

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

11 MARCH 2018



Congratulations to

Pasquale MUSCARA & Danielle PARIGIANI
Married in our Parish

May God confirm them in their love.

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

Carmelo Currenti, Irma Sepulveda,
Mercedes Medina

Giovanni Mattiello, 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 :*

Doreen Favotto, Gabriel Quercigrossi, Teresa
Cavasin, Lina Novella, Mary Lia, Rosario Trunzo.



PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

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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.
*Everyone is encouraged to
participate!*

THE SEASON OF LENT is the most
appropriate time for celebrating the
SACRAMENT OF Penance.

Already on Ash Wednesday the
people of God has heard the
solemn invitation, *Turn away from
sin and believe the good news.* It
is therefore fitting to have several
penitential celebrations during
Lent, so that all the faithful may
have an opportunity to be
reconciled with God and their
neighbour and so be able to
celebrate the paschal mystery in
the Easter Triduum with renewed
hearts. *RP13*

The Sacrament of Penance is better
celebrated before rather than during the
Easter Triduum

Church Cleaners

13th March
Neo Catechumenal Way

Parish Collections Week- Ending 04/03/2018

1st Collection \$1,618.25 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: \$1,791.00 and \$967.40 Loose Money.

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

LENT

Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday to the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive (29th March). On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter fast is observed.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LENTEN Penance

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following.
 - (a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a Church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary.
 - (b) self denial – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

During Lent penance should be not only inward and individual, but also outward and social SC110

PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday unless for a good reason, it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St Benedict's Church: Every Friday at 7pm
Friday 16 March the Stations will be led by the Youth
Theme: Vocations

St Therese's Church: Every Friday after the 7am Mass; & 7pm
(Italian)

LENTEN GROUPS ~ EVERY THURSDAY

After the 9:15am Mass & 7pm in the Parish House, Smithfield

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please donate to Project Compassion and help provide employment & training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive, essential for a just future.

EASTER CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 21 March from 6.30pm – 8.30pm

(during Mass and Devotions).

Also on **Fridays during Stations of the Cross** from 7pm

CHOCOLATE PASCHAL LAMBS ~ NOW SELLING \$10 each

By purchasing the Paschal Lambs, you are helping the Michaelite Priests bring the message of Christ to the people of Papua New Guinea, as well as supporting our Parish in our fundraising.

Easter Raffle - \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5

Prizes: Food Hampers

St Gertrude's Parish Fund Envelopes

Available to pick up at St Benedict's Church Foyer.

Please now use the new envelopes for those whose number has changed. Thanks



Good-bye & Good Luck

This Saturday we farewell our long standing parishioner Maureen Grisdale at the 6pm Vigil Mass followed by a BBQ in the Montefano Hall.

We will miss Maureen and all that she has done in our parish, and wish her abundant blessings in her new home and community!

Men's Prayer Group

Next Meeting ~ Monday 12 March 7pm in St Benedict's Church.

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS

Monday 12th March at 7.30pm Group 1
(Second Monday of the Month)

Monday 26th March at 7.30pm Group 2
(last Monday of the Month)

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

Tuesday 13 March 4.30 – 5.15pm
St Benedict's Church

WORKING BEE
OFFER IT UP FOR LENT?

SATURDAY 17 MARCH AT SMITHFIELD
START TIME: 9AM



F/W Working Bee Thank you

A sincere thanks for your help last Saturday. Much Appreciated!

CONFIRMATION

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

Confirmation enrolments were held over the last two weekends during Parish Masses. If you missed enrolments please contact the Sacramental Office on 9725 4317.

<http://www.stgertrude.org.au/sacramental-program/>
For all Sacramental enquiries, please contact Helena on 9725 4317 – Sacrament Coordinator.

Smithfield YOUTH MASS

Next Mass: Sunday 18 March at 6pm

Youth Program on 3rd Sunday of the month .
7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall.
All Youth Welcome!

YOUTH PROGRAM: 18 March 2018

Annual Family Day at Penrose Park
(Our Second Year)

Saturday 7 April at Penrose Park
Starting with Mass at 11am followed by games
(pack your own picnic lunch)
Concludes with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm.

We are having a Movie Night!

'PAUL' Apostle of Christ

6:30pm on Thursday 12 April at
Stockland's Hoyts Cinema

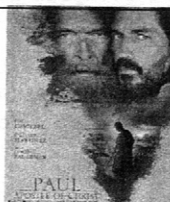
Cost: Adults \$17 pp; Children under 16 years \$14
non-refundable for change of mind)

For bookings see a Parish Volunteer in the Foyer of the
Church at each Mass or visit the Parish Office for payment.

♦ Payments must be received by Easter Sunday 1 April to
secure a seat

NB: Children 16 years and under must be accompanied by an
adult

Disclaimer: Bookings essential to secure the Cinema for the Parish.
In the event 50 seats are not booked, the event will be cancelled.



Pilgrimage to Penrose Park on Sunday 13 May.

Please contact the parish office to book the bus Cost \$22.

Safeguarding Training in May

If you are a volunteer: reader, cleaner, groundsman,
counter etc) and have not yet completed Safeguarding
Training or your Working with Children Check, please
contact the parish office.

Volunteer Photo ID Cards.

Photo ID's will be taken after Masses on 17/18 March; and
between 10am - 4pm on Tuesday 13 March & Friday
16 March

2018 St Gertrude's Parish Planning Calendar will be displayed
in the Notice Board at St Benedict's with all the events
currently programmed for the year.

FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA

La cerimonia dei Membri Verra' Celebrata
Domenica 18 Marzo durante La Santa Messa Italiana.

Tutti siete Benvenuti.

TOMBOLA Primo e Terzo Venerdi'. Il 2 e 16 di Marzo
Con Caffè, Dolci e Panini per Pranzo, Nella sala di
Santa Teresa Fairfield West dale 10.00 am -- 1.00 pm.

RIUNIONE IMPORTANTE dei Membri Matedi' 13 Marzo
Nella sala di St.Teresa

For more info. call, Antonio Coiera 0409 908424

Gina Morosin 0417 203908 ?Maria Zappia 0402 031411

CRISTO REGNI **

Now Enrolling for 2019 & 2020

St Gertrude's Catholic Primary School 2019 Enrolments

The enrolment process for students starting school or wishing to
enrol for 2019 has commenced. Any parent wishing to enrol their
child for Kindergarten can collect an enrolment package from the
school office.

Children enrolling must be turning 5 before 31 July 2019.

PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE FAIRFIELD ~ OPEN DAY

Sunday 11 March 2018 10am - 2pm

T 9728 4488 W www.pbcfairfieldcatholic.edu.au

MARY MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE ~ OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 21 March 2018 from 6.30pm - 8.30pm

T 9725 4322 W www.mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 136. R. v.6

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

1. By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung our harps. (R.)
2. For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)
3. O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! (R.)
4. O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! (R.)

SECOND READING Eph 2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that

you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Jn 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth

comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week : FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**Readings: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9;
Jn 12:20-33**

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