31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING Mal 1:14 - 2:2. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 130

(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

- 1. O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. (R.)
- 2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. (R.)
- O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Thes 2:7-9. 13

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

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

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

Gospel Acclamation Mt 23:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 23:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week: 32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Readings: Wis 6:12-16, 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

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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; 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

St Theresa's Church

Corner The Boulevarde & 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

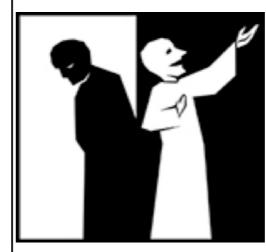
> > First Friday of the Month:

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

> **Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** Tuesdays after Mass

31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 5th November 2017



We welcome the following

Olivia REVOLTAR, Chloe MOOTHOO, & Cruz PAULL 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, Neand 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

Lucia Elda Bruzzano, Luciano Signor, Eva Di Federico, Rita Vanolini, Antonio Tionvinne Filipo Leto, Antonio Zumbo,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur

Romana Patrona, Giancarlo Giorgi, Sebastiano Carnovale, Mary-Rose Pace.



PARISH INFORMATION

6 Justin St. Smithfield

Parish Office:

Tuesday-Friday 10am - 2pm Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585 Email: office@stgertrude.org.au Website: www.stgertrude.org.au

Parish Council:

Denise Namroud

Finance Committee:

Jurgen Mertin

Catechists: 9725 4317

Mimi Romeo: catechist@stgertrude.org.au

Sacraments: 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 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 Monday 6th November ~ Mary's Group

Parish Collections Week- Ending 29/10/2017

- 1st Collection \$1,38.45 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: \$2,510.95 and \$809.10 Loose Money.

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

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 Indulaence

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 made breakfast as a fundraiser last weekend after the 10.30am

Mass. We are so thankful to our parishioners for your generous donations and support!

A total of \$3,755.30 was raised.

We would especially like to thank a very generous anonymous donor who gave \$1000 of the total amount.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS TIME CHANGE

Wednesday evening Mass, Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Novena to St Benedict will change to 7:00 pm during Daylight Saving

November CWF Appeal

3rd Collection All Masses

Next Weekend 12th November for CWF

100% Tax Deductible for donations over \$2.

Our parish commitment to this appeal is \$9,450.0

PARISH VOLUNTEERS - PLEASE READ!

Parish Volunteers, who have not attended Safeguarding training in 2017, will need to attend a compulsory training session in the Parish Office on ONE of the following dates:

- Tuesday 14th November at 10:30 am **OR**
- Thursday 16th November at 7 pm

Contact Maria Zappia or Helena Mertin on 9725 4317 or psso@stgertrude.org.au if you require more information.

Thank you for your cooperation, Maria and Helena St Gertrude's Parish Safeguarding Support Officers

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. Evervone 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 25th November at the 6 pm Vigil Mass and on Sunday 26th November at the 10:30 am Mass.

IMPORTANT DATES for your DIARY

- **LESSONS**: Final lessons will be held this week. Classes will be held in the Parish Office. 6 Justin Street, Smithfield.
- MAKE UP WORSHOP SESSIONS: Thursday 9th Nov at 7:30 pm OR Tuesday 14th Nov at 1 pm. Workshops will be held in the Parish Office.
- **RECONCILIATION** for all Candidates **Tuesday** 21st November, 6:45 pm in St Benedict's Shrine.
- **REHEARSALS:**
 - **CEREMONY 1 Monday 20 November, 7 pm**
 - **CEREMONY 2 –** Friday 24 November, 7 pm
- MAKE UP WORSHOP SESSIONS: Thursday 9th Nov at 7:30pm OR Tuesday 14 Nov at 1 pm. Workshops will be held in the Parish Office.

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 & pla 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.

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

Parish Website updated

We have recently upgraded the parish website www.stgertrude.org.au and started a Facebook page

www.facebook.com/stgertrudesparish.

We will be posting news about what's happening at the Parish of St.Gertrude's on both website and facebook, please check it out!



'Come and Sit with our Lord' Christian Meditation Every Monday and Tuesday at 8pm.

Give 20 minutes of your busy day to Jesus and experience the difference in your life. Duration time is approximately 20minutes with a introduction lead in time of 15mins held at John The Baptist Church chapel. For information contact Frances 0438 213 313



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