

32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

1 Kgs 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, ‘Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.’ She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. ‘Please’ he said, ‘bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.’ ‘As the Lord your God lives’, she replied, ‘I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.’ But Elijah said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:
“Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth.”’
The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.)

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion’s God, from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING

Heb 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and

after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

In his teaching Jesus said, ‘Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.’
He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.’

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

Next Week: 33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18;
Mk 13:24-32

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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

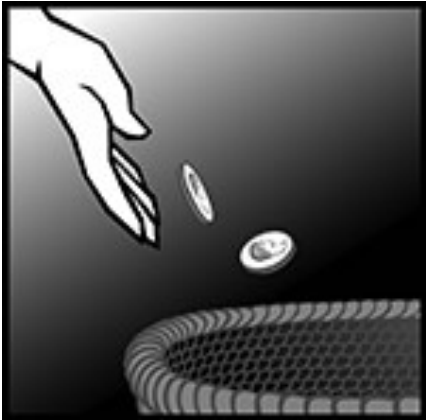
First Friday of the Month:
from 6.30am

First Saturday of the Month:
7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Tuesdays after Mass

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11th Novembmer, 2018



We welcome the following

Alexander CZYZEWSKI & Jack PRUDZIENICA

Baptised in our Parish Community

Congratulations to

Mernah NISSAN & LUIS ESIA

Married in our Parish

May God confirm them in their love.

We pray for the sick of this parish

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

Vita Blanda, Achille (Frank) Pavone,
Giuseppe Brunetta, Pasquale Berardinelli,
Domenic Lagudi, Allanah Cassar Falappi,
Immacolata Carioti, Achille Pavone, Enrico Muoio,
Agostino Santucci, Giuseppe Castagnola,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur
at this time :

Pauline Tedesco,
Eli Slaviero & Gino Cesarone

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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Finance Committee:

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)

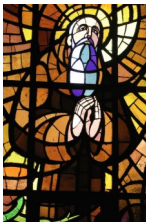
Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199
1st Sundays of the month during the
10.30am Mass at St Benedict’s Church; &
Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict’s

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!

Historical context

The Widow

In ancient Jewish culture, until a woman was married she was literally the property of her father. Upon marrying, the woman left her family and became part of her husband’s family and became specifically the property of her husband. If the woman’s husband were to die, leaving her a widow, she no longer had anywhere to belong. Because a woman’s identity was based on which man she belonged to, she effectively ceased to belong anywhere. It is for this reason that the Torah names widows as deserving of special care and protection from the whole community.

Church Cleaners

Week ending 17 November ~
Group B— PPC/Teachers

Parish Collections Week- Ending 4/11/2018
1st Collection \$1,426.55 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: \$2,175.10. and \$757.11 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

PARISH MINISTRY EXPO
~ Sunday 11th November ~
Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers at the
10:30am St Benedict's Church

Followed by EXPO and BBQ
Christ and its church have no hands but yours!

Recently we received the news that our Parish scored 100% in our Safeguarding Self-Assessment for 2017.
We would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers of our Parish, without your cooperation and commitment in spreading the safeguarding message, we would not have achieved this result.

November Charitable Works Appeal last weekend – \$1,694.20 has been collected so far, however that is still short of our obligation by \$8,255.80!
Contributions can still be made to the parish - Remember that donations of \$2 or more are *Tax Deductible.*
Thank you for your support!

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.

Italian Mass
Fr Joseph Maria will be celebrating the Italian 8:00am Mass on Sunday 18th November. As this will be the first time he celebrates at this Mass after his ordination, the newly Ordained Priest's Blessing will be given.

~ St Gertrude's Feast Day ~
Will be celebrated on **Sunday 18th November**
at the **10:30am Mass**

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS
Monday 12th November at 7.30pm Group 1
(Second Monday of the Month)
Monday 26 November at 7.30pm Group 2
(last Monday of the Month)

Men's Group
Next Meeting will be on Thursday 15th November at 7.30pm
St Benedict's Church.

