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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."

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CHURCH WORKS IN PROGRESS

Please be aware that works on the retaining wall on the corner of Justin St. & Neville St. are still in progress.. This will mean that there will be changed conditions for entry to St. Benedict's Shrine with restricted access to some areas.

The second phase of our Shrine roof repair will also take place this week. This work covers the Children's' Room and the Sacristy area of the church.

The Church organ will also undergo repairs that will begin this week. This works are all part of the water damage that occurred March 2022.

There will also be workmen and machinery so please use caution in the church grounds and pray for the success of these works.

We apologise for the inconvenience.



PARISH PLAYGROUP

When: Thursday 18th May 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!

Advertising Space Available - Beginning New Financial Year

Quarterly (No Easter Ads): \$330
Half Year (26 Weeks - No Easter Ads): \$550
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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

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

6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

14 May 2023

If you love Me,
you will keep My
commandments.

- Jesus

(John 14:15)

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

Thomas Zammit, Dino Di Federico,
Salvatore Maugeri, Sharron Kassoutas.

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Rose Rogers, Giuseppina Ronzini,
Steven Casamento.

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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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 Church Movements And Groups
We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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 20th May
St Benedict: Group B: PPC/Teachers
St. Therese: Group A: Frances

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

6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts 8:5-8.14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Pt 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another
Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.



FR. ZACHARY— ON SUPPLY

The Parish welcome Fr. Zachary who will be in our Parish while we wait for Fr. Casimir to arrive.

Next Week: The ASCENSION of the LORD
Scripture: Acts 1:1-11, Eph 1:17-23
Gospel: Mt 28:16-20.



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

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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

ST THERESE'S CHURCH JUBILEE

Seeking Organising Committee Members

In 2024 St Therese's Church will celebrate its 70th Anniversary. The church was blessed on 21st November 1954 by Cardinal Gilroy. The Parish would like to commemorate this occasion with a number of activities. If you would like to be part of the planning for these events, please contact Fr. Peter James or the Parish Office.

PARISH FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Parish Pastoral and Finance Council would like to invite interested persons who have a particular interest in events designed at raising funds and building community spirit. This group will organise, coordinate and host events to help our community grow and strengthen our friendship as well as raise money for the Parish. If you would like to join this committee, please contact Fr. Peter James or the Parish Office.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The Parish Pastoral Council would like to invite interested persons who have an interest in hospitality to join the Hospitality Committee. The aim of this committee is to organise, coordinate and run hospitality events in the Parish such as the Sunday morning tea, special events, etc. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Peter James or the Parish Office.



PARISH YOUTH

Our Parish Youth Groups have returned this weekend.

Our youth meet:

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



YOUTH BOWLING NIGHT – SUNDAY, 21ST MAY

Following the 6pm Mass our youth are invited to Bowlarama for a social get-together.

For catering, please let Fr. Peter James know if you will attend.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

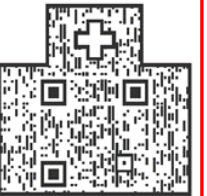
ENROLEMENT FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS NOW OPEN

Enrolments for the 2023 Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Program is now open. Children in 2023 who are enrolled in Year 6 and above, who have been Baptised in the Catholic Church, and have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion may be eligible to enrol.



To enrol please complete the online form by scanning the following QR code or logging onto <https://tinyurl.com/5f7rsxnb>

Enrolments are due by no later than **Sunday, 11th June**. Late enrolments will not be accepted.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION LESSON DATES

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

- **No lesson this weekend**
- Lesson 3 – Sunday, 21st May
- Lesson 4 – Sunday, 28th May
- Lesson 5 – Sunday, 4th June



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

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.

For 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 CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Lord calls us to love one another as he has loved us – but how far we are from achieving it! There is a huge gap between our 'religious' life and our 'real' life: behind our facade and the masks there is a person looking for love. Who better to love you than Christ himself!

Come and listen!

To a series of catechesis **starting this Monday 15th May and every Monday and Thursday at 7:30pm**. Meeting in St Gertrude's Chapel, Justin St Smithfield, corner of St Gertrude's Primary School. Babysitting available.

For information please contact **Louisa on 0413 231 531**

PARISH DONATIONS

First Collection (Priests) Account : Smithfield House –

Order of St Paul the First Hermit

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Second Collection (Parish) Account : Smithfield Catholic Church

BSB: 062784 Acct. No. 100001084

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