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"A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. 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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SCAN ME

PARISH PLAYGROUP

When: Thursday 30th March 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!



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NEXT SUNDAY

A reminder that in NSW our "Daylight Saving Time" ends next Sunday, 2nd of April. Time to turn those clocks **back** an hour!

CHURCH RETAINING WALL: WORK BEGINS THIS WEEK

Please be aware that works on the retaining wall on the corner of Justin St. & Neville St. will commence this week.

This will mean that there will be changed conditions for entry to St. Benedict's Shrine with restricted access to some areas. There will also be workmen and machinery so we ask that you use extra caution when moving around the Shrine.

This work is necessary for the safety of our Parishioners and should be completed within 3 weeks.

We apologise for the inconvenience.

PILGRIMAGE TO PENROSE PARK—SATURDAY 13TH MAY

The Parish is organising a Pilgrimage to Penrose Park to celebrate Fatima Day on Saturday 13th May. More details will be in next week's bulletin.

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ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

St Benedict's Shrine

Corner Justin & Neville Street
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 Priest

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

5th Sunday of Lent Year A

26 March 2023



We pray for the sick of this Parish

Fr. Anthony David, OSPPE,
Fr. Gabriel Taylor, OSPPE

Alyssa Ferreri, Ray Wilson, Giuseppina Pignataro,
Gino Mifsud, Helen Maric, Adam Westwood,
Emile & Mary Kodys, 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

Maria Chiavaroli, Cornelia Boswerger,
Angelina Vaccari, Antonius Haakman.

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Vera Anne Winter, Emma Zuleni, Emma Bertoldi,
John Francis Cini, Paul Cilia, Antonia Giannini,
Alma Elizabeth Gordon, Peter Forner,
Gaetano Vaccari, Bernadette Patricia McCormick,
Rocco Cavallaro.

PARISH INFORMATION

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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:

Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

Contact: Jodie Micallef

Mob: 0412-804-465 (to leave a message)
sacraments@stgertrude.org.au

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: 9609-4144
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MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE

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Girls: 7-12; Ph: 9725 4322
Principal: Ms Gilda Pussich
5 Carnarvon St, Wakeley NSW 2176
info@mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au
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PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE FAIRFIELD



Boys: 7-12; Ph: 9728-4488
Principal: Mr Peter Wade
268 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield NSW 2165
info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au
www.pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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 1st April

St Benedict: Group E: Neo-Cats
St. Therese: Group C: Spanish

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

5th Sunday Of Lent Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING Ez 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall settle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **(R.)**
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **(R.)**
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Rom 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Jn 11:1-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. John

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. – It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, ‘Lord, the man you love is ill.’ On receiving the message, Jesus said, ‘This sickness will end not in death but in God’s glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.’

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judaea.’

The disciples said, ‘Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?’ Jesus replied:

‘Are there not twelve hours in the day?’

A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling
because he has the light of this world to see by;
but if he walks at night he stumbles,
because there is no light to guide him.’

He said that and then added, ‘Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.’ The disciples said to him, ‘Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.’ The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by ‘rest’ he meant ‘sleep’, so Jesus put it plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.’ Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, ‘Let us go too, and die with him.’

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, ‘If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.’ ‘Your brother’ said Jesus to her ‘will rise again.’ Martha said, ‘I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said:

‘I am the resurrection and the life.
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me
will never die.
Do you believe this?’

‘Yes, Lord,’ she said ‘I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.’

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, ‘The Master is here and wants to see you.’ Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, ‘Where have you put him?’ They said, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus wept; and the Jews said, ‘See how much he loved him!’ But there were some who remarked, ‘He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man’s death?’ Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, ‘Take the stone away.’ Martha said to him, ‘Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.’ Jesus replied, ‘Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

‘Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.
I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak
for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.’

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, here! Come out!’ The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, let him go free.’

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord.

PARISH YOUTH

Our Parish Youth Groups have recommenced for 2023.
Our youth meet:

- **Over 18s:** 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month following the 6pm Mass
- **High Schoolers/Teenagers:** 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month following the 6pm Mass

Stay tuned for more information for our
Primary Schoolers!

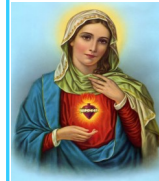


MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY OF LENT

St. Therese’s Church	7am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross
St. Benedict’s Shrine	7pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

CONFESSION/ RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER

Confession in preparation for Easter will be held on
Wednesday 29th March following the 7 pm Mass.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS - 1ST APRIL

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

Please note that there will be **NO FIRST FRIDAY** this month
(7th April) as it is Good Friday.



PALM SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY

A reminder that next Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday. Mass times are as usual.

Please be aware that we may have more people and traffic than usual and ask that you take extra care around the church.

Mass times for Holy Week are also available at the doors of the church. Please take a copy home with you.

PALMS AND OLIVE BRANCHES FOR PALM SUNDAY

If you have any palms or olive branches in your gardens that can be used for blessing on Palm Sunday, please bring these during the week to St. Benedict’s Shrine and leave them in the foyer in the baskets provided.

Thank you for your continued support.



EASTER COOKIES ARE BACK !

By popular demand, our homemade Easter Cookies are for sale this year. Grab your Cookies from the Piety Stall before they run out!

\$4 each OR 3 for \$10
Gift box \$15
Until stocks last

All PROCEEDS from this year’s cookies will go towards stage 2 of our Roof replacement for St. Benedict’s Shrine

EASTER EGG GUESSING COMPETITION

Can you guess how many eggs are in the jar?
2 chances to win!

\$1 a guess or 3 for \$2

Available at the church foyer.



EASTER RAFFLE

Raffle tickets for children’s Easter basket
are on sale after Mass.

\$2 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.



WELCOME BACK FR. WOJTEK

This weekend we welcome back Fr. Wojtek from his annual leave. We hope you’ve had a restful break.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION DATE

A reminder that the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be held on **Thursday, 8th June** from **6.30pm to 7.30pm** in St Benedict’s Shrine.

PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYERS

We ask the St Gertrude’s parish family to continue to pray for our candidates as they prepare to receive the love and mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION LESSON DATES

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

- Lesson 1 – Sunday, 30th April
- Lesson 2 – Sunday, 7th May
- Lesson 3 – Sunday, 21st May
- Lesson 4 – Sunday, 28th May
- Lesson 5 – Sunday, 4th June



2023 CONFIRMATION DATE

Please be advised that the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Saturday, 14 October 2023**. Enrolments will open on **Sunday, 30th April 2023**.



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



THANK YOU FCI

The Parish would like to extend our thanks to the FCI for their generous donation. This donation will help towards Stage 2 Roof repair at St. Benedict’s Shrine.



THANK YOU VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY

The Parish extends to our Vietnamese Community at St. Therese our gratitude and thanks for repair work to the concrete at St. Therese.



CHOIR REHEARSALS

Parish choir rehearsals will be held on **Monday evenings** in the Church starting **7:30pm**. All welcome.



PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Parish Finance Committee meeting will be held at **7:00 pm, Tuesday 28th March at the St. Augustine Catechesis Centre**. All Members are asked to be in attendance.

Next Week: PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD
Scripture: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11.
Gospel: Mt 26:14- 27:66.

PARISH DONATIONS

First Collection (Priests) Account : Smithfield House – Order of St Paul the First Hermit

BSB 066711 Acct. No. 007392

Second Collection (Parish) Account : Smithfield Catholic Church
BSB: 062784 Acct. No. 100001084

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