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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 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:

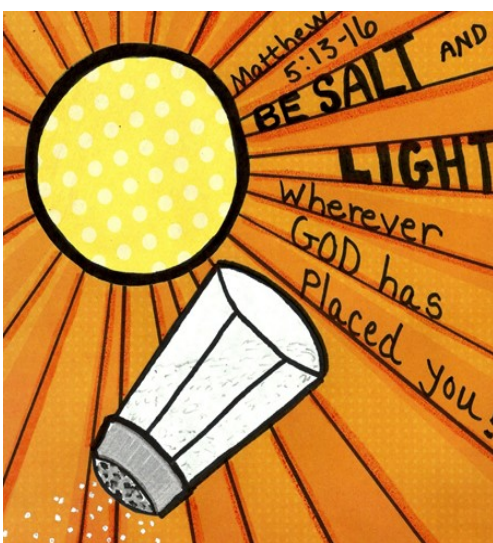
7:00 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesday after Mass

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

5 February 2023



Welcome into our Parish

Veronica Branka ATTIEH and
Zachary Lawrence ESPOSITO
Baptised this weekend

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 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

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

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Rosa Gravante, Pietro Anastasi, D'Elia Giuseppe,
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
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PATRICIAN BROTHER'S COLLEGE FAIRFIELD

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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the
centre, may increasingly become communities of
faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in
need.

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 11 February

St Benedict: Group C: Wilson Family
St. Therese: Group B: Vietnamese

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING Is 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. (R.)
2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R.)
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Cor 2:1-5

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

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.'

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

or

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall have their fill.



CATECHIST NEWS

CATECHIST SUNDAY

Catechist Commissioning Mass will be celebrated at 6pm, Sunday 19th February at St. Benedict's Shrine, Smithfield.

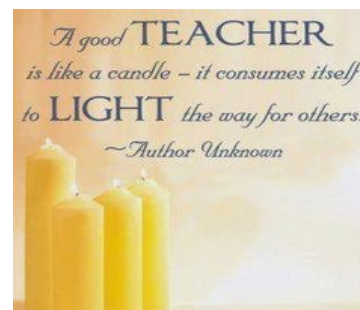
CATECHIST MEETING

A Catechist meeting will be held at 10am, Wednesday, 15th February in the Montefano Hall.

All Catechist's who are able to teach in State schools will be commissioned and sent forth for 2023.

Congratulations to Vincent Haber in recognition of 5 years of service, Layla Mona 10 years of service and Janet Canning 15 years of service in our Parish
God Bless you and all your work.

Have you considered being Catechist ?



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, this Tuesday in the St. Augustine Catechesis Centre.

All members are asked to be in attendance.

Next Week: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Scripture: Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10

Gospel: Mt 5:17-37

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CONGRATULATIONS FR. ADAM CARLOW!

The Parish would like to extend our prayers, congratulations and best wishes to newly ordained Fr. Adam Carlow.

We also extend our prayers and congratulations to Fr. Jack Elkazzi and Fr. Matthew Dimian who were ordained with Fr. Adam on Thursday evening at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. May you be blessed and fruitful in your ministry to God's people.



WELCOME TO ST. GERTRUDE'S PARISH

The Parish would like to extend a welcome to the clergy and visitors attending the Mass of Thanksgiving of newly ordained Fr. Adam Carlow.

A special welcome to the family of Fr. Adam who worship regularly in our Parish.

RETURN TO GRADE MASS THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

This Thursday we return to our Grade Mass with students from St. Gertrude's Primary. Each Thursday during school term students from different grades will attend our morning Mass. It is wonderful to have them back after a long Covid absence!



OUR LADY OF LOURDES SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

The celebration of Our Lady of Lourdes will take place on Saturday 11th February at 8am at St. Therese Church. This Mass will include the anointing of the Sick.



MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR AND FAREWELL TO FR. JAREK SUNDAY 12TH, FEBRUARY 10.30AM

The Parish will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Jarek as he prepares for his new position. This is an opportunity for us all to thank God for the many years of dedicated service and leadership that Fr. Jarek has given to St. Gertrude's Parish.

It is also a time for us to pray for Fr. Jarek as he prepares to continue his Pastoral Ministry as Prior of the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians "Marian Valley" in Queensland. There will be refreshments in the Montefano Hall following the Mass. Please bring some food to share. This can be brought to Montefano Hall before the 10.30am Mass.

Thank you Fr. Jarek for your fatherly hands, your "steady as she goes" attitude and leadership of St. Gertrude's Parish, especially during the challenges of Covid.

May our Blessed Mother continue to intercede for you, holding you close to her Beloved Son.



BLESSING OF BACKPACKS: SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

The annual blessing of Backpacks will take place on Sunday 19th February at the 10.30am Mass. All our students are invited to bring their backpacks for the blessing. This will also be a return to our "Family Mass" celebrated with St. Gertrude's Primary.

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



PARISH PLAYGROUP



When: Thursday 9th February 2023

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 17th February 2023

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