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## PARISH PLAYGROUP



**When:** Thursday 9th 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!



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## St Benedict's Shrine

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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 Priest

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

## 2nd Sunday of Lent Year A

5 March 2023



### Welcome into our Parish

Valentina Eliza MEDIATI, Hunter SAKR &  
Lincoln Alfie VUKOVICH  
*Baptised this weekend*

### 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 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

Angelina Vaccari, Antonius Haakman,  
Elizabeth Ebejer, Mike Erak, Regina De Biasi,  
Angelo Vit, Marlene Pace, Robyn Hankinson.

**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

### Parish Office:

6 Justin St, Smithfield

Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585

Email: [office@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:office@stgertrude.org.au)

Website: [www.stgertrude.org.au](http://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](mailto:catechist@stgertrude.org.au)

### Sacraments:

*Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation*

Contact: Jodie Micallef

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

**Liturgy:** 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert  
[liturgy@stgertrude.org.au](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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  
Principal: Mrs Linda Katsibras  
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### MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE WAKELEY



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Principal: Ms Gilda Pussich  
5 Carnarvon St, Wakeley NSW 2176  
[info@mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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  
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[info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au)  
[www.pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au](http://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 11th March

*St Benedict: Group B: PPC/Teachers*  
*St. Therese: Group C: Spanish*

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



## 2nd Sunday Of Lent Year A

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

### FIRST READING Gen 12:1-4

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:  
I will curse those who slight you.  
All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

### SECOND READING 2Tm 1:8-10

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

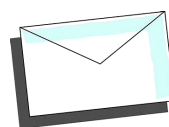
### GOSPEL

Mt 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew  
Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.



### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new set of planned giving envelopes are ready for collection. These are available this week at **St. Benedict's Shrine**.

The Giving envelopes are a vital way that the Parish can plan for future expenses. Your weekly contributions allow us to calculate and forecast income to pay for expenses such as Parish loans, utilities, maintenance, etc. If you would like to join our Planned Giving System, please complete contact the Parish Office. There is also the option of direct debit. Thank you for your continued support of the Parish!



### No Flowers during Lent

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. Our liturgical celebrations reflect the Season. We also create a sense of the season in the visual. In this way you are asked NOT to leave flowers in the church during this time.

The dried Willow Sticks remind us of our waiting for new life in the Resurrection.

### FR. WOJTEK ON LEAVE

Please note that Fr. Wojtek will be absent from Sunday 26th February the Parish until 25th March.

**Next Week:** THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, Year A  
**Scripture:** Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8.  
**Gospel:** Mt 4:5-42.

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## Lent



### LENTEN PROGRAM 2023

#### SPIRIT AND TRUTH LENTEN COMPANION.

This publication contains Gospel meditations for each Sunday in Lent and Passion Sunday, with some questions to help discussion. There is also the inclusion of the Stations of the Cross and an Examination of Conscience. This is a FREE gift from the Archdiocese of Sydney. Maybe you would like to set up a group or even use this for family prayer!

Unfortunately we have run out of the printed version of this program, however, you can access an "online version: at [gomakedisciples.org.au](http://gomakedisciples.org.au)



### 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



### 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.



### CONGRATULATIONS: FR. CASIMIR ZIELINSKI. DOCTOR OF CANON LAW

The Parish would like to extend to Fr. Casimir our congratulations on successfully defending his Doctoral Dissertation at the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome and receiving the title of **Doctor of Canon Law**. Fr. Casimir wrote his Doctoral Thesis on "Acolyte and Lector, Past, Present and Future, Minor Orders, Ministries and Incorporation."

### PARISH DONATIONS

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BSB: 062784 Acct. No. 100001084

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

### SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

### RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION CLASS NOW FULL

Please be advised that our First Reconciliation and Holy Communion class is now full. Enrolment for 2024 will open in October.

### RECONCILIATION LESSON DATES

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

**Lesson 1 – Sunday, 5th March**

**Lesson 2 – Sunday, 12th March**

**Lesson 3 – Sunday, 19th March**

**Lesson 4 – Sunday, 26th March**

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.

### 2023 CONFIRMATION DATE NOW AVAILABLE

Please be advised that the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Saturday, 14 October**.

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](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au) or phone 0412-804-465 to leave a message.

Thank you and God bless

Jodie

**Sunday 5th March 11.30 - 1pm Tuesday 7th March 3.30 - 5pm**

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