

18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING *Ex 16:2-4. 12-15*

A reading from the book of Exodus

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, ‘Why did we not die at the Lord’s hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day’s portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.’

‘I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, “Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.”’ And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, ‘What is that?’ not knowing what it was. ‘That’ said Moses to them ‘is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.’

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24*

(R.) *The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)

2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)

3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

SECOND READING *Eph 4:17, 20-24*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God’s way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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Readings: 1 Kg 19:4-8, Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6: 41-51

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Mt 4:4*

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Jn 6:24-35*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered:

‘I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.’

Then they said to him, ‘What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?’ Jesus gave them this answer, ‘This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.’ So they said, ‘What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’

Jesus answered:

‘I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’

‘Sir,’ they said ‘give us that bread always.’ Jesus answered:

‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.’

The Gospel of the Lord

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

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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

ST GERTRUDE’S PARISH • SMITHFIELD



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; 12 noon (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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5th August 2018



We welcome the following

Santino Daniele GENTILE & Jason ALAN

Baptised in our Parish Community

Congratulations to

Isabella VENTRA & Angelo ROMEO

Married in our Parish

May God confirm them in their love.

We pray for the sick of this parish

Allanah Cassar Falappi, John Denniss,  
Santa Carbone, Santina Ponili,  
Kartia Grace Russell, Gino Mifsud, Rina Favotto,  
Ivy Fernandes, Alina Przewoznik,  
Philomena Greenwood,

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

Giovanni Devile, Antonio Polo,  
Giovanni Santangelo, Elisa Di Donato,  
Maryanne Foner, Maria Filippin,  
Giovanna Panarello, Luigi D’Elia

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur  
at this time :

Eugen Kleibert, Caterina Pedavoli,  
Aldo Michael DiBona,  
Giovanni LaDelfa, Mary Agnes Andrews,  
Angelo Rizzo, Innocenzo Panebianco,  
Carmela Vitali, Judith May Niblett.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:  
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Jurgen Mertin

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Mimi Romeo: catechist@stgertrude.org.au

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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  
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 7pm Mass  
with Rosary &  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Reconciliation is available during  
this time.  
Everyone is encouraged to  
participate!

New Parish Logo



Our new Parish logo depicts  
St Gertrude cradling in her arms  
the Church of St Benedict and  
the rose at her heart symbolising  
St Therese of the little flower at  
St Therese’s Church.  
The colours used are the colours  
of St Benedict.

We would like to acknowledge and  
thank Tania Pisano who designed  
our new Parish logo.

Church Cleaners

Tuesday 7 August ~ Edith’s Group



Parish Collections Week- Ending 29/7/2018  
**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$1,464.35** 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: \$1,822.60 and \$1,255.15 Loose Money.**  
*Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!*

**SACRAMENTAL OFFICE**  
Please be advised that the Sacramental Office will be closed from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August until mid-October.  
For all enquiries please email [sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au) or call 9725 4317 and leave a message. If you need to speak to Helena face-to-face, please email/call the Sacramental Office to make an appointment. Thank You.

**"We will listen to You"**  
Children's Post Card Competition from The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.  
To celebrate Child Protection Week in September 2018 the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office is running a competition for children in your parish.  
We would like children of the parishes to submit a **drawing** or a **photo** of a trusted adult listening carefully to a child. The winning entry will be published on our new children's card **"We will listen to You"** as part of the Archdiocese's celebration of Child Protection Week.  
Here are some examples of children talking to a trusted adult



Drawings should not be bigger than an A4 sheet of paper. Please email entries with the name and address and parish **no later than August 10, 2018.** The winning entry will also win a prize  
**Email entries to:** [trish.larkin@sydneycatholic.org.au](mailto:trish.larkin@sydneycatholic.org.au)  
**or;**  
**Mail the entries to Trish Larkin, Level 16 Polding Centre 133 Liverpool Street Sydney NSW 2000.**  
**Enquiries: 93905813**

**Feast Day**  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August**  
**ST MARY OF THE CROSS (MACKILLOP)**  
Whole School Mass at 9:30am  
St Benedict's Church, Smithfield.  
All parishioners welcome.




