

27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Gen 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.’ So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:
‘This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.’
This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127. R. v.5

(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

1.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)

2.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)

3.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children’s children.
On Israel, peace! (R.)

SECOND READING

Heb 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God’s grace he had to experience death for all mankind.
As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones

who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. 1 Jn 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 10:2-16

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, ‘Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?’ They were testing him. He answered them, ‘What did Moses command you?’ ‘Moses allowed us’ they said ‘to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.’ Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, ‘The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.’ People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’ Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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

Next Week: 28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

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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 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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7 October, 2018



We welcome the following

Harvey Favotto & Fabian Silva,
Baptised in our Parish Community

Congratulations to

Madeleine Lynch & Soane Paseka,
Claudia Durban Pardo & Benjamin Morris,
Natali Shlaimon & Georges Semaan
Meriana Gyory & Patrick Catanzariti
Married in our Parish

May God confirm them in their love.

We pray for the sick of this parish

Allanah Cassar Falappi, John Denniss,
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

Santa Reitano, Dominic Napoletano,
Filippa Crisafulli, Pasqualina Garzaniti,
Dorde Miljus

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time :

Eva Di Federico, Luciano Signor, Lucia Elda,
Agnes & Gaetano Cordina

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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Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

Liturgy:

9725 4317 Anna Kleibert
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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!

Scriptural
context

Discipleship

This section of Mark’s Gospel explores
what it means to be a disciple. While this
particular passage may seem to be a bit
out of place, Jesus seems to be stressing
to the disciples that there are some
bottom lines - some non-negotiables
- when it comes to being a disciple. Unlike
the Pharisees who are preoccupied with
the letter of the Law, Jesus encourages
his disciples to get beyond that and
understand the spirit of the Law - God’s
dream for humankind. The shift in the
passage to the focus on children seems a
little disconnected but the whole passage
is about living in the kingdom with the
right attitude.

Church Cleaners

Weekending 13 October ~ Group B
(PPC/Teachers)

Parish Collections Week- Ending 30/2018
1st Collection \$1,369.20 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: \$2339.50 and \$828.65 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

SACRAMENTAL OFFICE
The Sacramental Office is currently closed until mid-October. For all enquiries please email 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.

FRIDAY PENANCE. Friday is a traditional day of penance and should be marked by:

- **prayer** – participating in the Eucharist, family prayer, visiting a church, reading the scriptures, making the Way of the Cross, praying the rosary.
- **Self denial** – abstaining from meat, sweets or dessert, giving up entertainment to spend time with the family, limiting food and drink in support of the poor;
- **helping others** – giving special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely, overburden.

Rosary during month of October

Please join parishioners in saying the Rosary Week Nights at 7pm at St Therese’s Church Fairfield West



54 Day Novena
St Gertrude’s Parish will be participating in "World Rosary", on the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – October 7th. Our annual Rosary procession will take place after the Sunday 10:30 am Mass** (instead of Saturday afternoon) to coincide with this special feast day.

St Mary’s Cathedral Parish, Sydney
Invites YOU to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary by joining the Dean to pray the HOLY ROSARY.
The prayer intentions for the Holy Rosary will be Family, the Rekindling of Faith and the Sanctification of the Church and Clergy.
WHEN: Sunday 7 October, 2018 TIME: 2pm
WHERE: St Mary’s Cathedral, Sydney
Our prayers will be joined with the prayers of thousands around Australia and the World as part of the "OzRosary" and "Global Rosary" projects

Br. Zachary Lewis
~ **Diaconate** ~
Wednesday 10th October, 2018 at 7pm
St Benedict’s Church by Bishop Peter Ingham
Everyone is welcome to attend and support Br Zachary on his journey to priesthood.

Gift for Br Zachary Lewis
on his Ordination of Diaconate
There will be a donation box in the foyer of this weekend 7th October.
A card will also be available in the Foyer for Parishioners to sign if they wish.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018 – IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Post-enrolment letters were emailed to families this week – please EMAIL the Sacrament Office if you have not received this letter.
- **PARENT ONLY INFORMATION MEETING: Wednesday 17th October, 7:30 pm, Montefano Hall**
- SMALL GROUP SESSIONS BEGIN: Friday 19th October
- PARENT WORKSHOP: Tuesday 30th October, 7:30pm, Montefano Hall
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES: Saturday 24th November, 6 pm, and Sunday 25th November, 10:30 am.

Smithfield YOUTH MASS
Held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month at the 6pm evening Mass
Next Mass: Sunday 7 October at 6pm
Youth Program is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month . 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall. All Youth Welcome!
Next YOUTH PROGRAM: 21 October 2018

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS
Monday 8th October at 7.00pm Group 1
(Second Monday of the Month)
Monday 29 October at 7.00pm Group 2
(last Monday of the Month)

Altar Servers Meeting
(No Altar Servers Meeting during school holidays)
Next meeting will be Tuesday 23 October in St Benedict’s Church
4:30pm to 5:15pm

Pilgrimage to Penrose Park for Fatima Day
Saturday 13 October 2018.
Cost per person is \$23.
For Bookings: Please contact the parish office
For further information see Notice Boards.

Annual Charity Night ‘SPAGHETTI NIGHT’
Hosted by FCI
PARISHIONERS COME JOIN US! ALL WELCOME
3 Course Meal; Music; Dancing; Lucky Door Prizes; Raffles
6:00 pm Saturday 20 October in Montefano Hall
Tickets: Adults \$50 & Children under 12 only \$15
‘A night to remember’
RSVP: Tony Coiera: 0409 908 425
Gina Morosin: 9604-2458



Catechist Meeting
Friday 26 October ~ 10am
In the Parish Office

Children’s Mass with Blessing of Pets
~ **Sunday 28 October** ~
10.30am Mass
to be held on the grass area behind the Montefano Hall.
Bring your creatures, great and small to this Mass. Everyone Welcome!



PARISH MINISTRY EXPO
~ **Sunday 11th November** ~
Mass at 10:30am
Followed by EXPO and BBQ

FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA
La FCI Annuncia le Attivita’ del Mese di OTTOBRE
****ANNUAL MAJOR FUNDRISER NIGHT 20 Ottobre****
(SPAGHETTATA)
• **TOMBOLA** Il primo e Terzo Venerdi’ del Mese, Il 5 e 19 Ottobre Con caffè’ / Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo, nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West dalle 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.
• **RIUNIONE** dei Membri Associati il 9 di Ottobre 7.30 pm.
THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION [FCI]
** OCTOBER ACTIVITIES**
**** MAJOR FUNDRISER, 20th October (Spaghetti Night)****
• **BINGO** every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.
* **Members Reunion** will be held on the 9th of October 7.30 pm.
For Enq. Antonio (Tony) Coiera 9757-1961 / 0409 908 424. or Gina MOROSIN 02 9604 2458 (GOD BLESS)

T.S Eliot’s MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL:
Artes Christi presents T.S Eliot’s play of St Thomas Becket directed by internationally acclaimed actor & writer Donald Macdonald.
The play is being staged to coincide with the Canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero who was the first Archbishop since Becket to be martyred at the altar. The play is also supporting persecuted people today via *Aid to the Church in Need*. Shows: 27 Sep – 14 Oct. Venue: 1880 Hall, St Peter’s Surry Hills, Group Tix from \$30, Bookings Essential via www.theword.org.au or Ph ACN 1800101201

WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF US TIME?
IN AUSTRALIA AT THIS **BE INVOLVED**
Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney
Cards available at the Church doors



Giving Receipts available to pick up from St Benedict’s Church Foyer.

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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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