

SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION

FIRST READING Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

SECOND READING Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE : Please see Overhead

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 20:1-9


A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Week Readings: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY. Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

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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:



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

Christ has Risen! Alleluia!
He has truly Risen! Alleluia!

Dear Parishioners and Visitors to our Parish

The Resurrection. A story too good to be true? Even Jesus' disciples found it difficult to believe at first. But then the awesome reality began to sink in: He is risen from the dead! Death is not the end. Our sins are forgiven. Peace is a real possibility. Life can be filled with hope which no one, not even the most evil of evils, can take from us.

With our faith in the Resurrection, we are assured life in the Spirit of the risen Christ, now and eternally.

May this Easter Season be a time for us to sing out "Alleluia!" from the depths of our hearts and may it be for all of us a time to grow in greater love with God and radiate that love on to our families and friends. Happy Easter!

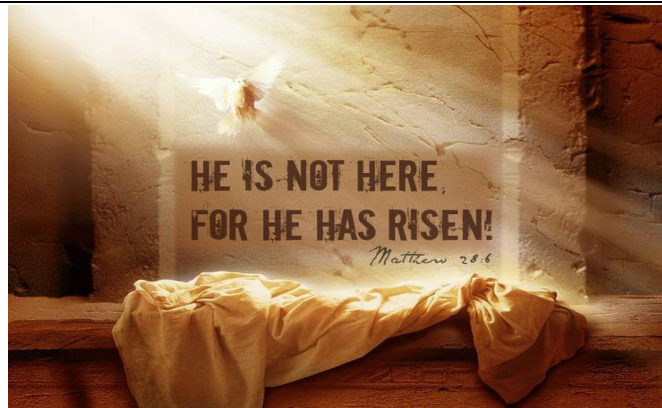
Fr Jarek , Fr Wojtek, Br Deacon Joseph Maria & Br Zachary.

Parish Collections Week- Ending 25/03/2018

1st Collection \$2056.75 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: \$2693.10 and \$1476.50 Loose Money.

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



Easter Sunday Prayer

God our Father, by raising Christ your Son you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Divine Mercy Sunday ~ 8th April ~

Masses:

St Benedict's Church:

6pm Vigil (Saturday)
8am Italian, 10.30am & 3pm
(NO EVENING 6pm MASS)

St Therese's Church:

7.30am & 9am

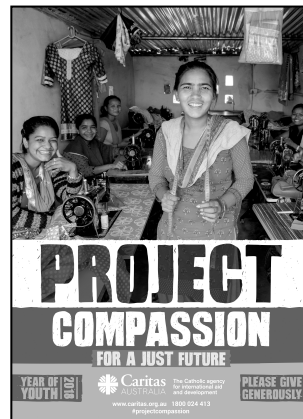


PASCHAL PRECEPT

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please place Project Compassion Boxes in the baskets provided on the Altar. Please do not place them in the collection plates as it becomes too heavy for the collectors.



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how A Just Future is possible for all generations, backgrounds, cultures and communities, who are part of one human family. You are empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. A Just Future has started with your support!

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2018 Lenten appeal.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

Tuesday 10th April - 4.30 – 5.15pm St Benedict's Church

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS

Monday 9th April at 7.30pm Group 1
(Second Monday of the Month)

Monday 30th April at 7.30pm Group 2
(last Monday of the Month)

CHOCOLATE PASCHAL LAMBS & EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you all for your generous support and help!

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.

Annual Family Day at Penrose Park (Our Second Year)

Saturday 7 April at Penrose Park
Starting with Mass at 11am followed by games
(pack your own picnic lunch)
Concludes with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm.

Pilgrimage to Penrose Park on Sunday 13 May.
Please contact the parish office to book the bus.
Cost \$22.

Thank You!

With much appreciation we wish to thank Mark Malone from Integrity funerals for generously donating the Paschal candles for both St Benedict's Church and St Therese's Church.

Smithfield **YOUTH** MASS

Next Mass: Sunday 1 April at 6pm

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

YOUTH PROGRAM: 15 April 2018

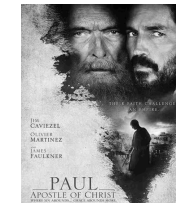
Movie Night! – Tickets have **SOLD OUT**

'PAUL Apostle of Christ' (RATED M)

6:30pm on Thursday 12 April at
Stockland's Hoyts Cinema

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Tickets will be available to pick up after Easter Sunday.



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.

Now Enrolling for 2019 & 2020

St Gertrude's Catholic Primary School 2019 Enrolments
The enrolment process for students starting school or wishing to enrol for 2019 has commenced. Any parent wishing to enrol their child for Kindergarten can collect an enrolment package from the school office.

Children enrolling must be turning 5 before 31 July 2019.

www.mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au

FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA S/Field

Annuncia Le Attivita' Del Mese di Aprile

* Il 7 Aprile Abbiamo organizzato una Gita a Ettalong (Italian Festival)

* Riunione dei Membri Associati il 10 di Aprile
Seguitato con le Elezioni del Nuovo Comitato.
alle 7.30 pm Nella sala di St Teresa.

* TOMBOLA Il primo e Terzo Venerdi del Mese

Il 6 e 20 di Aprile. 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 April

* 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 10^h April 7.30 pm.

Followed By New Committee Elections

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

WELCOME ALL PARISHIONERS, friends & family.

On Saturday 7 April, 2018

The Italian FCI is organising an outing to
Central Coast Italian Festival at Ettalong.

Lots of Music, Food, Biscuits, Dancing and Stall displays etc

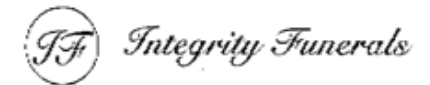
8:30 am Bus will be departing from Smithfield

Returning approximately 5:00 pm.

Cost: \$30 pp (bookings with payment) non-refundable
Please see or call Tony Coiera on 9757-1961/0409-908424 or see
Maria Zappia after Masses.

HOUSE CLEANING

Parishioner from St Benedict's offering
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and general garden work at reasonable rates.
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