

32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	
FIRST READING <i>Wis 6:12-16</i> <i>A reading from the book of Wisdom</i> 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. The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.	GOSPEL <i>Mt 25:1-13</i> <i>A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew</i> 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.'
RESPONSORIAL PSALM <i>Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2</i> (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.)	The Gospel of the Lord All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ
SECOND READING <i>1 Thes 4:13-18</i> <i>A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the</i> <i>Thessalonians</i> 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.	<div> Next Week : 33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME <i>Readings: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6;</i> <i>Mt 25:14-30</i> </div>
The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.	
Gospel Acclamation <i>Mt 24:42. 44</i> <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. <i>Alleluia!</i>	<i>The scriptural quotations are taken from the Jerusalem Bible, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers. The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the Alleluia and Gospel Verses, and the Lenten Gospel Acclamations, and the Titles, Summaries, and Conclusion of the Readings, from the Lectionary for Mass ©1997, 1981, 1968, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved.</i>

Friday 17 November ~
Grace & Pina's Group

Parish Collections Week- Ending 5/11/2017
1st Collection \$1,574.40 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: \$2,415.50 and \$1036.15 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

Celebrating St Gertrude's Feast Day on Sunday 19th November

During the month of November we particularly remember the souls in Purgatory, where those who have died in God's grace undergo purification so that they may enter heaven. The Prayer of St Gertrude the Great below, is one of the most famous prayer for the souls in purgatory, and by praying for the souls in purgatory we can help them reach heaven more quickly. *We will celebrate the feast of our Parish Patron Saint, St Gertrude the Great, as a parish during the 18th November Vigil and the 19th November Masses.*

Prayer of St Gertrude

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

November Masses

During the Month of November we pray for all our deceased relatives and friends. During this month a total of 30 Masses will be collectively offered for the intentions of the deceased at both St. Benedict's Shrine and St. Therese's Church.
On Sundays the Mass will be at 10.30am at St. Benedict's Shrine and 9am at St. Therese's Church as well as the daily Masses during the month.
If you wish to include your loved ones in these collective Masses offered for the deceased during the month of November, then please fill out the November Mass Envelopes which are available in the Church foyer and on the seats.

Altar Servers Meeting Tuesday 21 November @ 4.30pm– 5.15pm

Parish BBQ ~ Saturday 11 November ~ 2017
after the 6pm Vigil Mass in the Montefano Hall.
Everyone Welcome!

Smithfield YOUTH MASS
Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at the 6pm Mass
Next Mass ~ Sunday 19 November
Youth group meet 7 - 8 pm ~ 19 November
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!

Whole School Mass ~ Thursday 16th November
Feast of St Gertrude.

November CWF Appeal
3rd Collection All Masses
this weekend 11th & 12th November for CWF
100% Tax Deductible for donations over \$2.
Your donation supports the work of charitable agencies in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.
Our parish commitment to this appeal is
\$9,450.0

SAFEGUARD TRAINING - ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS
This includes anyone who helps out in the Parish such as readers, church cleaners, grounds men, decorators, musicians, choir, collectors, welcomers, altar servers over 18, BBQ volunteers, children's liturgy helpers etc.

Parish Volunteers, who have not attended Safeguarding training in 2017, will need to attend a compulsory training session in the Parish Office on ONE of the following dates:

- Tuesday 14th November at 10:30 am OR
- Thursday 16th November at 7 pm

Contact Maria Zappia or Helena Martin on 9725 4317 or psso@stgertrude.org.au if you require more information.

Thank you for your cooperation, Maria and Helena
St Gertrude's Parish Safeguarding Support Officers

REMINDER! Men's Rosary/Social Group with Fr Wojtek will commence this Sunday 12th November with One Decade of the Rosary to be said daily in your own time.
This Month's Daily Intention: *Deceased family and parish members with Prayer of St Gertrude.*
Eternal Father, I offer thee.... (as above)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will be celebrated for our 2017 candidates on Saturday 25th November at the 6 pm Vigil Mass and on Sunday 26th November at the 10:30 am Mass.

IMPORTANT DATES for your DIARY

- **LESSONS:** Final lessons will be held this week. Classes will be held in the Parish Office, 6 Justin Street, Smithfield.
- **NEXT MAKE UP WORKSHOP SESSIONS:** Tuesday 14th Nov at 1 pm. Workshops will be held in the Parish Office.
- **RECONCILIATION** for all Candidates – **Tuesday 21st November, 6:45 pm** in St Benedict's Shrine.
- **REHEARSALS:**

- **CEREMONY 1** – Monday 20 November, 7 pm
- **CEREMONY 2** – Friday 24 November, 7 pm

All Parish Volunteers/Helpers & Parish Committee Members are invited to attend a
Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday 6 December at 7pm
on the Feast of St Nicholas followed by a celebration in Montefano Hall

(In appreciation for all your contributions throughout 2017)

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Please insert your details below, tear off this section & place in letterbox at Parish Office

Name:

Contact No:

Attending: ☐ Yes / ☐ No

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.*

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.

Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 10 December at the 10.30am Mass for all families who accepted the commitment of visitation and prayer into their homes.

FCI – Organising Cherry Picking Bus Trip to Orange Saturday: 2 December 2017
ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME
Cost: \$30 pp: (Payment to be made at time of booking non-refundable. No reserved seating) (only 50 seats available)
Lunch at Orange RSL at own expense
Bus departs St Benedict's Church Smithfield at 6:15 am sharp! Returning approximately 5:30 pm
Fun day with Raffles & prizes.
Contact: Gina Morosin 0417-203908
Maria Zappia 0402-031411 or after Masses
Be quick – only few seats remaining

FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA

*** Come Join us! - New Parishioners always welcomed.**
La FCI Annuncia le Attività Del Mese di Novembre 2017
TOMBOLA – Vendi 3 & 17 Novembre
Con caffè/Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo, nella sala di St Therese, Fairfield West dalle 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

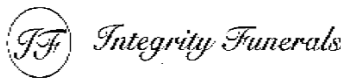
BINGO – Friday 3 & 17 November 10am – 1pm
With Coffee/biscuits & bread rolls for lunch.
St Therese's Church Hall, Fairfield West
Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday 14 November @ 7:30 pm.

Antonio (Tony) Coiera: 9757-1961 or 0409-908424
Gina Morosin: 9604-2458 OR 0417 203 908.
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Parish Website updated
We have recently upgraded the parish website www.stgertrude.org.au and started a 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!



Lourdes Day Mass 2017
The Order of Malta NSW invites you to the Lourdes Day Mass. This Mass is for the sick and the fragile in our community. A blessing of the sick will follow the Homily with water brought from the spring at the shrine of Lourdes. Saturday 2 December 2017 10am at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney



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