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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 is under way. This work covers the Childrens' Room and the Sacristy area of the church.

The Church organ will also undergo repairs that will begin this week. We will be without organs for the next few weeks.

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 1st June 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!



FCI BINGO IS BACK



Parishioners, come, join us **10:00 am on Friday 9 June** in the Montefano Hall.

Only \$15 entry - includes prizes, morning tea/coffee and light lunch.

ALL NATIONALITIES WELCOME!



Advertising Space Available - Beginning New Financial Year

Quarterly (No Easter Ads): \$330

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

Annually (No Easter Ads): \$990

• 10% discount for parishioners who are actively donating via the St Gertrude's Fund.

Contact Parish Office - 9604 1199
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 am—4:00 pm

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:

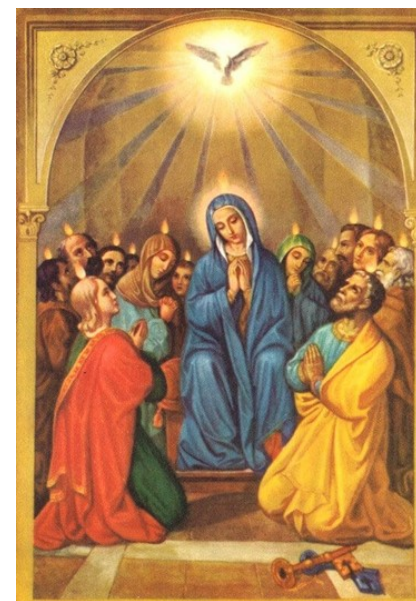
7:00 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesday after Mass

PENTECOST SUNDAY, Year A

28 May 2023



Congratulations to

Paul Gerace & Marie Zappia
Married in our Parish

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

Kennia Yolanda Navarro, Robert Wasniowski,
Thomas Zammit, Dino Di Federico,
Salvatore Maugeri.

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Geoffrey Manche, Rose Rogers,
Giuseppina Ronzini, Steven Casamento,
Fr. Karol Olszewski.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

22 Neville 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 3rd June

St Benedict: Group D: Grace
St. Therese: Group B: Vietnamese

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St John

In the evening of 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.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

SAVE CALVARY HOSPITAL

I am writing to ask for your assistance in petitioning the ACT Government to reverse a decision to take the ownership and management of Calvary Hospital away from Calvary Health Care – a Catholic operator and give the ownership to the government-run, non-faith-based Canberra Health Services instead. Calvary Health Care operates hospitals and aged care facilities across the country and has been operating Calvary Hospital for 44 years. It is trusted to provide quality health care to Canberrans regardless of their religious belief.

The ACT Government is trying to ram through a bill that would allow this extreme land-and-assets grab to occur as soon as 3 July 2023. The bill was prepared in secret, with Calvary management and staff only finding out about it the day before it was tabled in parliament, and the government has scrapped the usual inquiry process so that the bill could be law as soon as 31 May.

There is no time to lost: we must act now.

It's no secret that the ACT Government want to force Calvary Hospital to provide abortions now, and euthanasia and assisted suicide in the future. Taking the land, buildings and hospital equipment and transferring staff employment across to Canberra Health Services allows them to push their anti-life agenda right through the hospital.

I'm asking for your help in stopping this nonsensical and anti-faith action.

Please sign the petition at savecalvary.com.au and share it with friends. Let the ACT Government know that we want our Catholic hospitals to stay Catholic.

Next Week: The Most Holy TRINITY
Scripture: Ex 34:4-6,8-9 2 Cor 13:11-13
Gospel: Jn 3:16-18.

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FIRST FRIDAY – 2ND JUNE 2023

Mass times as follows:

St Therese's Church:

6:30 am exposition and confession
7:00 am Mass

St. Benedict's Shrine: 9:15 am Mass followed by devotions
7:00 pm Mass followed by devotions

FIRST SATURDAY– 3RD JUNE 2023

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



PARISH OFFICE RELOCATED

Please note that the Parish Office has relocated to **22 Neville Street** (opposite the Parish Carpark). Email and telephone contact numbers will remain the same.

FR. ZACHARY: ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

The Parish would like to extend our prayers and well wishes to Fr. Zachary who celebrated 4 years of Ordination on Wednesday 25th May. May God continue to bless you in your ministry as you serve the People of God.



CATECHIST NEWS

The next Catechist meeting will be held at **10.30 am, Friday 9th June 2023 in the Montefano Hall**. Morning tea will be served prior to the meeting. All Catechist invited.

CORPUS CHRISTI CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION SATURDAY 10TH JUNE 3:00 PM

To celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi the Parish will be holding a *Candlelight Procession* on the Vigil of Corpus Christi - Saturday 10th June 2023 - beginning in the Montefano Hall at 3:00 pm.

Exposition 3:00 pm Montefano Hall
Procession 5:00 pm In Parish grounds
followed by Benediction in the church.

Parish groups are invited to bring banners to the procession.

If anyone would like to host/decorate one of the altars for our Corpus Christi procession please contact the Parish Office.



PARISH YOUTH

Our Parish Youth Groups have returned!
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.

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.

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/5f7rsxbn>

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:

- 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

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.



REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

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