

33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Dn 12:1-3

A reading from the prophet Daniel

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

(R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

3. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)

SECOND READING

Heb 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. 'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

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

Next Week: Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

Readings: Dan 7:13-14; Apoc 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

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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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18th Novembmer, 2018



We welcome the following

Evelina TOWNSON & Nathaniel NITIS

Baptised in our Parish Community

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

Betty Stepkovitch, Antonio Mammone, Carmela Stivala, Vita Blanda, Achille (Frank) Pavone, Giuseppe Brunetta, Pasquale Berardinelli, Domenic Lagudi, Allanah Cassar Falappi, Immacolata Carioti

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time :

Pauline Tedesco,  
Eli Slaviero & Gino Cesarone

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

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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  
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!

LIVING the GOSPEL

People of Hope

Whilst the community who were the intended audience of the Gospel of Mark were expecting the return of Jesus and the end times to occur during their lifetimes, nearly two thousand years later we realise that wasn't the case. Today, as in Mark's time, many people approach the future and change with fear and apprehension. As Christian people we are called to be optimistic and hopeful as we approach the future. We know that God is good, that God loves us unconditionally and that God has a dream for us. That is the simple basis of Christian hope.

Church Cleaners

Week ending 24November ~  
Group C— Warren Wilson & Family



**Parish Collections Week- Ending 11/11/2018**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$1,645.80** 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: \$1771.35. and \$977.95 Loose Money.**  
*Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!*

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

**Italian Mass**  
*Fr Joseph Maria will be celebrating the Italian 8:00am Mass on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.*

*Thank You!*  
 It is with much appreciation we would like to thank all the Volunteers for showcasing your Ministry at last Sunday's Parish Ministry Expo as well as your dedication and commitment to this parish throughout the year!  
 Also special thanks to our parishioners for supporting this event.  
*Congratulations on a successful day!*  
*Christ and its church have no hands but yours!*  
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 \* The results for the most popular hymn at St Gertrude's is in!  
 The top spot was shared by 3 hymns: Amazing Grace, Hail Mary: Gentle Woman and How Great Thou Art.  
 Anna

*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 Masses**  
 During the Month of November we continue to 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* are available in the Church foyers .

**Rest In Peace:**  
 It is with sadness that our long-time parishioner and catechist Betty Stepkovtich has passed way.  
 Her funeral will be held at St Benedict's Church on On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 11am.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm

Youth Program is held on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month** . 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall. !

**Next YOUTH PROGRAM: 18 November 2018**

All Youth Welcome

**Choir Rehearsals** for Christmas will commence on Monday night 19th November in the Parish House. All welcome.

**Altar Servers Meeting**  
 Tuesday 20 November 4.30pm to 5.15pm

**YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS**  
Monday 26 November at 7.30pm Group 2  
*(last Monday of the Month)*  
Monday 10 December at 7.30pm Group 1  
*(Second Monday of the Month)*

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- RECONCILIATION** during Week 5 of classes. Location: St Benedict's Shrine.
- FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 7 pm. First Reconciliation candidates ONLY.
- REHEARSALS:**  
**CEREMONY 1** – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 7 pm  
**CEREMONY 2** – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 7 pm

### FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

Enrolments for 2019 will take place during Mass, this weekend, 17/18 November 2018. Enrolment forms are available from the parish website, church foyers and have been 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](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au) or call 9725 4317 and leave a message. If you would like to see Helena face-to-face, please make an appointment.

### Parish BBQ

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December after the Saturday Vigil Mass.  
 Everyone Welcome!

### 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. Thank you!*

### St Gertrude's Parish Playgroup

When: Thursday (during school term)

Time: 10 am - 12 pm

Where: Demountable behind the hall on the paddock.

Contact: [playgroup@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:playgroup@stgertrude.org.au)

### 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](http://www.stgsmithfield.catholic.edu.au)

### 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 [pssso@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:pssso@stgertrude.org.au)

### FCI are Organising a Cherry Picking Bus Trip to Orange

**Saturday: 2 December 2018** ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME

Cost: \$30 pp (Payment to be made at time of booking - non-refundable - No reserved seating)

(only 50 seats available)

Lunch at Orange RSL at own expense

**Bus departs St Benedict's Church Smithfield at 6:15 am sharp!**

Returning approximately 5:30 pm

*Fun day with Raffles & prizes.*

Contact: Gina Morosin on 0417-203908

Or Maria Zappia on 0402-031411 or after Saturday or Sunday

Masses Be quick – only few seats remaining

### 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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