

25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves,
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)

2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. (R.)

3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

SECOND READING

Jas 3:16 – 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge

your own desires.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.
They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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

Next Week: 26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6;
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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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

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



Parish Priest

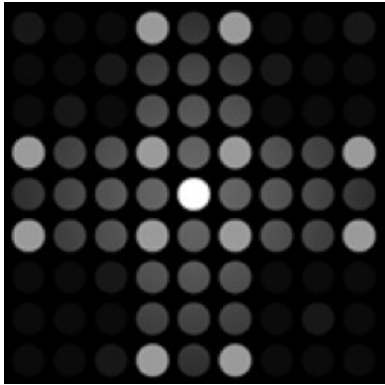
Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE

Assistant Priest

Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE

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23 September 2018



We welcome the following

Audrina Buttigieg
Baptised in our Parish Community

Congratulations to

Melinda Kacho & Paolo Magliarachi
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

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

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur
at this time :

Annunziata Verduci, Innocenzo Panebiano,
Filippo Leto, Antonia Tionville , Alfio Alfonso,
Grace Sammut, Antonia Vanolini

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:
6 Justin St, Smithfield
Tuesday-Friday 10am - 2pm
Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585
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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
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!

Have you
thought?
Last of all?

Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone
wants to be first, they must make
themselves last of all and servant of
all. This is as challenging to us today
as it was to the disciples and early
Christians. Our world seems to revolve
around position, status and power
– whoever has the most toys wins! But
what Jesus advocated was a leadership
based on being of service to others.
Being powerful simply means you are
in a position to help even more people.
By putting yourself last, instead of first,
gives respect, dignity and power to
others rather than to yourself.

Church Cleaners

Tuesday 25 September ~ Neo Cats

Parish Collections Week- Ending 16/9/2018
1st Collection \$1,417.35 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: \$1, 827.50 and \$935.25 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

Thursday 27 September ~ Memorial
St Vincent de Paul, priest

Saturday 29th September ~
Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels

Catholic Mission Appeal last weekend
A generous \$2,232.65 was collected so far.
Thank you!

 **Can you help our Parish Playgroup?**
Our Parish Playgroup Room is in desperate need of repair and refurbishment to replace flyscreens, carpet, equipment, storage, furniture, painting etc.
We need to raise \$3,000
Come, join us for a BBQ breakfast , tea/coffee & cakes at the
10:30 am Children's Mass on Sunday 23 September
Donations Welcome
Some small gifts will be available for purchase
God bless you for your generous support
Please help us help your children learn in a happy & healthy environment.

PAULINE VOCATIONS RETREAT
This **September 28-30th** the Order of St. Paul the First Hermit will be holding a vocations retreat at their Monastery at Penrose Park. All young men looking to discern if they are called are invited to come. The event is open for men ages 18-35. Fr. Joseph Maria will be leading the retreat. It is important to RSVP to vocations@paulinefathers.org.au so we can organize rooms for everyone to stay in. For any questions please contact
Fr. Joseph Maria at the given email.

Br. Zachary Lewis
~ Solemn Profession of Vows ~
Saturday 6 October 2018 at 11am
Penrose Park.

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

CATECHIST NEWS
Annual Catechist Mass 23 September, St Mary's Cathedral
Firstly I would like to thank all our Catechists in our Parish. Your selfless commitment and work is so much needed and appreciated.
Our Parish would like to Congratulate our Catechists Awardees :
Cathy Coiera – Cardinal Gilroy Award- 40yrs service
Elaine Brennan – Cardinal Gilroy Award -40yrs service
Mimi Romeo – The Cardinal Freeman Medal – 25yrs
Claudia Perco – Apostolic Blessing – 20yrs service
May our loving God continue to bless you and the children we teach.

Meeting at Parish Office on Monday 24 September at 7pm for St Gertrude's Youth Group attending high school.

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.

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.**

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 that started 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-novena/>

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.

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS
Monday 24th September at 7.00pm Group 2
(last Monday of the Month)
Monday 8th October at 7.00pm Group 1
(Second Monday of the Month)

Altar Servers Meeting
Tuesday 25th September in St Benedict's Church
4:30pm to 5:15pm

ATTENTION ALL PARISH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS
Please make your VOICE be heard at the Ministry Expo follow-up Meeting
Saturday 29th September at 10am in the Demountable

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

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.

Parish BBQ ~ Saturday 13 October
In the Montefano after the 6pm Mass. Everyone Welcome!

Fairfield Active Maltese Seniors
Information Session: **Catholic Care "In Home Care"**
Open to Members & Parishoners.
Date: Tues 25 September @ 10.00am
Venue: St Theresa's Church Hall, Cnr The Blvrde & Stella St, Fairfield Hts.
Contact: Welfare/Community Worker Marisa Previtera
0414 863 123 to Book your place. This is a Welfare Service of the MCC.

FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA
• **TOMBOLA** Il primo e Terzo Venerdi' del Mese, Il 7 e 21 di Settembre. Con caffe' / Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo, nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West dalle 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION [FCI]
• **BINGO** every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month
St Teresa Hall Fairfield West from 10am - 1pm.
Morning Tea & Lunch provided.

Thankyou. Antonio (Tony) Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409 908 424. or Gina Morosin 02 9604 2458 GOD BLESS

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

More 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



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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