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CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF PATS' PATRICIAN FAIR - FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST -

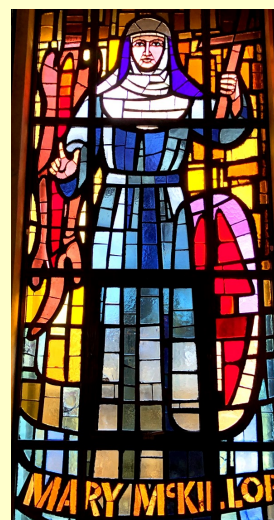
LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!
Dodgem Cars, Hurricane, Slides, Sizzler, Rides, Basketball, Ultimate Ninja Warrior course, Dunk Tank, Entertainment, Food Trucks, Principal Tours (4pm & 5pm) and More! Fireworks at 7pm

FROM 2 PM TO 7 PM

PRE SALE TICKETS \$40

PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE, THE COLLEGE OVALS, 268 THE HORSLEY DRIVE, FAIRFIELD

NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP



Ever Generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
to live her life faithful to the Gospel of
Jesus Christ,
and to be constant in bringing hope
and encouragement
to those who were disheartened,
lonely, sick or needy.
With confidence in Your generous
providence
we join with Mary MacKillop
and ask that You grant our request
for

(make request here)

May our faith and hope be fired
afresh
by the holy Spirit so that we too, like
Mary MacKillop,
may live with courage, trust and
openness.

Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Our Father ...
Hail Mary ...
Glory Be ...



REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES
Please remember to turn off your mobile phones – or
switch to silent – when entering the Church.

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

Assitant Priest

Fr Casimir Zielinski 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

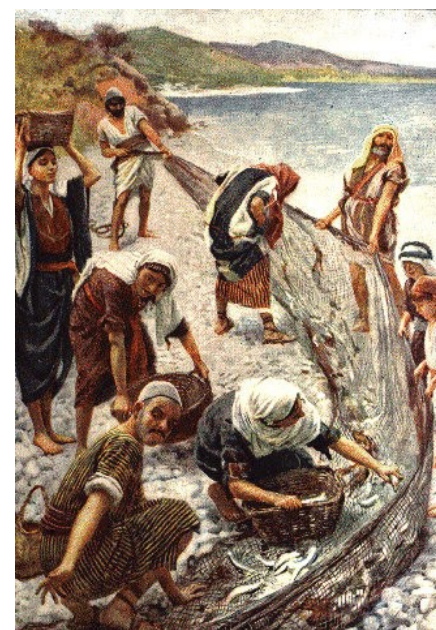
First Friday of the Month:
6.30 am Exposition & Confession; 7:00 am Mass

First Saturday of the Month:
7:00 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Tuesday after Mass

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

30 July 2023



We pray for the sick of this Parish

Fr. Anthony David, OSPPE,
Christina Mastrone, Jordan Collins, Aldo Giradi,
Alfred Muscat, Alyssa Ferreri,
Ray Wilson, Gino Mifsud,
Helen Maric, Adam Westwood,
Emile & Mary Kods, 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

Joan Lockett, Ivanka Jermanis, Betty Power,
Francesca Sabato, Carmela Zumbo, Michele Faga,
Fr Gabriel Taylor, OSPPE

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Olinda Yarza, Carmela Penza, Christina Gangemi,
Martino Trapletti, Eugen Kleibert.

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

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: pssso@stgertrude.org.au (Parish
Safeguarding Support Officers and all WWCC
renewals)

Parish Youth: High Schoolers/Teenagers:

1st and 3rd Sunday of the month following the
6pm Mass.

Over 18s: 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month
following the 6 pm Mass.

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 World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon
will help young people to love and
witness the Gospel in their own lives.

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 July

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

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people .

FIRST READING 1 Kings 3: 5, 7 - 12

A reading from the First Book of Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **(R.)**
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **(R.)**
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **(R.)**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Rom 8: 28 - 30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 13: 44 - 52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

or

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.



CWF APPEAL 5TH & 6TH AUGUST

There will be a special collection next weekend the 5th and 6th of August for CWF Appeal.

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) supports multiple works and agencies in the Archdiocese of Sydney including the Seminarians, Ephpheta Centre, Chaplaincy services, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry and CCD.

Donations \$2 or more are tax deductible
St. Gertrude's has a Parish quota of \$7,700.

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS



As our Parish Secretary is on annual leave there are some changes to the opening hours of the Parish Office. Please be patient with us during this time.

Office Hours **Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10am - 4pm.**

Next Week: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD.
Scripture: Dan 7: 9 - 10, 13 - 14 2 Pet. 1: 16 - 19,
Gospel: Mt 17: 1 - 9

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FIRST FRIDAY - 4TH AUGUST 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 - 5TH AUGUST 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



ST. CHRISTOPHER BLESSING OF CARS THIS WEEKEND

The blessing of cars will take place after Mass this weekend. Donations for the blessing will be given to the Pauline Seminary Fund.

ST. CHRISTOPHER MEDALS

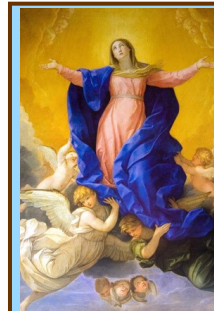
St. Christopher medals and car visors are available for purchase at the Piety Stall.

NOVENA TO

ST. MARY OF THE CROSS, MACKILLOP 31ST JULY—8TH AUGUST

In preparation for the Solemnity of St. Mary of the Cross, MacKillop, we will pray the Novena to St. Mary MacKillop each day after Mass commencing Monday 31st July and concluding Tuesday 8th August.

The Novena prayer can be found on the back of the Parish Bulletin.



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST

The **Assumption of Mary** is one of the four Marian Dogmas of the Catholic Church. Pope Pius XII defined it on 1st November 1950 in his Apostolic Constitution titled *Munificentissimus Deus* as follows:

We proclaim and define it to be a dogma revealed by God that the immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, which means that every Catholic **MUST attend Mass** on this day.

Mass Times:

St. Therese 7am Mass
followed by Exposition,
Rosary, Litany and
Benediction

St. Benedicts 9.30 am Whole School Mass
6.00pm Exposition, Rosary,
Devotions and Benediction
7.00pm Mass

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

CONFIRMATION DATES

Confirmation lessons will take place from 8.45am to 10.15am in the Parish Montefano Hall on the following dates:

- **Lesson 1:** Sunday, 30th July
- **Lesson 2:** Sunday, 6th August
- **Lesson 3:** Sunday, 13th August
- **Lesson 4:** Sunday, 20th August

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



*Heavenly Father, God of power and of love.
We pray for all the children who are preparing for the
Sacrament of Confirmation.
May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in
faith, hope and love and
may they come to know you as the one true God
who loves them without limit.
May their hearts welcome you gladly;
May their ears hear your voice in the scriptures;
May their eyes see you in all things;
And may they proclaim your glory as they walk in the ways
of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen*

For all enquiries, please contact the Sacramental Office by emailing sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or text/phone 0412-804-465 to leave a message.

Thank you.
God bless
Jodie



PARISH WORKING BEE THANK YOU

A very BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Parish working bee this weekend. Thank you to those who helped organise the day into the success that it was. Many hands made light work!!



FCI – Italian Catholic Federation

Bingo Numbers called out in English & Italian

Next Bingo 10:00 am Friday 4th August 2023

Montefano Hall \$15 entry includes

Bingo Games, prizes; Morning Tea/Coffee and light lunch.

Come join us, united as a Parish.



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.