

ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

St Benedict's Church

Corner Justin & Neville Street
SMITHFIELD

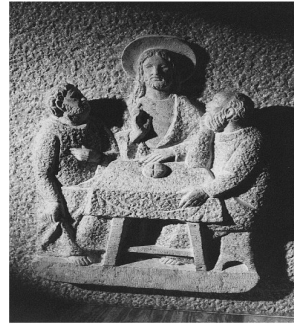
Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm;
8.00am (Italian); 10.30am; 6.00pm.

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

25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 24 September



Congratulations to

Sarah MURPHY & Timothy KHALIL
Married in our Parish
May God confirm them in their love.

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

Antonio Tionvinne, Filipo Leto, Antonio Zumbo,
Judith Niblett,
Aldo Di Bona, Camela 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 & Lino Pace

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

6 Justin St, Smithfield
Tuesday-Friday 10am - 2pm
Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585
Email: office@stgertrude.org.au
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Parish Council:

Denise Namroud

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9725 4317
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9725 4317 Helena Mertin
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
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

Tuesday 26 September ~ Neo Cats

25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING *Is 55:6-9*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on
him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18*

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

SECOND READING *Phil 1:20-24. 27*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my
life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ,
but then death would bring me something more;
but then again, if living in this body means doing
work which is having good results – I do not know
what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma:
I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would
be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in
this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be
unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *See Acts 16:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mt 20:1-16*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven
is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire
workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement
with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent
them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third
hour he saw others standing idle in the market

place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too
and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At
about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth
hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about
the eleventh hour he went out and found more men
standing round, and he said to them, "Why have
you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no
one has hired us" they answered. He said to them,
"You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the
owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the
workers and pay them their wages, starting with
the last arrivals and ending with the first." So
those who were hired at about the eleventh hour
came forward and received one denarius each.
When the first came, they expected to get more,
but they too received one denarius each. They
took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men
who came last" they said "have done only one
hour, and you have treated them the same as us,
though we have done a heavy day's work in all the
heat." He answered one of them and said, "My
friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not
agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and
go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I
pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my
own? Why be envious because I am generous?"
Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week : 26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Readings: Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

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Parish Collections Week- Ending 17/09/2017
1st Collection \$1,107.45 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: \$1,725.40 and \$743.15 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

Month of Prayer and Fasting for Marriage and Families during October

† **Rosary 15 minutes before weekday Masses in Smithfield during October &**

† **7pm Week nights 7pm at Fairfield West**

Scripture and the Church’s history give us many examples of the miraculous impact when a whole community undertakes prayer and fasting together. Join us for a month of prayer and fasting to be held in parishes, schools and homes across the nation during the month of October 2017 because all families need our prayers and need God’s Grace. <http://www.acmfc.org.au>

Bus to Penrose Park Friday 13 October, 2017
Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
 Cost: \$20 pp (non-refundable)
 Bus Leaves from Fairfield West Church @ 7.45am & Smithfield Church 8am. Returning approximately 5pm
For bookings: please contact Parish Office on 9604 1199 during business hours Tuesday to Friday

ROSARY PROCESSION

*Please join our Parish for the **Rosary Procession** on Saturday 14 October 5:30pm before 6:00pm Mass in honour of Our Blessed Mother.*

The procession will begin inside the Shrine and will proceed around the boundaries of the Church then conclude inside the Church for the 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

Smithfield YOUTH MASS
 Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at the 6pm Mass

Next Mass ~ Sunday 1st October
 Youth group meet 7 - 8 pm ~ 15 October

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!

Altar Servers Meeting
 Tuesday 10 October @ 4.30pm– 5.15pm *(no meetings during school holidays)*

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

Friday 29 September ~ Feast
 Sts Michael, Gabriel Raphael, archangels

Catechist NEWS

Annual Catechist Mass
 Sunday 24 September at St Mary’s Cathedral
 2:00 – 5:00 pm (includes afternoon Tea)

Catechist Gathering
 Creating Resources10:00 – 1:30 pm
 Friday 6th 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!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
 Enrolments have now closed!

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

Enquiries, please contact Helena - 9725 4317 (Tuesday or Friday) or sacraments@stgertrude.org.au

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



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.*

It’s ok to say NO: You can vote no in the postal plebiscite and still love your same-sex attracted relatives and friends. Voting no does not make you a bigot. Serious consequences will follow any redefinition of marriage in Australia. Just this week no campaigners have been physically and verbally assaulted and have lost their jobs. Vote no to protect our freedoms. To volunteer, donate or for more info visit: www.coalitionformarriage.com.au

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*

Heart Women’s Conference
 Date: 19-21 October 2017
 Venue: Fairfield RSL, 14 Anzac Ave, Fairfield

A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Invite your daughters, mothers, sisters and friends!
 Men – What women in your life can you spoil by sending them to Heart 2017?
 Register: Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com
 Email: heart@TheCatholicGuy.com
 Phone: 1300 734 880

FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA
** New Parishioners always welcomed.*

La FCI Annuncia le Attività del Mese di Ottobre
TOMBOLA – Veredi 6 Ottobre e 20 Ottobre
 Con caffè/Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo, nella sala di St Therese, F/West dalle 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

BINGO – Friday 6 October & 20 October coffee/biscuits & bread rolls for lunch, St Therese’s Church Hall, Fairfield West From 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday 10 October @ 7:30 pm.
Gina Morosini; 9604-2458 OR 0417 203 908.
† CRISTO REGNI

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.

Fairfield Active Maltese Seniors
 Celebrating Maria Bambina with a Mass at 10am Tuesday 26 September followed by Traditional M/Tea in the Hall. St Theresa’s Church , cnr Stella St & The Boulevard, Fairfield Hts.
 Members & friends welcome.
 Contact Marisa on 0414 863 123
 This is a welfare service of the MCC.

Positions Vacant
Senior Multi-Media Journalist
 Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Permanent full-time position. Sydney CBD-based. For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on [0402 210 055](tel:0402210055). Applications close **9 October 2017.**

National Director - The Apostleship of the Sea
 (part time 22.5 hours max per week for a maximum term of 1 to 2 years). Applications for this position will be considered from any suitable person from members of Christ’s Faithful; Laity; Religious and Ordained. The role can be based in any Australian city.

Full details of the role, requirements and process for applications can be found at the Office for Employment Relations website: www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au Enquiries should be directed to Alison Burt on email: pastoral.life@catholic.org.au Phone: 6201 9865. Applications close at 5.00pm Friday 6 October 2017



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