

Third Sunday of Easter - Year B

FIRST READING Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: ‘You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

‘Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.’

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)

3. ‘What can bring us happiness?’ many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Jn 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world’s. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, ‘I know him’, and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God’s love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia

GOSPEL Lk 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you!’ In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, ‘Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.’ And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, ‘This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.’ He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.’

Next Week : Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

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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;
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 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

Third Sunday of Easter

15 April, 2018



We welcome the following

Jayden Hedges, Dylan Rodziewicz, Ella Lewis, Valentino Tedesco, Avery Dana

Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish

Fr Gabriel Taylor OSPPE,
Fr Jose Maria Enedaguila,
Santina Ponili, 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

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 :

Anna Serena Luciani



PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:
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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!

Rosary for Vocation to Religious life and Priesthood.

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



Church Cleaners

Tuesday 17 April — Edith’s Group

Parish Collections Week- Ending 08/04/2018
1st Collection \$1,631.90 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: \$2,100.60 and \$999.80 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

RCIA: THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
 AS THE SPIRIT OF GOD WAS POURED OUT UPON OUR NEOPHYTES AT OUR EASTER VIGIL, PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THEM SO THAT THEY MAY KNOW THE POWER OF GOD'S SPIRIT OF TRUTH ABIDING WITH THEM ALWAYS.

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES
 Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2018. **If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week..** Through your generosity you are helping to empower our most vulnerable neighbours worldwide to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

PARISH BBQ - This Saturday 14th April.
 Please come along after the Vigil Mass and join us for a meal and some friendship.

ALTAR SERVERS THANK YOU GET TOGETHER
 Please join us for a Pizza on Tuesday 17th April at 5pm. Please meet at the Church Foyer.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING
 Tuesday 24 April 4.30 – 5.15pm St Benedict's Church

Smithfield **YOUTH** MASS
 Held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month at the 6pm evening Mass
 Nest Mass: Sunday 15 April at 6pm
 Youth Program is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month . 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall.
 All Youth Welcome!
YOUTH PROGRAM: 15 April 2018

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS
Monday 30th April at 7.30pm Group 2
(last Monday of the Month)
Monday 14th May at 7.30pm Group 1
(Second Monday of the Month)

Confirmation 2018
Enrolments have now closed.
 • Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish on Sunday 17th June at 2 pm & 4 pm.
 • Parent Information Meeting: Wednesday 2nd May at 7:30 pm in the Montefano Hall.
 For all enquiries call Helena in the Sacrament Office – Tue or Fri on 9725 4317 or email sacraments@stgertrude.org.au.

Pilgrimage to Penrose Park on Sunday 13 May.
HAS NOW BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF RESPONSE. APOLOGISES FOR ANY DISAPPOINTMENTS.


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.

Thank You ~ 'PAUL Apostle of Christ' Parish Movie Night.
 Thank you to the organisers for a lovely evening and thanks to our parishioners for your overwhelming response.

Easter Raffle winners
 1st Prize: Maria Fernandez
 2nd Prize: Maria Sartoretto
 3rd Prize: Antoinette Iacopetta
 Congratulations and thank you all for your support to our fund raising efforts.

Faith & Science - 2 events with Vatican Astronomer
 Brother Guy Consolmagno SJ is the President of the Vatican Observatory, one of the oldest astronomical research institutions in the World. He will speak at a dinner on Friday 27th April in Villa Maria Parish Hall Hunters Hill; details are in <http://catalystforrenewal.org.au/events/dinner-with-brother-guy-consolmagno-sj-adventures-of-a-vatican-astronomer/>
 Note the need to RSVP by Thursday 19 April by post, email or (messagebank) 02 9990 7003
 The 2nd event is at 10am the next morning at The Light of Christ Centre, end of Yardley Avenue, Waitara as per <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=353115&>
 Enquiries: faith.formation@dbb.org.au or 9847 0428

CONGRATULATIONS TO
BR JEREMY SANTOSO
 WHO RECEIVED HIS SOLEMN PROFESSION OF VOWS IN JASNA GORA, POLAND LAST MONDAY 9TH APRIL, 2018.
PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR HIM.

Ordination to the Priesthood

 You are invited to the Ordination of
Br Deacon Joseph Maria Buckley OSPPE
11am on Saturday 9th June 2018
at Marian Valley, Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians Canungra Queensland.
 Celebrated by
Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE
Please remember Br Joseph in your prayers as he continues his journey towards priesthood.

FCI Mother's Day
 Friday 11 May 2018 at 12 Noon
 in the Montefano Hall, Smithfield.
COST \$30 PER PERSON
 Includes 3 Course Meal including Drinks, Dessert and Coffee
 All Profits raised are given to Charities.
 RSVP 25 April 2018
 Tony Coiera or Gina Morosin

Now Enrolling
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.
Mary MacKillop Catholic College – Year 7, 2019, 2020 & 2021
 5 Carnarvon Street Wakeley 9725 4322
www.mmcwakely.catholic.edu.au
 Enrolment Applications available from the College Reception.

Join Pope Francis in Panama for the 34th World Youth Day in January 2019
 Sydney Catholic Youth are inviting you on the pilgrimage of a lifetime to Panama where you will celebrate Mass with Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics from around the world.
 Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the Sydney pilgrimage departing on 15 January 2019 which will travel from Sydney to Washington DC, then to WYD Panama with the optional extension to travel to Mexico City. Register your interest and find out more by visiting the website www.sydneycatholicyouth.org.wyd

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