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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 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

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe, Year A**

**26th November 2023**



### 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

Pat Faga, Silvio Mario Fortini, Marjory Mary Costa,  
Elio Veneran, Elizabeth Pappallo, Valentin Rakvin.

**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> & 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](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)  
[www.pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au](http://www.pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au)

## 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: 2nd December

St Benedict: Group E: Neo-Cats  
St. Therese: Group D: Syriacs

**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."

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## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

### FIRST READING Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. **(R.)**
2. Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING 1 Cor 15:20-26,28

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

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL


Mt 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord sits as King for ever.  
The Lord will bless his people with peace.



**LETTER FROM THE  
ARCHBISHOP**

Walking Together in communion,  
Participation and Mission  
Reflections on the Synod on  
Synodality, October 2023.

His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher  
was written a pastoral letter to his  
Archdiocese.

There are copies available at the piety stall. It is also available  
on our Parish Facebook, Instagram and Website.  
Please have a read.

### 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.

**Next Week: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**Scripture:** Is 63:16-17    1 Cor 1:3-9  
**Gospel:** Mk 13:33-37.

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### CATECHIST NEWS

Congratulations to our catechists who were presented with service awards at St Mary's Cathedral Mass last Sunday.

**Annick Mifsud – 20 yrs. Apostolic Blessing**  
**Helen Micallef – 20 yrs. Apostolic Blessing**  
**Mimi Romeo – 30 yrs. Life Member**

Thank you for your yes to God, and for all your time, effort, and love you put in teaching others about the faith.



### CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS CHOIR

We will rehearse at St Benedict's Church on Mondays at 7.30pm. Enter via the back door of Church through Justin Street opposite the school.

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



### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

To all children interested in participating in the Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve. We will rehearse at St Benedict's Church on **Fridays at 7.30 pm**. Enter via the back door of Church through Justin Street opposite the school.

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

## 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



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

### SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

#### 2024 SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT NOW OPEN



Enrolments for the 2024 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Sacramental Preparation Program is now open. Children in 2024 who are enrolled in Year 3 and above, who have been Baptised in the Catholic Church, may be eligible to enrol.

To enrol please complete the online Google form by scanning the

**QR code or logging onto:**

<https://tinyurl.com/547783mk>

Enrolments are due no later than  
**Sunday, 4th February.**

Late enrolments will not be accepted.

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION IMPORTANT DATES

The 'Parent Only Information Night' will be held on

**Thursday 8th February** at 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

in the Parish Montefano Hall.

First Reconciliation lessons will take place from  
8:45am to 10:15 am in the Parish Montefano Hall.

Lesson 1 – Sunday 25th February

Lesson 2 – Sunday 3rd March

Lesson 3 – Sunday 10th March

Lesson 4 – Sunday 17th March

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.

God bless

Jodie






**PARISH PLAYGROUP**

**When:** Thursday 1st December 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!



**YOUTH GROUP**

**THIS SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER**

The next Youth Group will be this Sunday in the **St. Augustine Catechesis Centre** following the 6:00 pm Mass.

High Schoolers and over 18s invited to attend.

**Topic: "The Sacred Scriptures - The Bible."**

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

**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.