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**PLANT SALE**  
@ ST. BENEDICT'S SHRINE

**Sunday, 22nd October**  
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO ST. BENEDICT'S SHRINE



**FCI – Italian Catholic Federation**

**Bingo Numbers called out in English & Italian**

**Next Bingo 10:00 am Friday 27th October 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 Strohmayer 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

## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**22nd October 2023**



### Congratulations to

Ryan GERARDIS & Emily DEL PRICIPE  
Married in our Parish

### We pray for the sick of this Parish

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

Valentin Rakvin, Valerie Tolomeo,  
Simon Acampora, Concetta Italiano.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> & 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:

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

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](mailto:info@mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au)

[mmcwakeley.syd.catholic.edu.au](http://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](mailto:info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au)

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## THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

### 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: 28th October

St Benedict: Group E: Neo-Cats  
St. Therese: Group C: Spanish

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

### 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](mailto: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."



## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

### FIRST READING Is 45: 1, 4 - 6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whom he has taken by his right hand  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip the loins of kings,  
to force gateways before him  
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,  
of Israel my chosen one,  
that I have called you by your name,  
conferring a title though you do not know me.  
I am the Lord, unrivalled;  
there is no other God besides me.  
Though you do not know me, I arm you  
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the  
sun  
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#### (R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

### SECOND READING 1 Thes. 1: 1 - 5.

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

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in  
Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you  
all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you  
have shown your faith in action, worked for love and  
persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have  
been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to  
you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as  
the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Mt 22: 15 - 21.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to  
trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him,  
together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you  
are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way,  
and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank  
means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it  
permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was  
aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you  
set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax  
with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head  
is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to  
them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar –  
and to God what belongs to God.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the eyes of the Lord  
are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

or

The Son of Man has come  
to give his life as a ransom for many.

### SOLEMNITY - ALL SAINTS DAY WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

Mass times as follows:

St. Therese's Church: 7:00 am

St. Benedict's Shrine: 9:15 am

Whole School Mass

7:00 pm (No Novena after Mass)



### COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED "ALL SOULS DAY" THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Mass times as follows:

St. Therese's Church: 7:00 am

St. Benedict's Shrine: 9:15 am

7:00 pm



### YOUTH GROUP

#### THIS SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER

The next Youth Group will be this Sunday  
in the St. Augustine Catechesis Centre  
following the 6 pm Mass.

High Schoolers and over 18s invited to  
attend.

Topic: The Rosary

Please join us for prayer, fun, friendship  
and food.

Next Week: 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Scripture: Ex. 22: 20 - 26 1 Thess 1:5 - 10

Gospel: Mt 22: 34 - 40

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# 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.



# ALL SOULS DAY

NOVEMBER 2, 2023



## WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED

Personalised candles with the name of  
your loved one can be purchased at the  
piety store for \$6

### SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

#### 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](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au)  
or text/phone

0412-804-465 to leave a message.

Thank you.

God bless

Jodie



### NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

November is the month that we as Catholics traditionally  
pray for all our deceased relatives and friends.

November Mass Offering Envelopes will be available in the  
pews of the church and at the doors of the church **from next  
weekend** for those wishing to have their loved ones included  
in the November Masses. These offerings for the deceased  
will be offered as a collective Gregorian Mass.

### PARISH PLAYGROUP



When: Thursday 26th October 2023

Where: St. Augustine Catechesis Centre

Time: 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Playgroup will meet every Thursday during the school term.

New and existing families are invited to attend.

Hope to see you all there!

### Life, Marriage and Family Sunday

This Sunday

10:30 am Mass

All families of our Parish are invited to attend  
the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 22nd October  
with the opportunity for our married couples  
to renew their marriage vows and to also  
receive a special blessing for families.



### 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.



### REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

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