

6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Jer 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:  
'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)

2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)

3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 6:17. 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:  
'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.  
Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.  
Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.  
'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.  
Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.  
Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

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

Next Week: 7th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Readings: 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

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St Benedict's Church

Corner Justin & Neville Street  
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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 until 8.30pm; 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

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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17 February 2019



We welcome the following

Alessio FAGA, Valentino D'ONOFRIO,  
Alex KARANIKALAS, Sophia STOROK &  
Rosalie WHITE

Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish

John Denniss, Santina Pomili, Adam Westwood,  
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

Cosimo Cutri, Alan Brown, Ema Capasso,  
Charlie Saliba, Carmelo Riviera, Agnese Baratto,  
Grazia Panuccio, Mario Micallef

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time :

Mercedes Medina, Irma Sepulveda,  
Giovanni Mattiello, Mario Todaro,  
Saverio (Sam) Penna

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:  
6 Justin St, Smithfield  
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[sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au)  
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)

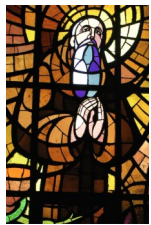
Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199  
1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month during the  
10.30am Mass at St Benedict's Church; &  
Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict's

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!



Have you thought?

Gospel of prosperity

The sermon on the plain challenges our ideas about happiness and success – particularly those of us who live in a relatively prosperous society. Those who are rich and well regarded are actually condemned by Jesus. This also flies in the face of the so-called Gospel of Prosperity that has gained some prominence amongst Pentecostal churches in the last 20-30 years. This teaching holds that God blesses the faithful with wealth and influence. It doesn't take a lot to see how this teaching is out of step with the gospel blessing of the poor and cursing of the rich.

Church Cleaners

Week ending 23 February 2019 ~  
Group A: Edith's Group

**Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 10/2/2019**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$1453.85** 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: \$1808.70 and \$1072.60 Loose Money.**

*Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!*

**FEAST**  
Friday 22nd February ~ The Chair of St Peter, Apostle

**MEMORIALS**  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February ~ St Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

**Children's Mass & Blessing of School Bags**  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February at the 10:30am Mass  
*All children are invited to attend and bring their school bags to be blessed for the new school year.*

**~ Wedding Anniversary Blessing ~**  
**SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
**At the 10:30am Mass**  
All Married couples celebrating a Wedding Anniversary during the month of March are invited to attend and receive a Blessing.  
*(Marriage Blessings will continue every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month)*

You are invited to join us for  
**~ Study of the Word of God ~ Lead by Elham Khalil**  
**On Fridays at 7pm in the Parish Office**  
*Open to everyone who would like to attend.  
Feel free to just show up on the night.*

**LENT**  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March ~ Ash Wednesday**  
**(Fast and abstinence)**  
**Blessing and distribution of Ashes**  
**Masses: 7am ~ Fairfield West**  
**9.30am (with School) & 7pm ~ Smithfield**  
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† Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 251-52)

† Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

**2019 LENTEN PROGRAM**  
**(Catholic Diocese of Wollongong)**  
SURRENDER - Lenten Program and Daily Lent and Easter Reflections 2018 (Year B).  
SURRENDER will also include short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) in addition to the longer-form Sunday Gospel reflections, spiritual direction, prayers and reflection questions that are traditionally part of the Lenten program for groups. Therefore, Surrender is also perfect for those that cannot attend a Lenten group

*Limited copies available.*

*Please contact the parish office on 9604 1199 to purchase your book and CD (optional)*  
**Books: \$10 / CD's: \$10**

**SACRAMENTAL NEWS!**  
**First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2019**  
**(Year 3 and above)**

Eligible enrolled families will be contacted in late February 2019, with more information regarding lesson and ceremony dates. There will be an important **compulsory Parent Information Meeting on Wednesday, 13th March 2019** at 7:30 pm in the Montefano Hall.

