

31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING Dt 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: ‘If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

‘Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.’

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. (R)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be to the God that saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown love for his anointed. (R)

SECOND READING

Heb 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, ‘Which is the first of all the commandments?’ Jesus replied, ‘This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord you God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.’ The scribe said to him, ‘Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.’ Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week: 32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Readings: 1 Kg 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

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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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4th Novembmer, 2018



Congratulations to

Louise BRAITHWAITE & Aaron CLIFF

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

Pasquale Berardinelli, Domenic Lagudi,
Allanah Cassar Falappi, Immacolata Carioti,
Achille Pavone, Enrico Muoio,
Agostino Santucci, Giuseppe Castagnola,
Santa Reitano, Domenic Napoletano,
Filippa Crisafulli,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur
at this time :

Eli Slaviero & Gino Cesarone

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

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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)

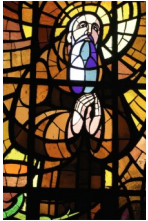
Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199
1st Sundays of the month during the
10.30am Mass at St Benedict’s Church; &
Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict’s

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!

LIVING the GOSPEL

Love

Jesus reminds us ‘You must love your neighbour as yourself’. There’s an unspoken, underlying idea here that is absolutely crucial. Before you can love your neighbour, you must first love yourself. To say that you love yourself today can imply a level of boastfulness or ego. However, what is required is a genuine love of self – an acceptance; a respect; a true valuing of self. Only then can we know how to treat others. When we ask ourselves how we would want to be treated it points us towards how we should treat others. What is summed up so simply by Jesus is a very tough ask!

Church Cleaners

Week ending 10 November ~
Group A— Edith, Jane, Francis, Jean,
Kathryn

Parish Collections Week- Ending 28/10/2018
1st Collection \$1,533.25 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: \$2,293.50.00 and \$1,013.80 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

St Gertrude's Parish Financial Report will be given during all Masses this Weekend.

November Charitable Works Appeal this weekend – Third Collection all Masses
The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will be holding the November CWF Parish Appeal this weekend 3rd and 4th November. Your continued support in facilitating this appeal is greatly appreciated and needed. ***Our parish's contribution for this Appeal is \$9,950.00.***
Donations of \$2 or more are Tax Deductible.

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 1st to the 8th 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)

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

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

Children's Mass with Blessing of Pets
Thank you to the organisers and all who attended our Children's Mass with Blessing of Pets last Sunday in our Paddock.
"God cannot express himself fully in any one creature: and so he has produced many and diverse life forms, so that what one lacks in its expression of divine goodness may be compensated for by others: for goodness, which in God is single and undifferentiated, in creatures is refracted into myriad hues of being". Aquinas

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!

o Montefano Hall will be open from 10:00 am on Saturday 10 November for Ministry Groups to set up their individual tables in readiness for the Parish Ministry Expo on Sunday

Smithfield YOUTH MASS
Held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month at the 6pm evening Mass
Next Mass: Sunday 4 November at 6pm
Youth Program is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month . 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall. All Youth Welcome!

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS
Monday 12th November at 7.00pm Group 1
(Second Monday of the Month)
Monday 26 November at 7.00pm Group 2
(last Monday of the Month)

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.

PLAY GROUP NEWS!
The playgroup renovations are now complete. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish community for your generosity during our fundraiser in September.
Thank you everyone who worked tirelessly to strip and clean the room, lay the floorboards, paint the walls, and replace the fly screens. Thank you to the team of play group mums and members of the parish community who dedicated their time to decorate and set up the room. It was a big job but through your team work, a lovely fresh play space has been created for the children of the Parish. May you all find your treasure in heaven!
Last Thursday, 1/11/18, the play group was re-opened. We had a lovely turn out. There was lots of noise, laughter and excitement. Thank you Fr Wojtek for visiting and blessing the room.
Play group meets on Thursday during the school term from 10 am until 12 pm. For more information please email playgroup@stgertrude.org.au or contact 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, as identified in the list supplied by the Archdiocese above.

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!

To assist the Parish, if all volunteers could kindly check the expiration date of their Working with Children's Check (WWCC) we would be very grateful. If your WWCC is due to be renewed, please do so ASAP by visiting Service NSW. As soon as you receive an updated expiry date, kindly inform 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

F C I November Activities
Bingo 1st and 3rd Friday of November.
Members Reunion will be held on 13th of November 7.30 pm.
We are planning a Bus Trip to Orange in December for (Cherry Picking) - Date to be advised .
** Big Thanks to all who attended our Charity Fundraiser Dinner Dance and Special Thanks to our Sponsors , and my Committee for their Hard Work and Dedication.
TONY COIERA 0409 908424 -- Gina Morosin 029604 2458
God Bless - Cristo Regni .

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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