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

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."

The Parish does not imply any endorsement for advertisements listed in this bulletin.



FCI – Italian Catholic Federation

Bingo Numbers called out in English & Italian

Next Bingo 10:00 am Friday 29th September 2023

Montefano Hall \$15 entry includes

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

Come join us, united as a Parish.



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 St. Michael: Tuesday after Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Friday after Mass



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 St. Michael:

Tuesday after Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Friday after Mass

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st October 2023



Welcome into our Parish

Aleksandra ANDREJCZYK
Baptised this weekend

We pray for the sick of this Parish

Fr. Anthony David, OSPPE, Michael Hyzy,
Aldo Girardi, Alfred Muscat, Alyssa Ferreri,
Ray Wilson, Gino Mifsud, Helen Maric,
Adam Westwood, Emile & Mary Kody,
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

Concetta Italiano, Petar McLoughlin,
Ivanka Jermanis, Terry Caruana, Vincenzo Reitano,
Michelina Leombruni.

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Salvatore ANNETTA, Paul BRADBURY,
Gaetano ZAMARA, Anthony CINI,
Antonietta CIOPPA

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

Parish Youth:

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month following the
6pm Mass.

Contact: Fr. Peter James via Parish Office

Other: FCI (Italian Catholic Federation)

Tony Coiera 0409 908 424

Parish Playgroup: Thursday during school term.
10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Our Schools

ST GERTRUDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SMITHFIELD



Boys & Girls: K-6: Ph: 9609-4144

Principal: Mrs Linda Katsibras

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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

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For the Synod

We pray or the Church, that she may
adopt listening and dialogue as a
lifestyle at every level, and allow
herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit
towards the peripheries of 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: 7th October

St Benedict: Group B: PPC/Teachers

St. Therese: Group B: Vietnamese

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING Ezek. 18: 25 - 28.

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.' .

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING Phil 2: 1 - 11.

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 21: 28 - 32.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

or

By this we came to know the love of God:
that Christ laid down his life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.




HSC MASS

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 6PM

All our HSC students are invited to the **6pm Mass on Sunday 8th October** to pray for their success in the HSC Exams and to offer them the support of our Parish with a special blessing during Mass. A **BBQ** will follow the Mass.

Our HSC Students are invited to wear their school Jerseys!

CLASS OF 2023





FIRST FRIDAY - 6TH OCTOBER 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 - 7TH OCTOBER 2023

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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

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PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO PENROSE PARK

FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2023

To celebrate **Fatima Day** the Parish is organising a bus to Penrose Park.

If you would like to join the Parish Pilgrimage on this day, please leave your name with the Piety Stall or contact the Parish Office to put your name on the list.

When: Friday 13th October
Where: St. Benedict's Shrine
Time: Depart 8.30am sharp
Return 4.30pm approx.
Cost: \$20
Bring your own morning tea and lunch.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER

MASS TIMES

Please take note this Monday being a public holiday the Mass times are as follows:

St Therese	8am
St. Benedict's Shrine	10am



Raffle

in celebration of St Therese's Feast Day


\$2 each or 3 for \$5

Prize: A Statue of Our Lady
60cm tall statue valued at \$250!

Tickets can be purchased at
St Benedict's Parish,
and St Therese's Parish
from the 1st of October.

Prize to be drawn at
St Therese's Parish
Fairfield Heights,
on Saturday 4th
of November at
the 8am Mass.

All proceeds will go
towards the repair
and maintenance
of St Therese's Parish.



CATHOLIC MISSIONS COLLECTION

THIS SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

The annual Catholic Missions Collection in our Parish will take place this weekend the 1st October.
Your donation help support the work of Catholic Missions.

Next Week: 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Scripture: Is. 5: 1 - 7 Phil 4: 6 - 9
Gospel: Mt 21: 33 - 43

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL & MASS

Please be advised that the Chancery has decided to celebrate one Confirmation Mass this year. As a result, please find important dates below:

Reconciliation and Confirmation Rehearsal:

Tuesday, 10 October at 6.00pm to 7.30pm
in St Benedict's Shrine

Confirmation Mass with Bishop Richard Umbers:

Saturday, 14 October at 12.30pm to 2.00pm
in St Benedict's Shrine



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

2024 RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENTS

If you have a child in Year 3 or above next year, who has been Baptised, enrolments for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion will open from Sunday, 5 November 2023. Further information will be available soon.



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

CATECHIST AWARENESS MONTH


Have you considered being a Catechist?

A catechist is any person of faith who is hospitable, a good listener, patient, kind, and caring.

Lk 11:28 – He Replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it,"

THE CHILDREN NEED YOU! THE PARISH NEEDS YOU!

Contact: Mimi Romeo - email: catechist@stgertrude.org.au
Contact No - 9725 4317



CATECHIST MEETING

FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER

All Catechists current and new are welcome

When: Friday 6 October
Where: Montefano Hall Smithfield (next door to St Benedict's Church)
Time: 10.15am Morning Tea – 10.30am start Meeting.

Mimi Romeo

PARISH DONATIONS

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