

28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING *Wis 7:7-11*

*A reading from the book of Wisdom*

I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.  
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;  
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.  
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,  
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,  
and beside her silver ranks as mud.  
I loved her more than health or beauty,  
preferred her to the light,  
since her radiance never sleeps.  
In her company all good things came to me,  
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14*

*(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!*

1. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?  
Show pity to your servants. *(R.)*
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune. *(R.)*
3. Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. *(R.)*

SECOND READING *Heb 4:12-13*

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts  
like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip  
through the place where the soul is divided from the  
spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret  
emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from  
him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of  
the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Mt 5:3*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
*Alleluia!*

GOSPEL *Mk 10:17-30*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up,  
knelt before him and put this question to him, ‘Good  
master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus  
said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good  
but God alone. You know the commandments: You  
must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must  
not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must  
not defraud; Honour your father and mother.’ And he

said to him, ‘Master, I have kept all these from my  
earliest days.’ Jesus looked steadily at him and loved  
him, and he said, ‘There is one thing you lack. Go and  
sell everything you own and give the money to the poor,  
and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow  
me.’ But his face fell at these words and he went away  
sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it  
is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of  
God!’ The disciples were astounded by these words, but  
Jesus insisted, ‘My children,’ he said to them, ‘how hard  
it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel  
to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man  
to enter the kingdom of God.’ They were more  
astonished than ever. ‘In that case’ they said to one  
another, ‘who can be saved?’ Jesus gazed at them. ‘For  
men’ he said, ‘it is impossible, but not for God: because  
everything is possible for God.’

Peter took this up. ‘What about us?’ he asked him. ‘We  
have left everything and followed you.’ Jesus said, ‘I tell  
you solemnly, there is no one who has left house,  
brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and  
for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a  
hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers,  
children and land – not without persecutions – now in  
this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.’

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

Next Week: 29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

*Readings: Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45*

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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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14 October, 2018



**We welcome the following**

Charlea Stella Smith & Jaxon Alan Smith  
**Baptised in our Parish Community**

**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**

Giuseppe Castagnola, Santa Reitano,  
Domenic 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

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**Parish Council:**  
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Jurgen Mertin

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Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

**Liturgy:** 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert  
[liturgy@stgertrude.org.au](mailto: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!*

**gospel focus**

**Sacrifice**

*Sacrifice is a term that gets used quite  
a lot in religion and yet it’s a term  
with which modern society is very  
uncomfortable. We’re not really ‘into’  
sacrifice. We’re much more into feeling  
good about ourselves and comfortable  
in our existence. Jesus called on the  
rich man to make a sacrifice – to let  
go of what he really loved and valued.  
What Jesus really called the man to do  
was to place his trust in Jesus and not in  
material wealth – that was the sacrifice  
he was called to make. Ultimately, the  
man couldn’t do that! He couldn’t let go  
of certainty and security and entrust his  
life and soul to Jesus.*

**Church Cleaners**  
*Week ending 20 October ~ Group C  
Warren Wilson & Family*



**Parish Collections Week- Ending 7/10/2018**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$1,371.05** 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: \$1,692.00 and \$941.60 Loose Money.**  
*Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!*

Br. Deacon Zachary Lewis  
Congratulations to Br Deacon Zachary Lewis on receiving both his Solemn Profession of Vows and Diaconate during the past week. *Please continue to pray for him!*  
  
Much thanks to all who supported him with you prayers and presence and thanks also to those who helped with the preparation of the liturgy and the after celebrations.

Rosary during month of October  
Please join parishioners in saying the Rosary Week Nights at 7pm at St Therese's Church F/ West and before Masses in St Benedict's Smithfield.

**FUNERAL OF FR DENIS FOLEY**  
It is with great sadness that we inform you that Fr Denis Foley, former assistant priest at Mary Immaculate Parish, Bossley Park passed away on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October.  
Fr Denis' funeral will be held on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 10:30am** **At Mary Immaculate Church Bossley Park.**  
*May Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen*

**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 Indulgence**  
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 1<sup>st</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Thursday 18 October ~ Feast**  
**St Luke, evangelist**

**SACRAMENTAL OFFICE**  
The Sacramental Office is currently closed until mid-October. For all enquiries please email [sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> October, 7:30 pm, Montefano Hall**
- SMALL GROUP SESSIONS BEGIN: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October
- PARENT WORKSHOP: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 7:30pm, Montefano Hall
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 6 pm, and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 10:30 am.

Please Pray for the Yr 12 Students who begin their HSC exams Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

**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

**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 21 October 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: 21 October 2018**

**YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS**  
Monday 29 October at 7.00pm Group 2  
*(last Monday of the Month)*  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm Group 1  
*(Second Monday of the Month)*

**Altar Servers Meeting**  
Next meeting will be Tuesday 23 October in St Benedict's Church 4:30pm to 5:15pm

**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 11<sup>th</sup> November ~  
Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers at 10:30am St Benedict's Church  
Over the next few weekends' representatives from various ministries will talk briefly about their roles in the church.  
*Come and see why the church has no hands but yours!*  
**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 caffe' / Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo, nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West dalle 10 am – 1 pm.  
**THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION [FCI]**  
\*\* OCTOBER ACTIVITIES\*\*  
**\*\* MAJOR FUNDRISER, 20<sup>th</sup> October ( Spaghetti Night )\*\***  
• **BINGO** every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.  
For Enq. Antonio (Tony) Coiera 9757-1961 / 0409 908 424. or Gina MOROSIN 02 9604 2458 ( GOD BLESS )

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For info call 02 9560 5333 or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)  
Q&A: November 5 @ 5.30pm - Aquinas Academy Sydney

**WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF US TIME?**  
**IN AUSTRALIA AT THIS BE INVOLVED**  
Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

**"Join the conversation - Live Like Pope Francis"**  
Come to a Reflection Day Saturday October 27th. Keynote speak Marist Brother Graham Neist who will explore the different stages of spiritual development. Located at St Patrick's Church Hill within the Crypt between 10am to 3 pm (A short walk from Wynyard station). BYO lunch. Coffee and tea provided. For more information go to [www.maristlaityaustralia.com](http://www.maristlaityaustralia.com)

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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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