

30th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING Ex 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Thes 1:5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week : 31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10; 1 Thess 2:7-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

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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;
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

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SUNDAY 29 October 2017



Congratulations to

Cathy ROSITANO & Alfio CASALE
Giuliana MAZA & Dale McMAHON

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

Luciano Signor, Eva Di Federico, Rita Vanolini,
Antonio Tionvinne, Filippo Leto, Antonio Zumbo,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur
at this time :

Maria Cado, John Webb, Antonia Comin,
Marsilo Vignaduzzo, Mary Magro, Fred Resalo



PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

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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 31 October ~ Edith’s
Group

Parish Collections Week- Ending 22/10/2017
1st Collection \$1,315.55 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: \$1677.10 and \$875.80 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

Wednesday 1 November ~ Solemnity
All Saints
Masses: 7am at St Therese's F/West
9.30am School Mass; 7pm St Benedict's Smithfield

Thursday 2 November ~ The commemoration of
ALL the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)
The annual Mass for deceased members of the parish will take place on this Feast of All Souls
Masses: 7am St Therese's F/W
9.15am & 7pm St Benedict's Smithfield

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.

Plenary Indulgence
A Plenary Indulgence may be gained, by those rightly prepared, which is applicable only to the souls in purgatory, who devoutly visit a cemetery or church and pray for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from the 1st to the 8th of November, on other days of the year it is partial.
A November plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to the sacred deed mentioned above and being in the state of grace:
- have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
- have sacramentally confessed their sins;
- receive the Holy communion
- pray for the intentions of the supreme Pontiff
(one Our Father and one Hail Mary is the minimum, but any other additional prayers may be added)

Fundraising & Third Collection
The youth attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be making breakfast as a fundraising this weekend **29th October after the 10.30am Mass**. There will also be a Third Collection at all Masses to help them with the fees of attending this event.
We appreciate your support!

WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS TIME CHANGE
Commencing Wednesday 1 November for the period of
Daylight Saving
Wednesday evening Mass, Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Novena to St Benedict will **change to 7:00 pm**

Men's Rosary/Social Group with Fr Wojtek
Fr Wojtek will be setting up a Men's Rosary Group in our parish beginning in November. If you are interested in attending or require further information then please either speak to Fr Wojtek or the parish office on 9604 1199.

Altar Servers Meeting Tuesday 7 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 5 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!

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

IMPORTANT DATES for your DIARY
- **LESSONS** continuing 29 Oct and 5 Nov
- **RECONCILIATION** for all Candidates – **Tuesday 21 November, 6:45 pm** in St Benedict's Shrine.
- **REHEARSALS:**
o **CEREMONY 1** – Monday 20 November, 7pm
o **CEREMONY 2** – Friday 24 November, 7pm

For all enquiries call Helena in the Sacrament Office – Tue or Fri on 9725 4317 or email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au

Children's Mass & Pet Blessing last weekend
Thanks to all the organisers and volunteers who helped make last weekend's Mass a great success. Thank you to all who came along and especially with your pets that were well behaved! See photos on parish's website www.stgertrude.org.au as well as a small write up in this weeks issue of the *Catholic Weekly!*

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

Sydney Catholic Youth! You are all invited to the launch of the new Archdiocesan Youth Office on :
Wednesday 8 November 6pm – 8:30 pm at All Saints Liverpool
Please join His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, Bishop Umbers, Bishop Randazzo and Bishop Brady as they launch Sydney Catholic Youth and celebrate one month out from the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. The Theme of the launch will be FAITH AND FIESTA! The night will begin with mass and then lead into celebrations of faith and culture.
There will be performances by Sydney Archdiocese own Samoan, Filipino, Maronite and other Cultural Communities.
All young people are welcome to join us in prayer and celebration. Contact- chris.lee@sydneycatholic.org

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.

Fairfield Active Maltese Seniors
(part of The Maltese Community Council of NSW)
10.00am **Tuesday 31 October** with Special Guest, Godfrey Sultana will exhibit and talk about **Maltese Genealogy**.
St Theresa's Church Hall, Fairfield Heights. Members & friends are always welcome.
Contact Marisa on 0414 863 123

The Marriage Law Postal Survey has 2 weeks to go. There are effectively 1 weeks to go in the Marriage Law Survey. The outcome of the vote will have a significant impact on our society. It is important for those who believe in traditional marriage to have their say without feeling intimidated. If you have not done so already please fill in your survey form and return it by post to the ABS by the end of October to be sure it is delivered before November 7. For more information: marriagesurvey.abs.gov.au their toll free number: 1800 572 113 to obtain a new form.

FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA
*** Come Join us! - New Parishioners always welcomed.**
La FCI Annuncia le Attività Del Mese di Novembre 2017
TOMBOLA – Veredi 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. † **CRISTO REGNI**

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