

# 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 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

### 24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

#### SUNDAY 17 September



#### We welcome the following

Santino COSOLETO, Charlotte PAPPALARDO,  
Allannah MARTINAC, Zachary MITCHELL,  
Adriana VELLA  
**Baptised in our Parish Community**

#### 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

Judith Niblett, Aldo Di Bona, Carmela Vitali,  
Innocenzo Panebianco, Angelo Rizzo, Annie Costi,  
Mary Andrews, Jeanne Hazmoth,  
Mario (Emilio) Bugno, Giovanni La Delfa,  
Caterina Pedavoli, Rose Patane, Francesca Avati,  
Marija Krajaciz, Graziella Zorzan,  
Nicoletta Speranza,

#### Recently Deceased

**And for those whose Anniversaries occur  
at this time :**

Joseph Borg, Sam Torres, Rose Vella,  
Annunziata Verduci, Lino Celebrin, Biserka Curac,  
Tony Melacrinis, Colomba Carniato,  
Maria Mezzanotte, Alberto Castrianni  
Innocenzo Panebianco

### PARISH INFORMATION

#### Parish Office:

6 Justin St, Smithfield  
Tuesday-Friday 10am - 2pm  
Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585  
Email: [office@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:office@stgertrude.org.au)  
Website: [www.stgertrude.org.au](http://www.stgertrude.org.au)

#### Parish Council:

Denise Namroud

#### Finance Committee:

Jurgen Mertin

#### Catechists:

9725 4317  
Mimi Romeo: [catechist@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:catechist@stgertrude.org.au)

#### Sacraments:

9725 4317 Helena Mertin  
[sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au)  
Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

**Liturgy:** 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert  
[liturgy@stgertrude.org.au](mailto: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

1<sup>st</sup> 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

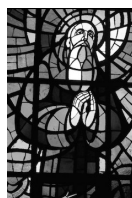
By appointment only (6 months required)

#### 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

Friday 22 September ~ Grace &  
Pina

### 24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

#### FIRST READING *Sir 27:30 – 28:7*

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,  
and both are found with the sinner.  
He who exacts vengeance will experience the  
vengeance of the Lord,  
who keeps strict account of sin.  
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,  
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.  
If a man nurses anger against another,  
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?  
Showing no pity for a man like himself,  
can he then plead for his own sins?  
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;  
who will forgive him his sins?  
Remember the last things, and stop hating,  
remember dissolution and death, and live by the  
commandments.  
Remember the commandments, and do not bear  
your neighbour ill-will;  
remember the covenant of the Most High, and  
overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8*

**(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. (R)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion.  
(R)
3. His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults (R)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. (R)

#### SECOND READING *Rom 14:7-9*

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on  
others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we  
die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we  
belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both  
died and came to life, it was so that he might be  
Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Jn 13:34*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
*Alleluia!*

#### GOSPEL *Mt 18:21-35*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often  
must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As  
often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven,  
I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared  
to a king who decided to settle his accounts with  
his servants. When the reckoning began, they  
brought him a man who owed ten thousand  
talents; but he had no means of paying, so his  
master gave orders that he should be sold,  
together with his wife and children and all his  
possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant  
threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me  
time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And  
the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he  
let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this  
servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow  
servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he  
seized him by the throat and began to throttle him.  
"Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant  
fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me  
time and I will pay you." But the other would not  
agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into  
prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow  
servants were deeply distressed when they saw  
what had happened, and they went to their master  
and reported the whole affair to him. Then the  
master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said.  
"I cancelled all that debt of yours when you  
appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to  
have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity  
on you?" And in his anger the master handed him  
over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt.  
And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with  
you unless you each forgive your brother from your  
heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Next Week : 25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**Readings: Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16**

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**Parish Collections Week- Ending 10/09/2017**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$xxxx** goes to Fr. Jarek & Fr Wojtek as well as the upkeep of their Order of St Paul the First Hermit.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$xxxx and \$xxxx Loose Money.**  
*Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!*

*Thank You!* *Thank you to all who came and joined Fr Jarek in celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination last Friday. A special thanks to everyone who were involved in preparing and helping to make this celebration a beautiful and successful evening.*

**Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal:** \$1,540.95 was donated  
*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Altar Servers Meeting**  
Tuesday @ 4.30pm– 5.15pm

