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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](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."

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# 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

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

12th November 2023



### Congratulations to

Stephanie MICALLEF & Rochan STOCKER  
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

Elio Veneran, Elizabeth Pappallo, Valentin Rakvin, Valerie Tolomeo, Simon Acampora.

**And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time**

Rina CRESTANI, Maria Assunta LUONGO, Michael MUSCAT, Carmen BUGEJA, Filippa CUTELLI, Dora GABRIEL, Ernesto CAMPOLONGO, Sylvia MUSCAT, Lucia FLORES

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Office:

22 Neville St, Smithfield

Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585

Email: [office@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:office@stgertrude.org.au)

Website: [www.stgertrude.org.au](http://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](mailto:catechist@stgertrude.org.au)

### Sacraments:

*Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation*

Contact: Jodie Micallef

Mob: 0412-804-465 (to leave a message)  
[sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au)

**Liturgy:** 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert  
[liturgy@stgertrude.org.au](mailto: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> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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  
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 Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

## 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: 18th November

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)



## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### FIRST READING Wis 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen,  
and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;

you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;

be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her

and graciously shows herself to them as they go,

in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING 1 Thess. 4:13-18

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Mt 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,

near restful waters he leads me.

or

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.



**Next Week:** 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
**Scripture:** Prov 31:10-13 1 Thess 5:1-6  
**Gospel:** Mt 25:14-30.

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### CWF APPEAL

#### THIS WEEKEND

There will be a special collection *this weekend* the 11th and 12th of November for the 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.*



### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

To all children interested in participating in the Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve.

We will meet at St Gertrude's Church next **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30 pm** to commence planning.

Enter via the back door.

Please email Anna at [liturgy@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:liturgy@stgertrude.org.au) if you have any queries.

### 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 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.



### YOUTH GROUP THIS SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

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 Four Last Things**

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



### PARISH PLAYGROUP

**When:** Thursday 16th November 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!



### FCI – Italian Catholic Federation

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

**Next Bingo 10:00 am Friday 24th November 2023**

**Montefano Hall \$15 entry includes**

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

**Come join us, united as a Parish.**



### 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, 19 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



## ADVENT Piety Special!

Advent begins Sunday 3rd

December. Advent books,

Candles and Columbian

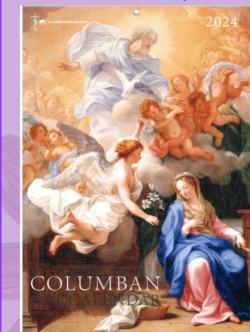
Calendars available at the

Parish piety store.

Candles \$15



Calendar \$10



Book \$8



### FR. PETER JAMES : ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr. Peter James will be on Annual Leave from Friday 3rd November - early December 2023. We wish him a safe, restful and prayerful time away.

### 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.**



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