**~ Feast Days ~**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August** ~The Transfiguration of the Lord  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August** ~ St MARY OF THE CROSS  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August** ~ St Lawrence  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August** ~ St Clare

**CWF APPEAL THIS WEEKEND**  
**~ Third Collection at all Masses ~**  
The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is a centralised fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney.  
It is **your charity**, the charity of the Sydney Catholic community and **your local parish.**  
CWF funds six agencies:

- **Aboriginal Catholic Ministry**
  - **Catholic Care**
  - **Chaplaincies**
  - **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)**
  - **Ephpheta Centre**
  - **Seminary of the Good Shepherd.**
- The generosity of those who contribute financially to the CWF, means that these agencies are able to assist thousands of people each year.  
*All donations over \$2 are Tax Deductible.*  
**Thank you for your continued support!**

**CATECHIST NEWS**  
Catechist Meeting Friday 10 August , Parish house.  
Morning tea 10am – Meeting starts 10.15am  
Teresa Culjak will conduct a workshop on the updated Smart boards in the classroom.  
Many items for discussion . See you then.  
Mimi

**Church Cleaners Needed!!!**  
*This is a very important ministry as it benefits our entire faith community.*  
Can you spare an hour or two once a month on a roster basis to help clean St Benedict's Church?  
Church cleaners are generally scheduled once a month for a couple of hours. However, if you have some extra time to give, cleaners are always needed and are most welcome.  
Please contact the parish office for more information on 9604 1199 Tuesday to Friday 10am – 2pm. Thank you.



**Altar Servers Meeting**  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August in St Benedict's Church  
4:30pm to 5:15pm

**YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS**  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm Group 1  
*(Second Monday of the Month)*  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm Group 2  
*(last Monday of the Month)*

**Smithfield YOUTH MASS**  
Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month at the 6pm evening Mass  
Next Mass: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm  
Youth Program is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month . 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall. All Youth Welcome!  
Next YOUTH PROGRAM: 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**Car Blessing Donation Thank you!**  
A very big **Thank You** to all that donated money last weekend after the car Blessing to the Pauline Fathers Seminarian fund. Your support will help with the education of our Seminarians Br. Zachary, Br Casimir & Br Deacon Jeremy.  
A generous amount of \$2111.10 was collected  
*Thank you kindly for your generosity.*

**Safeguarding Training Session**  
**Tuesday 21 August at 7:30 pm in the Parish House.**  
For volunteers/parishioners who are involved in a ministry (except collectors) who have not already attended a Safeguarding Training session.  
If you have not already attended a session, this is your last opportunity before you will be asked to step down from your ministry until this requirement has been met.

**Giving Statements/Receipts**  
Please pick up your Giving Statements and/or Tax Receipts available this weekend at St Benedict's Church.  
(in alphabetical order).  
*Thank you for supporting our parish*

**FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA**  
La FCI Annuncia le Attivita' del Mese di Agosto  
• **TOMBOLA** Il primo e Terzo Venerdì' del Mese, Il 3 e 17 di Agosto. Con caffe' / Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo, nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West dalle 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.  
• **LUNEDI' 27 e MARTEDI' 28 Di Agosto, Crostoli** Nella sala Montefano.  
• **Se potete dare una mano, apprezziamo il Vostro aiuto con Crostoli.**  
• **RIUNIONE** dei Membri Associati il 14 di Agosto 7.30 pm.  
• **VENERDI' 31 Agosto Pranzo per la Festa Dei PAPA'**  
Verra' festeggiato nella sala di Montefano Smithfield Dalle 12am -4.00pm.  
Siete Pregati da Prenotarvi al piu presto. Prezzo \$30.00 a persona .  
**Antonio {Tony} Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409 908 424**  
**Gina Morosin 9604 2458 or 0417 203 908** Cristo Regni.  
**THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION [FCI]**  
Activities planned for Month of August  
• **BINGO** every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.  
Held at St Teresa Church Hall Fairfield West.  
From 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Morning Tea & Lunch provided.  
• **Members Reunion** will be held on the 14th of August 7.30 pm.  
• **Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday the 28 August** we are making Crostoli in the Montefano Hall.  
• **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August, FATHERS DAY Lunch** at Montefano Hall from 12am to 4pm. Cost \$30.00 BOOKING ESSENTIAL.  
**Thankyou. Antonio (Tony) Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409 908 424.** or GinaMorosin 02 9604 2458 GOD BLESS

**Vocations Awareness Week**  
From the **5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> August** our parish unites with the catholic community in Australia to celebrate **Vocations Awareness Week.** During this week we concentrate our prayers in praying for more vocations to marriage, the priesthood, religious and consecrated life. What else can you do to pray for Vocations that week?  
\* Attend an extra Mass that week for the vocation of your children/grandchildren  
\* Pray a decade of the Rosary or a full Rosary for vocations from your parish  
\* Visit St Mary Mackillop's Tomb and pray there  
\* Visit Eileen O'Connor's tomb and offer a prayer there  
\* Make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians in St Mary's Cathedral to pray for Vocations  
\* Pray for Vocations as a family by praying 1 Our Father and 3 Hail Marys before dinner throughout the week  
\* Say a Hail Mary for more vocations when you stop at the Red Traffic Light  
\* Be patient with others and offer your emotions to God as an honest prayer.

**The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office**  
If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on ph 02 9390 5812.

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