Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year B

FIRST READING Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps* 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

- 1. My yows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)
- 2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)
- 3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Jn 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

My children,

our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us. because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people,

if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence,

and whatever we ask him,

we shall receive.

because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ

and that we love one another

as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us

by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

GOSPEL Jn 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away,

and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already,

by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,

but must remain part of the vine,

neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine,

you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty;

for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away

- he withers;

these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will

and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,

and then you will be my disciples."

Next Week: Sixth Sunday of Easter Readings: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

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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

Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am

Mon - Fri 7.00am; Saturday 8am

St Theresa's Church

Saturday Vigil 5pm (Vietnamese);

FAIRFIELD WEST

Sunday Masses:

Weekday Masses:

Corner The Boulevarde & Stella Street

7.30am & 9.00am; 11am (Spanish); 5pm (Arabic)

First Friday of the Month:

First Saturday of the Month: 7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tuesdays after Mass

Fifth Sunday of Easter

29 April, 2018



Congratulations to

Daniel LENNOX & Luisa LEONELLO Married in our Parish

May God confirm them in their love.

We pray for the sick of this parish

Fr Gabriel Taylor OSPPE, 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

Fr Jose Maria Enedaguila. Elio Forner Natalina Dal Santo, Giovanna Vurchio, Carmelo Currenti, rma Sepulveda, Mercedes Medina, Giovanni Mattielo, 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



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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 Friday 4th May Grace & Pina's Group Parish Collections Week- Ending 22/04/2018

1st Collection \$1,190.75 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: \$1,992.05 and \$1,171.65 Loose Money.

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

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.

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Third Collection All Masses next weekend 5th & 6th May, 2018 Donations \$2 and above are tax deductible.



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The funeral of Fr Jose Maria Enedaguila our Spanish Chaplain was held at St Benedict's Church on Friday 27 April, 2018 The Church was filled with many Priests, the Spanish Community, parishioners and friends all paying their final respects. Please remember Fr Jose María in your prayers. R.I.P.

THE MONTH OF MAY. Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return... In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love Mary, the Mother of God, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be. SC 102, 103.

Please join us for the Rosary week nights at 7pm in St Therese's Church, Fairfield West during the month of May.

> Thursday 3 May ~ Feast Sts Philip and James, apostles

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.

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.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

Tuesday 8th May 4.30 – 5.15pm St Benedict's Church

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)

Oz Rosary ~ National Day of Prayer

On Sunday 13th May, the 101st anniversary of Our Lady's first apparition at Fatima. Australia will hold their own national rosary right around the country.

Our parish of Smithfield has responded to this by saying the Rosary on:

Saturday 12th May following the 6 pm Vigil Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Rosary, Benediction

Parish BBQ in the Montefano Hall.

https://catholicoutlook.org/oz-rosary-aroundaustralia/

Smithfield YOUTH MASS

Held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month at the 6pm evening Mass

Next Mass: Sunday 6 May at 6pm

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

YOUTH PROGRAM: 20 May 2018

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.

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** Phone: 1300 734 880

Tony Coiera 0409 908 424 or Gina Morosin 9604 2458

FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA S/Field

Annuncia Le Attivita' Del Mese di Maggio

- * PRANZO PER LA FESTA DELLE MAMME Venerdi' 11 Maggio ..\$30. pp.
- * Il 7 & 8 Maggio La Federazione Cattolica Italiana per due giorni Facciamo I CROSTOLI per la Festa Delle Mamme, cerchiamo aiuto se potete.
- *Riunione dei Membri Associati il 8 di Maggio.
- a le 7.30 pm Nella sala di St Teresa
- *TOMBOLA Il primo e Terzo Venerdi del

Mese

Il 4 e 18 di Maggio Con caffe' / Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo. Nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West da le 10.00 am – 1.00 pm. Molto Grazie. Antonio {Tony} Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409 908 424 Cristo Regni

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION [FCI]

Activities planned for Month of May

- * Annual Mothers Day Luncheon Friday 11th of May. Cost \$30 . pp. If interested please contact me on numbers below.
- *BINGO every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.

Held at St Teresa Church Hall

From 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Morning Tea & Lunch provided.

*Members Reunion will be held on the 8th of May 7.30 pm.

Thankyou. Antonio (Tony) Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409-908 424. God Bless.

Walk With Christ

Fairfield West.

Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 3 June 2018.

Parishioners are invited to join this Procession.

Participants will gather at the corner of Pitt St and Martin Place in the CBD at 2:30pm. The procession will conclude at the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt with Adoration and Benediction by 4:30pm.

More information will be available in the coming weeks together with two Books of Life to write petitions in and to present at St Mary's Cathedral during Benediction.

Heart Women's Conference 7th – 9th June 2018 Venue: Fairfield RSL

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 vour daughters, mothers, sisters and friends!

Men – What women in your life can you spoil by sending them to Heart 2018? Full Registration Cost: \$199 (see our website for other registration options)

Register: Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com Email: heart@TheCatholicGuy.com



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