

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;
7pm 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 Boulevard & 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

6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

11 FEBRUARY 2018



We pray for the sick of this parish

Fr Gabriel Taylor OSPPE,

Fr Jose Maria Enedaguila,

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, I
vy 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

Mario Todaro, Annunziato Martino, Renato Almici,
Gianni Caruso, Carmelo Cordina, Nicola Capolupo,
Liliana Raisa,
Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time :

Vincenza Zappala, Tommasina Zappala,
Alfio Zappala, John Attard, Sara Barrios,
Ettora Cavallaro, Mario Vaccari.



PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

6 Justin St, Smithfield
Tuesday-Friday 10am - 2pm
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Parish Council:

Denise Namroud

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sacraments@stgertrude.org.au
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 7pm
Mass with Rosary &
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament



Reconciliation is
available during this time.

Rosary for Vocation to Religious life and Priesthood.

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



Church Cleaners

Tuesday 13 February -
Neo Catechumenal Way

Parish Collections Week- Ending 04/02/2018

1st Collection \$1,493.75 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: \$4607.55 and \$1187.20 Loose Money.

The counting of collections and donations is a vital component of our Parish operations.

We are always looking for additional volunteers to assist our team of counters each week. If you are free for a few hours on a Monday morning or evening, and would like to help, please see one of the priests or contact the Parish Office.

Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

LENT

Wednesday 14 February ~ Ash Wednesday
(Fast and abstinence)

Blessing and distribution of Ashes

Masses: 7am Fairfield West

9.30am (with School) & 7pm

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† Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 251-52)

† Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

2018 LENTEN PROGRAM

(Catholic Diocese of Wollongong)

SURRENDER - Lenten Program and Daily Lent and Easter Reflections 2018 (Year B).

For the first time, SURRENDER will also include short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) in addition to the longer-form Sunday Gospel reflections, spiritual direction, prayers and reflection questions that are traditionally part of the Lenten program for groups. Therefore, Surrender is also perfect for those that cannot attend a Lenten group.

Limited copies available.

Please contact the parish office on 9604 1199 to purchase your book and CD (optional)

Books: \$9 / CD's: \$9

Lenten Program Groups ~ Every Thursday

Starting Thursday 15th February

After the 9:15am Mass & 7pm

In the Parish Office meeting room

~ STATIONS OF THE CROSS ~

St Benedict's Church

Stations of the Cross will be held

Every Friday evening

At 7pm. (Starting 16th February)

On the First Friday in March (2nd) Mass & Adoration will follow the Stations of the Cross.

St Therese's Church

After the 7am Mass every Friday

& 7pm in Italian



St Gertrude's Parish Fund

New sets of envelopes will be available to pick up at the end of February. Therefore please contact the parish office on 9604 1199 of any changes prior to distribution.

Also as there has been a decline in givers using the envelope systems, and to save money and paper wastage, new envelope numbers will be allocated to givers using envelopes between # 270 and 300.

A letter advising you of your new number will be sent in the coming weeks.

Any one wishing to use envelopes for St Gertrude's Parish Fund, please contact the parish office on 9604 1199

Thank you for your support!

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in our parish during Mass on **Sunday 17th June at 2 pm & 4 pm.**

Children in Year 6 to Year 12 who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are eligible to enroll in the Confirmation Program.

Enrolments will be accepted when parents and children participate in the enrolment ceremony during the Vigil and Sunday Masses on the weekends of **24/25 February or 3/4 March**. Relevant information and enrolment forms will be distributed through the schools, on the Parish website and will be available at the entrances to the church next week.

Enquiries Helena 9725 4317 (Tuesday or Friday) or email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au

Please remember in your prayers

Thank you for your continued prayers for
Fr Gabriel Taylor OSPPE & Fr Jose Maria Enedeguila
(Spanish Chaplain)

Smithfield **YOUTH** MASS

Next Mass: Sunday 18 February at 6pm

Youth Program on 3rd Sunday of the month.

7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall.

All Youth Welcome!

YOUTH PROGRAM: 18th FEBRUARY 2018

Next Parish BBQ's

~ 10 February 2018

~ 10 March 2018

Everyone Welcome!

MEN'S ROSARY GROUP

~ Meeting ~

Monday 12 February at 7pm

In St Benedict's Church, Smithfield.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

Tuesday 13 February 4.30 - 5.15pm in

St Benedict's Church

First meeting for the New Year, all Altar Servers are encouraged to attend

SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY ~ 10:30am

Children's Mass with Blessing of School Bags.

Children (and their families) are warmly invited to attend Sunday Mass to have their school bags blessed as they begin the new school year.

Followed by morning tea in the foyer. All welcome!

Days of Fasting and Reparation

The Australian Catholic bishops have proclaimed the days from Ash Wednesday until the following **Saturday (14-17 February)** Days of Fasting and Reparation in sorrow for

child sexual abuse and the healing of victims. In addition to the work that has been undertaken in the area of the protection of children and vulnerable adults, the Days of

Fasting and Reparation are an authentically Catholic response to supplement those efforts. Resources can be accessed at www.catholic.org.au/fastingandreparation

To Members & Parishioners

FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA

Annuncia le Attività del Mese di Febbraio

*TOMBOLA Il primo e Terzo Venerdì del Mese

Il 2 e 16 di Febbraio. Con caffè / Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo.

Nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West dalle 10am - 1pm.

*RIUNIONE dei Membri Associati il 13 di Febbraio 7.30 pm.

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION [FCI]

Activities for February

*BINGO every 1st and 3rd Friday of month 10am - 1pm

St Teresa Church Hall Fairfield West

Morning Tea & Lunch provided.

*Members Reunion will be held on the 13th February

7.30 pm. Thankyou.

Antonio (Tony) Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409-908 424.

Parish Website

website www.stgertrude.org.au and

Facebook page

www.facebook.com/stgertrudesparish.

We will be posting news about what's happening at the Parish of St. Gertrude's on both website and facebook, please check it out.



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Call Jan 8843 0357 or Frank 0412 585 963

6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING *Lv 13:1-2. 44-46*

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7*

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. *(R.)*
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. *(R.)*
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. *(R.)*

SECOND READING *1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Lk 7:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mk 1:40-45*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week : FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings: Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

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