Smithfield YOUTH MASS
Held on the **1st & 3rd Sunday** of the Month at the 6pm evening Mass

Next Mass: Sunday 18th November at 6pm
Youth Program is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month . 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall. !

Next YOUTH PROGRAM: 18 November 2018

All Youth Welcome

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- **LESSONS** started on Friday 19th October and continue over 5 weeks.
Location: Parish Office, 6 Justin Street, Smithfield.
- **RECONCILIATION** during Week 5 of classes.
Location: St Benedict's Shrine.
- **FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Tuesday 20th November, 7 pm. First Reconciliation candidates ONLY.
- **REHEARSALS:**
 - o **CEREMONY 1** – Monday 19th November, 7 pm
 - o **CEREMONY 2** – Friday 23rd November, 7 pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

Enrolments for 2019 will take place during Mass, over the next 3 weekends: 3/4, 10/11 and 17/18 November 2018. Enrolment forms are available from the parish website, church foyers and will be distributed through the schools. Please read the information carefully as there are a number of changes taking place regarding the Sacramental programme for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

For more information, please contact Helena via email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or call 9725 4317 and leave a message.

St Gertrude's Parish Playgroup
When: Thursday during school term
Time: 10 am - 12 pm
Where: Playgroup demountable on the paddock behind the hall.
Contact: Helena - 0403 974 960 or Karen - 0405 343 412

~ Attention all Ministers ~
New Rosters are available to pick up at the Church Doors

St Gertrude's Catholic Primary School, Smithfield- Enrolling Now!
St Gertrude's Catholic Primary School was opened in 1952 by the Josephite Sisters and continues today to foster the values and traditions of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop for boys and girls from Kindergarten to Year 6. St Gertrude's is a four stream, low fee paying Catholic School with small class sizes and positions available for 2019. Bursaries (fee reductions) are available for qualifying new arrivals (those who have lived in Australia less than 3 years) and families experiencing financial hardship. Book a school tour now!
Arabic speaking staff available on Monday to assist with enrolments.
T: 96094144 www.stgsmithfield.catholic.edu.au

Working Bee

1st December at St Benedict's commencing at 9am
8th December at St Theresa's commencing at 9am.
Many hands are needed. A sign up sheet will be placed in the foyers of each place of worship as well as the parish office.

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office, in conjunction with the Parish Support and Development Team, has identified the following require a Working With Children Check (WWCC): Youth ministers, children's liturgy, children's choir, Catechists, Sacramental group leaders, readers, acolytes, senior altar servers, extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, Parish counters & **collectors** and ministers to the homebound. **Please note that some ministries that did not previously require a WWCC, now need one, please visit the RMS before the end of November to obtain a WWCC, otherwise you will need to cease your ministry until this requirement is met.**

Volunteers who have not yet completed a Code of Conduct please visit the Parish ASAP.

If you have not attended Safeguarding induction training, please speak to Maria or Helena to arrange a time – safeguarding induction training is mandatory for all volunteers. The training can also be completed online, please contact us to ask us how!

All volunteers – please check the expiration date of your WWCC. If it is due for renewal please visit the RMS. Once renewed please notify the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued co-operation to ensure our Parish meets Safeguarding requirements. For more information, please contact the Parish Office or email psso@stgertrude.org.au

Youth News

South Western Deanery Youth Mass
Featuring a Special Commissioning for all pilgrims attending WYD 2019
When: Saturday 17th Nov 5:30 pm
Where: St Christopher's Panania
Meet other leaders and youth across the deanery, and share in the excitement of WYD. Join us for mass and food afterwards.

Eileen O'Connor Inspirational and prayer cards
At the Launch of the new youth officer of the Archdiocese of Sydney, Sydney Catholic Youth, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher has commended to the young people of Sydney a new spiritual companion in Eileen O'Connor for you to look upon for guidance and inspiration. Prayer Cards are available at

the Church doors. *Please take one home.*
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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