

26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Ez 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.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(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.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:27

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 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

St Benedict's Church

Corner Justin & Neville Street
SMITHFIELD

Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm;
8.00am (Italian); 10.30am; 6.00pm.


Weekday Masses:
9.15am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday;
6pm Wednesday

Weekday Public Holidays: 10.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Adoration:
Wednesdays after evening Mass with Novena to St Benedict till 7.30pm; Saturdays from 4.45pm—5.45pm; & Fridays after the 9.15am Mass

First Friday of the Month:
7pm Mass & Adoration

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Tuesdays after Mass



Parish Priest
Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE

Assistant Priest
Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE

St Theresa's Church

Corner The Boulevarde & Stella Street
FAIRFIELD WEST

Sunday Masses: .
Saturday Vigil 5pm (Vietnamese);
7.30am & 9.00am; 11am (Spanish); 5pm (Arabic)

Weekday Masses:
Mon - Fri 7.00am; Saturday 8am

Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am


First Friday of the Month:
from 6.30am

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

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Tuesdays after Mass

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SUNDAY 1 October 2017



We pray for the sick of this parish

Paul Bradbury Maria Blanda, Max Hazmoth, Indu Vassallo, Kartia Grace Russell, Frank Trimboli, Gino Mifsud, Rina Favotto, Neang Nep, Eric Pasquetti, Emely Jade, Sandra Roy, Patricia Battistel, Ivy Fernandes, Maria Perre, Tania Perre, Alina Przewoznik, Philomena Greenwood, Ernesto DiDomizio, Stella Zappacosta, Antoinette Jansen.

Bless our sick today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health

Please remember in your prayers

Rita Vanolini, Antonio Tionvinne, Filippo Leto, Antonio Zumbo, Judith Niblett, Aldo Di Bona,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time :

Maria Cado, John Webb, Antonia Comin, Marsilo Vignaduzzo, Mary Magro

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:
6 Justin St, Smithfield
Tuesday-Friday 10am - 2pm
Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585
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Denise Namroud

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Mimi Romeo: catechist@stgertrude.org.au

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Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

Liturgy: 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert
liturgy@stgertrude.org.au

Adult Sacraments (RCIA) Mariola Herbert
Every Sunday at 8.30am in the Crying Room (in front of St Benedict's)
Contact Mariola: 0421 944 051.

Children's Liturgy
Mariola Herbert

Reconciliation:
Smithfield - Sat 4.45—5.45 pm
(or by appointment)


Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199
1st Sundays of the month during the 10.30am Mass at St Benedict's Church; & Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict's

Marriages: Parish Office 9604 1199
By appointment only (6 months required)

Sick Calls: 9604 1199
Any Time

Novena to St Benedict


Every Wednesday after the 6pm Mass with Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Reconciliation is available during this time. Everyone is encouraged to participate!

Rosary for Vocation to Religious life and Priesthood.

After Mass on Thursdays at St Therese's Church, Fairfield West



Church Cleaners
Tuesday 3 October ~ Edith's Group

Parish Collections Week- Ending 24/09/2017
1st Collection \$1,306.6 goes to Fr. Jarek & Fr Wojtek as well as the upkeep of their Order of St Paul the First Hermit.
2nd Collection: Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$2,650.00 and \$835.75 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

Month of Prayer and Fasting for Marriage and Families during October

Today and throughout this week we pray for all marriages and families in Australia.
Heavenly Father grant that our families may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches. Make us ever more mindful of the sacredness and beauty of the family in God's plan.

- † **Rosary 15 minutes before weekday Masses in Smithfield during October &**
- † **7pm Week nights at Fairfield West**

Scripture and the Church's history give us many examples of the miraculous impact when a whole community undertakes prayer and fasting together. Join us for a month of prayer and fasting to be held in parishes, schools and homes across the nation during the month of October 2017 because all families need our prayers and need God's Grace. <http://www.acmfc.org.au>

Bus to Penrose Park Friday 13 October, 2017
Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
 Cost: \$20 pp (non-refundable)
 Bus Leaves from Fairfield West Church @ 7.45am & Smithfield Church 8am. Returning approximately 5pm
For bookings: please contact Parish Office on 9604 1199 during business hours Tuesday to Friday

ROSARY PROCESSION
Please join our Parish for the Rosary Procession on Saturday 14 October 5:30pm before 6:00pm Mass in honour of Our Blessed Mother.
The procession will begin inside the Shrine and will proceed around the boundaries of the Church then conclude inside the Church for the 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

Public Holiday Weekend Monday 2 October
 Mass Times: 8am St Therese's Fairfield West & 10.30am St Benedict's Smithfield.

Altar Servers Meeting
 Tuesday 10 October @ 4.30pm– 5.15pm *(no meetings during school holidays)*

Parish BBQ ~ Saturday 14 October ~ 2017
 after the 6pm Vigil Mass in the Montefano Hall.

