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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 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

Feast of Divine Mercy Year A

16 April 2023



We pray for the sick of this Parish

Fr. Anthony David, OSPPE,
Fr. Gabriel Taylor, OSPPE
Alyssa Ferreri, Ray Wilson, Gino Mifsud,
Helen Maric, 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

Salvatore Magieri, Sharron Kassoutas,
Salvatore Ripepi,
Maria Chiavaroli, Cornelia Boswerger,
Angelina Vaccari.

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Natala Limonelli, Lucy Sophia Ziober,
Nicola Giampaolo, Domenic John Pavisa,
Agatino Sacca, Santo Zoccoli.

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:
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: Parish Office

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
Principal: Mrs Linda Katsibras
1-11 Justin, Street, Smithfield NSW 2164
www.stgsmithfield.syd.catholic.edu.au
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www.instagram.com/stgsmithfield/

MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE WAKELEY

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

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 a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

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 22nd April

*St Benedict: Group C: Wilson Family
St. Therese: Group D: Syriacs*

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

"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."

Second Sunday of Easter, Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

- Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
- I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. (R.)
- The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Pt 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoiled or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Thank You

A BIG THANK YOU to all our parishioners who gave so generously of their time and talents to ensure our Easter celebrations were beautiful and holy.
May the Lord bless you a hundredfold for all that you have given to build our parish faith and life.

EASTER APPEALS

A wonderful effort achieved by our parish community in contributions raised from our Easter Appeals:

Earthquake Appeal: \$1892.05

Holy Land Appeal: \$2266.50

Project Compassion: \$5236.65

For those who have not yet returned boxes please leave them in the basket at the front of the church.

Next Week: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Scripture: Acts 2:14, 22-3, 1 Pet 1:17-21

Gospel: Lk 24:13-35

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REGINA CAELI

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.
Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
He risen, as he said. alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.



V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen



DIVINE MERCY-THIS SUNDAY

Jesus requested to St Faustina that the first Sunday after Easter should be the Feast of Divine Mercy and proclaimed in a special way. In addition to our parish Mass timetable, there will be a special celebration at St Benedict's Shrine.

2pm: Prayers & Devotions

3pm: Mass

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR FR. WOJTEK

SUNDAY, 23RD APRIL 10:30 AM

A Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Wojtek will be celebrated on Sunday 23rd April at 10:30am.

This is an opportunity for our community to celebrate and thank Fr. Wojtek for his dedicated service to St. Gertrude's Parish and to pray for his future Pastoral Service as Parish Priest at St. Margaret Mary's Merrylands.

Refreshments will be served after Mass in the Montefano Hall.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

FAREWELL CARD FOR FR. WOJTEK

A farewell card for Fr Wojtek will be available to sign in the foyer of the church after each Mass this weekend.



CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Congratulations to **Nathan Kohutek** who was welcomed into Full Communion with the Catholic Church with sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation and **Joseph Franco** with sacrament of Confirmation. May God continue to bless you and your journey.

PARISH YOUTH

Our Parish Youth Groups have recommenced for 2023.

Our youth meet:

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

Stay tuned for more information for our Primary Schoolers!

The Parish Youth Group will resume in May.



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



OUR LADY OF FATIMA DAY PILGRIMAGE TO PENROSE PARK SATURDAY 13TH MAY

The Parish is organising a Pilgrimage to Penrose Park to celebrate Fatima Day on Saturday 13th May. The bus will depart St. Benedict's Shrine, Smithfield at 8:30 am and will return approximately at 5:00 pm. Please bring your own lunch.

Cost: \$25.

To book, please see volunteer in Church Foyer to add your name to the list or contact the Parish Office.

Space is limited.

PASCHAL CANDLE DONATION

Thank you to **Mark Malone** from **Integrity Funerals** who very kindly donated the Paschal candles for both St Benedict's Shrine and St Therese's Church.

Thank You

EASTER OFFERINGS

Easter Offerings **help support our priests.**

Easter Offering envelopes will be available in the Church pews from the Easter Vigil and throughout the Easter Season.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish priests.

PARISH DONATIONS

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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.