**If you missed the enrolment Masses last year, and you have not enrolled your child, please contact the Sacramental Office ASAP. Late Enrolments will not be accepted after Wednesday 27th February.**

Sacrament Coordinator: Helena Martin  
Email: [sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au)  
Alternatively phone: 9725 4317 (Tues/Wed) or leave a message. The Sacramental Office will re-open on Tuesday 12th February.  
**Please note: The Sacramental Office days have changed and will now be open on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 am – 4 pm.**

**FR PETER JAMES STROHMAYER**  
**COMING TO OUR PARISH!**  
Fr Peter has been appointed to our parish to assist with pastoral work and will commence his appointment in early March.  
*We warmly welcome Fr Peter James to our Parish Community*

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**  
New Planned giving envelopes are available to be picked up this weekend in St Benedict's Church foyer in numeric order.  
An alphabetical list will also be available for those who don't remember their planned giving number.  
Envelopes will be available at St Therese's Church next weekend, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February.

**NEW MONSTRANCE**  
Thank you to all who have generously donated **\$6047.80** towards the **\$7500** needed to purchase the new monstrance. If anyone is still wanting to donate, there are labelled envelopes available in the Church foyer.  
*Thank you kindly for your generosity.*

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019  
Youth Program is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall.  
**Next YOUTH PROGRAM: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
All Youth Welcome

**MEN'S ROSARY GROUP MEETING**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7pm  
In St Benedict's Church

**ALTAR SERVERS MEETING**  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February ~ St Benedict's Church  
4:15pm – 5:15pm

**NEXT PARISH BBQ**  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March

**YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS**  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm Group 1  
*(Second Monday of the Month)*  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm Group 2  
*(last Monday of the Month)*

**KID'S ALIVE CHOIR**  
Kid's Alive Choir meet on Friday afternoon after school during school term in the demountable behind the Montefano Hall. The

children lead the music at the children's Mass and learn music theory and singing technique. If you are interested please send an email to Anna on [liturgy@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:liturgy@stgertrude.org.au)

**PARISH RETREAT DAY**  
~ Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March ~  
Fr Piotr Prusakiewicz CSMA will be visiting Sydney to conduct retreats and presentations and will visit our parish on the 14<sup>th</sup> March.  
Fr Piotr has given many talks, retreats and interviews all over the world on the Divine Mercy and the Holy Angels.  
*More details to come in the following weeks.*

**ST THERESE'S HALL, FAIRFIELD WEST**  
Construction will take place at St Therese's Hall commencing on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February.  
We ask for your patience during this time as much needed work is carried out to repair the hall.  
Unfortunately, the hall will not be available for use during this time.

**House for Rent**  
The property next to the Church Carpark on Neville Street is available for rent.  
*Please direct any interest to the parish office.*

**PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE OPEN DAY**  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
**4pm – 7pm**  
268 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield NSW 2165  
Ph: 9728 4488  
[www.pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au](http://www.pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au)

**Catechesis for Adults and Young People**  
**(Neo Catechumenal Way)**  
On Monday's a series of catechesis will continue to take place in the parish.  
Whether you are looking to deepen your faith or are in search for answers from God, COME AND LISTEN to this gift that the church has prepared for you.  
The catechesis will take place in the small chapel on the Saint Gertrude Primary School ground on Justin street.  
Mondays and Thursdays at 7.30pm.  
*For any information, you can contact*  
*Bradley 0431 271 620 or Louisa 0413231531.*

**St Gertrude's Parish Playgroup**  
**When:** Thursday's **Time:** 9:30am – 11:30am  
**Where:** In the demountable behind the Montefano Hall  
*Please contact the Parish Office for enquiries*  
*Ph: 96041199 Or email: [office@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:office@stgertrude.org.au)*

**FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA**  
Annuncia le Attivita' del Mese di Febbraio  
\*TOMBOLA \* TOMBOLA \* Il primo e Terzo Venerdi' del Mese Il 1 e 15 di Febbraio. Con caffe' / Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo. Nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West dale 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.  
\* Spero di ri incontrarvi a Tutti I Membri per L'Anno Nuovo Molto Grazie. Antonio {Tony} Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409 908 424. Cristo Regni.  
**THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION [FCI]**  
Activities planned for Month of February  
\*BINGO every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.  
From 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Morning Tea & Lunch provided.  
\* Looking forward meeting new Parishoners...in 2019. All Welcome.  
Thankyou. Antonio (Tony) Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409-908 424. God Bless.

**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

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