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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 RETAINING WALL: WORK IN PROGRESS

Please be aware that works on the retaining wall on the corner of Justin St. & Neville St. has begun.

This will mean that there will be changed conditions for entry to St. Benedict's Shrine with restricted access to some areas. There will also be workmen and machinery so we ask that you use extra caution when moving around the Shrine. We apologise for the inconvenience.



PARISH YOUTH

Our Parish Youth Groups have returned this weekend.

Our youth meet:

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



PARISH PLAYGROUP

When: Thursday 11th May 2023

Where: St. Augustine Catechesis Centre

Time: 9:30 am—11:30 am

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

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

5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

7 May 2023



Welcome into our Parish

Elle BUHAGIAR, Adele KOH &
Dimitri PELLEGRINO
Baptised this weekend

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 Magieri,
Sharron Kassoutas, Salvatore Ripepi.

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
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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
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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 13th May

St Benedict: Group E: Frances
St. Therese: Group A: Frances

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

5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

- (R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.
1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
 2. For 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.)
 3. 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.)

SECOND READING 1 Pt 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. John
Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?
Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DAY PILGRIMAGE TO PENROSE PARK NEXT SATURDAY

The Parish is organising a Pilgrimage to Penrose Park to celebrate Fatima Day next Saturday.
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.



MOTHERS' DAY – NEXT WEEKEND

In Australia Mothers' Day will be celebrated next weekend. The 10.30am Mass will be offered for all our Mothers and Spiritual Mothers, living and deceased.

Next Week: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Scripture: Acts 8:5-8, 1 Pet 3:15-18

Gospel: Jn 14:15-21.

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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

FR. PETER JAMES: ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

The Parish would like to extend our prayers and well wishes to Fr. Peter James who celebrated 9 years of Ordination on Wednesday 3rd May. May God continue to bless you in your ministry as you serve the People of God.



CWF APPEAL—THIS WEEKEND

The CWF Appeal is happening this weekend. Envelopes are available in the pews of the church.

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is a centralised fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney. It is your charity, the charity of the Sydney Catholic community and your local parish. CWF funds six agencies:

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry – promoting reconciliation and mutual understanding and providing pastoral care for Catholic Aboriginals and supporting them in the living of their Faith.

Catholic Care – Formerly known as Centacare, delivers over 100 programs in Ageing, Disability, Children & Youth, Employment Training & Support, and Family Services.

Chaplaincies – Our chaplaincy services in hospital, prisons and universities provide much needed support to the lonely, sick, hurt and suffering in the community.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) – provides religious education and Christian formation for Catholic children in public schools.

Ephpheta Centre – provides services to the deaf and hearing impaired including sacramental, counselling, support and advocacy services.

Seminary of the Good Shepherd – supporting the education and training of future Priests for the Archdiocese.

St. Gertrude's has a Parish quota of \$8,600.

Donations \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting these Catholic Agencies of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

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
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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/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:

- Lesson 2 – Sunday, 7th May
- Lesson 3 – Sunday, 21st May
- Lesson 4 – Sunday, 28th May
- Lesson 5 – Sunday, 4th June



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.

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 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.



REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

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