Archbishop, George Cardinal Pell at St Mary's Cathedral:

Wednesday 1 February

9:30 am Reception of the Body and Commencement of Lying in State

1:10 pm A Mass for the Dead

5:30 pm Evening Prayer and Vigil

8:00 pm A Mass for the Dead

Thursday 2 February

11:00 am Pontifical Requiem Mass (Cathedral Doors open from 9:00 am)

Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of our late Archbishop.

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

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.

Following Mass there will be refreshments in the Montefano Hall.

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



REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

Please remember to turn off your mobile phones – or switch to silent – when entering the Church.

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