#### 19th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

#### FIRST READING 1 Kgs 19:4-8

A reading from the first book of Kings

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 33:2-9. R. v.9

### (R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

- I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
- Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
- Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)
- The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

#### SECOND READING Eph 4:30 - 5:2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Jn 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

#### **GOSPEL** Jn 6:41-51

A reading from the gospel according to John

because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God,

and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it,

is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God:

he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly,

everybody who believes has eternal life.

I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead;

but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,

so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord

heaven.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ** 

**Next Week: 20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME** Readings: Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5: 15-20; Jn 6: 51-58

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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.

#### Weekdav 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

# FAIRFIELD WEST **Sunday Masses:**

Corner The Boulevarde & Stella Street

St Theresa's Church

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:

First Saturday of the Month:

7am Rosary 8am Mass

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

#### 19th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

#### 12th August 2018



#### 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

Francesco Cassarino. Robert D'Costa. Giovanni Devile, Antonio Polo, Giovanni Santangelo, Elisa Di Donato, Maryanne Foner, Maria Filippin, Giovanna Panarello,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time :

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



# PARISH INFORMATION

#### Parish Office:

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Jurgen Mertin

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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

Monday 13th August ~ Jane's Group

#### Parish Collections Week- Ending 5/8/2018

1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$1,702.55 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: \$1729.50 and \$1,399.55 Loose Money.

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

Tuesday 14 August ~ Feast St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr & Patron Saint of St Gertrude's Parish Men's

> Wednesday 15 August ~ Solemnity The Assumption of Our Lady ~ Holy Day of Obligation ~

#### Masses

St Therese's Church F/West: 7am St Benedict's Church, Smithfield: 9:30am School Mass & 7pm



15 August the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory".

Although defined as an article of faith by Pope Pius XII just over half a century ago, the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven has been accepted from back to the earliest of Christian times.

The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son.

For this reason we use different words to describe each event. One is the Ascension of Christ and the other, the Assumption of Mary.

Catholic Communications, Sydney Archdiocese, 12 Aug 2011

# Sunday 26 August ~ Feast Our Lady of Jasna Gora

9 day Novena (short Prayer) after each Mass beginning 17 August and concludes on the Feast Day 26 August.

#### 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 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.

#### 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. More information to come closer to the date.

For those interested, there is an OPTIONAL 54 Day Novena starting on August 15th with an emphasis in prayer and reparation for our world/nation, under the mantle of 'Holy League of Nations. For more information collect a flyer from the Church foyer or visit the

website: https://www.novenaforournation.com/54-day-

# **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.

#### **CWF Appeal Last Weekend ~ Thank you**

Thanks for your generous support to this appeal \$3,073.90 was collected.

Parish BBQ this Saturday 11 August in the Montefano after the 6pm Mass. Everyone Welcome!

### **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

#### **Altar Servers Meeting**

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

#### YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS

Monday 13th August at 7.30pm Group 1 (Second Monday of the Month)

Monday 27th 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 19th 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

#### 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.

#### **FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA**

La FCI Annuncia le Attivita' del Mese di Agosto

- TOMBOLA II primo e Terzo Venerdi' 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

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

#### Write To Senators To Oppose Euthanasia

The Senate will this week vote on a Bill which would allow territories to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide. Please contact your senators TODAY and ask them to protect vulnerable people by voting against the Bill. Visit the HOPE website to send your message http://www.noeuthanasia.org.au/sign

Catholic Men's Conference: Holiness is for everyone! All men (married, single, divorced) are called to be spiritual leaders in their families, workplaces, parishes and communities. Don't make this journey alone! Come to the inaugural Australian Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday 1 September this year! Includes great speakers, lunch, Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Anthony Randazzo and the chance to connect with other Catholic men. Only \$48 per person (early bird) or \$60 (standard). For full details and to book visit www.trybooking.com/vdgl Numbers limited to 100 - be quick! The conference schedule can be found @: www.sydneycatholicmen/conference

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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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