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

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

**REST IN PEACE**  
It is with deep sadness that we announce that **Fr Simon Aloisi** died, quickly and peacefully, around 5.30pm on Friday 8 September 2017.  
Fr Simon had served as an assistant priest at Arcadia and Smithfield for many years, and was parish priest of Arcadia for a period.  
Fr Simon had great devotion to Our Lady and died on the Feast of her nativity.  
On the top of the page of his homilies he always put an Alpha and an Omega, signifying Christ our beginning and our end.  
Simon's faith was always strong and orthodox.  
We give thanks to God, Simon's family and his Benedictine Community in Italy, for their gift of Simon to us for almost 50 years of life and service here.  
*Extracts from <http://www.arcadia.dbb.org.au/news-events>*

*His funeral was held last Friday 15th September at 10:30am at the Monastery Chapel.*

*You are welcome to join us for a Memorial Mass to be held at St Benedict's Shrine on Thursday 7 December 2017 at 7pm.*

Thursday 21 September ~ Feast  
St Matthew, apostle, evangelist

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**  
Children in Year 3 and above who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Reconciliation are eligible to enrol in the First Holy Communion Programme.  
Enrolments have already taken place. If you would still like to enrol your child, please contact the Sacramental Office ASAP.  
Enrolments will not be accepted after 22/9/17.

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

*Enquiries, please contact Helena - 9725 4317 (Tuesday or Friday) or [sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au)*

**Catechist NEWS**  
**Annual Catechist Mass**  
Sunday 24 September at St Mary's Cathedral  
2:00 – 5:00 pm (includes afternoon Tea)  
RSVP: Mimi Romeo

**Catechist Gathering**  
Creating Resources 10:00 – 1:30 pm  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at St Joachim's – Lidcombe  
RSVP: Mimi Romeo

**Congratulations**  
To our two new Catechists **Karen Maia & Barbara Hill** Who are now teaching in Classes.  
**Great Help! Thank you!**

**Marriage Plebiscite:** As survey forms begin arriving in letterboxes across Australia, it is important that we are fully equipped with information about the consequences of changing the definition of marriage and the impacts this will have on individuals, families, education and churches. The Coalition for Marriage has released a comprehensive guide to some of the key consequences and questions around this important conversation. Go to [www.coalitionformarriage.com.au/handbook](http://www.coalitionformarriage.com.au/handbook) to download your free copy.

**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*

**Congratulations Kathryn Merten**  
Winner of Safeguarding Charter Competition  
*Thank you*  
to all children who entered the Competition.  
*Great Effort!*  
Parish is so proud of you all.

**Smithfield YOUTH MASS**  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at the 6pm Mass  
**Next Mass ~ Sunday 17 September**  
Youth group meet 7 - 8 pm ~ 17 September  
Youth group meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month .  
Youth program 7pm - 8pm followed by a BBQ & fellowship in the Demountable.  
**All Youth Welcome!**

**PETITION-ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL NSW:** *Thank you for you support.*

**Australian Catholic Youth Festival**  
Group registrations and Under 18 registrations close on Friday 22 September. **Our Deanery Coordinator Sarah on 0432 180 518 [southwestdeanery.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:southwestdeanery.sydney@gmail.com)** will assist to get last minute registrations into our group. Individual registration will remain open.

This week we are suggesting that parents and grandparents consider buying registration for the Festival as an early Christmas Gift. Please see this advertisement in today's edition of the Catholic Weekly.

One Day registrations are also open , if you purchase a registration for Thursday (7 December) or Friday (8 December) for \$125 this will include registration for Saturday (9 December). A program of main attractions will be published shortly.

**FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA**  
La FCI Annuncia le Attività del Mese di Settembre  
**TOMBOLA** Venerdì 22 Settembre.  
Con caffè /Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo, nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West dalle 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.  
**Antonio (Tony) Coiera:**  
**Gina Morosini:** Cristo Regni.

**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.*

#### COMMUNITY

From time to time we get calls asking if parishioners, who are either retired or unemployed, are interested in small jobs e.g. garden maintenance in return for a small payment. If you would like more information then please contact the parish office and we will direct you to the person seeking help.

Also is anyone interested in forming a group of volunteers to help other parishioners in time of need?  
Please contact the parish office on 9604 1199 during business hours to show your interest.

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