Smithfield YOUTH MASS
 Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at the 6pm Mass
Next Mass ~ Sunday 1st October
 Youth group meet 7 - 8 pm ~ 15 October
 Youth group meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month . Youth program 7pm - 8pm followed by a BBQ & fellowship in the Demountable.
All Youth Welcome!

Visitation of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima & Icon of Our Lady of Jasna Góra for reflection and prayer
 If you are interested in taking the Statue and Icon home, then please write your details on the 'Schedule' at the back of St Benedict's Church.

Catechist NEWS ~ Catechist Gathering
 Creating Resources 10:00 – 1:30 pm
 Friday 6th October at St Joachim's – Lidcombe
 RSVP: Mimi Romeo

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
 Enrolments have now closed!

- Holy Communion Parent Night – Wednesday 11th October at 7:30 p.m. in the Montefano Hall.
- Preparation classes begin 15th October.
- Ceremonies: Saturday 25th November at the 6 p.m. Mass and Sunday 26th November at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Enquiries, please contact Helena - 9725 4317 (Tuesday or Friday) or sacraments@stgertrude.org.au

Sunday 22 October ~ Children's Mass with Blessing of Pets
 to be held in grass area behind Montefano Hall 10.30am Mass
 Everyone Welcome!



Australian Catholic Youth Festival
 We are ready to go to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.
 We already have a number of youth from our parish registered.
Registration has been extended till October 20th.

If you are between Year Nine and Age 30, then come with us.
 Please direct your inquiries to Fr Wojtek via the parish office.
 The parish will offer partial subsidy.

Need to Speak to a Priest?
 A Priest will be available in the Parish Office every Thursday from 3pm – 4pm. This time will be allocated for any parishioner who needs to speak to a priest for either personal or general matters – *no appointment necessary.*

Postal Plebiscite:
 It's ok to vote NO in the postal plebiscite. Redefining marriage in Australia will have serious consequences. We have seen no safeguards for individuals of faith. Radical gay sex education will return to schools. For more info or to get involved see: www.coalitionformarriage.com.au

Challenges facing Catholics today
 Archbishop Fisher has delivered an important message on three key challenges facing Catholics today. He addresses the challenge to the seal of the confessional, euthanasia and the important discussion around changing the definition of marriage. *The Links are available on our website*

Heart Women's Conference
 Date: 19-21 October 2017
 Venue: Fairfield RSL, 14 Anzac Ave, Fairfield

A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Invite your daughters, mothers, sisters and friends! Men – What women in your life can you spoil by sending them to Heart 2017?
 Register: Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com
 Email: heart@TheCatholicGuy.com
 Phone: 1300 734 880

Indigenous Appeal
 The Bible Society's RIM's (Rural Indigenous Ministries Support) Project, is a major undertaking and part of The Bible Society of Australia's 200th Anniversary push to provide scriptures to Australia's first people, our Aboriginals.

These projects have been endorsed by Sydney Auxiliary Bishop Terry Brady, Darwin Bishop Eugene Hurley, Archbishop Christopher Prowse Canberra & Goulburn Diocese, Federal Member of Parliament Ms. Linda Burney and Federal Senator Patrick Dodson.

Richard Allcock will be attending **Fairfield West Masses this weekend, and at Smithfield on the weekend of 7th & 8th October**; he will present a brief talk about the Bible Society's RIMS Project followed by an invitation for support from parishioners.
 In summary, the RIMS Projects for 2017 is divided into four main areas: Publication of Indigenous Bibles, Recording of Indigenous Scripture, Supporting indigenous translation, Designing Indigenous Bible resources and workshops. It is important to note that the RIMS Indigenous Project is Tax Deductable and all donations above \$2.00 is claimable.

FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA
** New Parishioners always welcomed.*
 La FCI Annuncia le Attività del Mese di Ottobre
TOMBOLA – Veredi 6 Ottobre e 20 Ottobre
 Con caffè/Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo, nella sala di St Therese, F/West dalle 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
BINGO – Friday 6 October & 20 October coffee/biscuits & bread rolls for lunch, St Therese's Church Hall, Fairfield West From 10:00 am – 1:00 pm



Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday 10 October @ 7:30 pm.
Gina Morosin; 9604-2458 OR 0417 203 908.
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 HELP BRING THE MESSAGE OF GOD'S LOVE TO CHILDREN IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
Come and join our Catechist team
 Contact : Mimi Romeo – 97254317

Positions Vacant
Senior Multi-Media Journalist
 Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Permanent full-time position. Sydney CBD-based. For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on [0402 210 055](tel:0402210055). Applications close **9 October 2017.**
National Director - The Apostleship of the Sea
 (part time 22.5 hours max per week for a maximum term of 1 to 2 years). Applications for this position will be considered from any suitable person from members of Christ's Faithful; Laity; Religious and Ordained. The role can be based in any Australian city.

Full details of the role, requirements and process for applications can be found at the Office for Employment Relations website: www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au Enquiries should be directed to Alison Burt on email: pastoral.life@catholic.org.au Phone: 6201 9865. Applications close at 5.00pm Friday 6 October 2017