

BLESSING OF HOMES DURING EASTERTIDE

LEADER: Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.
R/: Blessed be God forever.

LEADER: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ, risen from the dead, who is our source of hope, joy, and comfort. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke: 24:28-32

As the disciples approached the village to which they were going, Jesus gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?"

LEADER: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, through you every dwelling is a temple of holiness: build those who live in this house into the dwelling place of God in the Holy Spirit. We pray: **R/.**

Lord Jesus Christ, the disciples recognized you in the breaking of the bread: grant that the members of this family may be open always to the presence of Christ in Word and sacrament. We pray: **R/.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you appeared to the frightened Apostles and said, "Peace be with you": grant that your abiding peace may remain with the members of this family. We pray: **R/.**

ALL: Our Father

LEADER: Lord, we rejoice in the victory of your Son over death: by rising from the tomb to new life he gives us new hope and promise. Bless all the members of this household and surround them with your protection, that they may find comfort and peace in Jesus Christ, the Paschal Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R/. Amen.

Move through the house sprinkling Holy Water

PARISH YOUTH

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

- **Over 18s:** 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month following the 6:00 pm Sunday Mass
- **High Schoolers/Teenagers:** 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month following the 6:00 pm Sunday Mass

Stay tuned for more information for our Primary Schoolers!



PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please leave your Project Compassion boxes in the baskets at the front of church.



EASTER TABLE PRAYER

Creator God and Lord of Life, You who call forth from the darkness of death all those who love You, we rejoice, on this Easter Sunday, in the resurrection from the dead of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Visit our home and this table with Your bright blessing of peace and life.

We pause in the midst of this prayer to remember all the holy dead of our family who live now in You and who await the final and glorious resurrection of the dead.

Pause for silent reflection to remember those who have died.

May they and we, because of our faith in You, our God, taste in the victory of life over death.

May the Risen Christ, our Lord and Saviour, be our guest as we celebrate His resurrection with this Easter Sunday dinner.

Bless those whose work to prepare this meal has truly been a work of prayer, and bless all of us who shall share it with Easter love and joy.

May You, then, bless this table and this food, and each of us in Your holy name. Amen.



**Edward Hays, "Prayers for the Domestic Church: A Handbook for Worship in the Home"*

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.

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.

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:

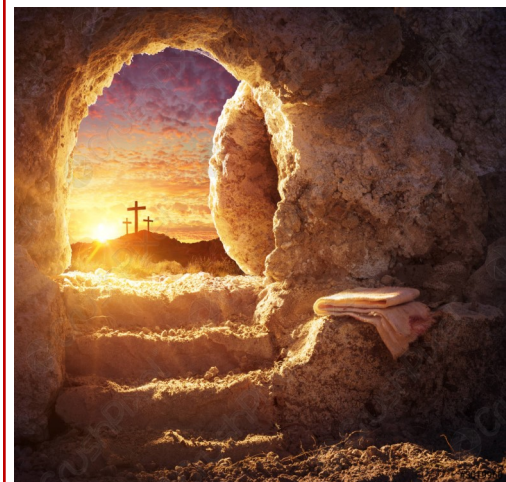
7:00 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesday after Mass

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Year A

9 April 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 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 Pavisia,
 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
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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
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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 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 15th April

*St Benedict: Group B: PPC/Teachers
 St. Therese: Group D: Syriacs*

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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.
To him be glory and power
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

- 1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
‘His love has no end.’ (R.)
- 2. The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R.)
- 3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

SECOND READING Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life’s own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ’s glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 28:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

After the Sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, ‘There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him.” Now I have told you.’ Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. ‘Greetings,’ he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.’

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

EASTER MONDAY MASS TIMES

St. Therese’s Church 8:00 am
St. Benedict’s Shrine 10:00 am



Next Week: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47, 1 Pet 1:3-9

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

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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

EASTER WATER

Easter water will be available after the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday.

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

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.



Jesus, I Trust In You!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 16 APRIL 2023

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.

2:00 pm: Prayers & Devotions

3:00 pm: Mass



REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

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

Easter Message 2023

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. ‘Greetings,’ he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee and they will see me there.’ (Mt. 28: 8-10)

The sight of the empty tomb was something indescribable and incomprehensible to the women who had gone there to visit the sepulchre. Never had they imagined that the body of Jesus would not be there! All of their emotions of fear, disbelief, confusion, grief, disappointment were put at ease when they heard the voice of the angel who told them, “There is no need for you to be afraid.” It is interesting that Matthew uses “you”. This was a direct instruction to the women. While the guards who had been placed at the tomb to ensure that the disciples did not steal the body of Jesus “were like dead men” because of their fear, the women were told, “There is no need for **you** to be afraid.” Jesus had spoken many times of his resurrection, he had tried to prepare his disciples and followers for this moment. Until this moment, they did not understand, but now they experience the resurrection. From this moment they are the first Easter People; the first to look upon the empty tomb, the first to experience the resurrected Christ and the first to tell the Good News of Christ risen from the Dead.

They need not fear, because they hold in them the love, the joy and the hope that the Resurrected Christ will meet them on their pilgrimage in life.

The message of that first Easter, is the message of this Easter, and that is one of love, joy and hope. We live in the knowledge that the Resurrected Christ does not leave us in our past fears and disappointments, but looks forward to bringing us into future hope. This Easter when you gather around your Easter Table to celebrate Christ risen from the dead, be confident that the Risen Christ brings to your home love, joy and hope. Give thanks for the gift of each other and pray for those whose Easter may be overshadowed by doubt and fear.

Thank you for your prayers, your presence at our Liturgies and for the gift that you are. Have a blessed Easter!

Christ is Risen ! Alleluia! Indeed he is risen, Alleluia!

In Christ,
Fr. Peter James and Fr. Wojtek

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.

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.