

4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READINGJer 1:4-5. 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALMPs 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

(R.) I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; Let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. (R.)

2. Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R.)

3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. (R.)

4. My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. (R.)

SECOND READING1 Cor 13:4-13

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

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not

continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONLk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week: 5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

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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 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 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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3 February 2019



Congratulations to

Tamlyn Soo & Hani Jabbour

Married in our Parish

May God confirm them in their love.

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

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

PARISH INFORMATION

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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)

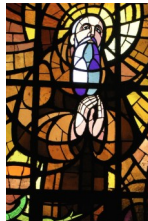
Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199
1st Sundays of the month during the
10.30am Mass at St Benedict's Church; &
Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict's

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!

gospel focus

They were astonished

Jesus preaches the briefest of homilies, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen,' yet he wins the approval of all and the people were astonished by his gracious words! The reaction appears a bit overdone. However, the people knew the significance of the first part of the text Jesus quoted, 'The spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me.' They recognised that this language referred to the Messiah. When Jesus said that the text was being fulfilled as they listened he was laying claim to this status. Of course they were impressed!

Church Cleaners

Week ending 9 February 2019 ~
Group D: Grace & Pina

Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 27/01/2019
1st Collection \$1360.75 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: \$2937.50 and \$1133.35 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

You are invited to join us for
~ Study of the Word of God ~
Lead by
Elham Khalil
On Fridays at 7pm beginning 8th February 2019
Open to everyone who would like to attend.
Please show your interest by writing your name on the forms provided at the back of the Church so we can have an indication of how many people will attend to accommodate accordingly.
Feel free to just show up on the night.

Memorials
Tuesday 5th February ~ St Agatha
Wednesday 6th February ~ St Paul Miki and companions

Opening School Mass
Tuesday 12th February
9:30am Mass
St Benedict's Church, Smithfield.
Everybody is welcome!
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**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.

**ROSTERS**  
New Liturgy Rosters now available to pick up in the Church foyers.

**ALTAR SERVERS MEETING**  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February ~ St Benedict's Church  
4:15pm – 5:15pm

**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> February 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> February 2019**  
All Youth Welcome

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

**CATECHIST NEWS**  
**CATECHIST SUNDAY-**  
10 February 2019, All Catechists will be commissioned at 10.30am Mass  
St Benedicts Church, Smithfield.  
**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CATECHISTS**  
5 years' service – Maria Zappia  
10 years' service - Juliemarie Mackenzie, David Lazarus, & Muna Shabo  
15 years' service – Helen Micallef & Suzanne Lazarus  
God bless you and your work.  
Morning tea served after Mass  
**CATECHIST MEETING**  
Friday 15 February 10.15am - Parish House

**SACRAMENT NEWS!**  
**FIRST RECONCILIATION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENTS 2019:** Enrolments are now complete. The Parent Information Evening will be held on:  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**  
**SACRAMENTAL OFFICE:** Please be advised the Sacramental Office is now closed. It will re-open in February 2019. For all enquiries please email: [sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au) or call 9725 4317 and leave a message. If you wish to see Helena face-to-face, please email/call the Sacramental Office to make an appointment. Thank You.

**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.

**St Gertrude's Parish Playgroup**  
Playgroup resumes on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February  
9:30am - 11:30am  
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)

**Catechesis for Adults and Young People**  
On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 a series of catechesis will start 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.*



**Happy New Year, Buon Anno**  
**FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA**  
Annuncia le Attivita' del Mese di Febbraio  
\*TOMBOLA \* TOMBOLA \* Il primo e Terzo Venerdì' del Mese Il 1 e 15 di Febbraio. Con caffè' / Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo. Nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West dale 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.  
\*Prima RIUNIONE dei Membri Associati il 12 di Febbraio 7.30 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.  
Held at St Teresa Church Hall Fairfield West.  
From 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Morning Tea & Lunch provided.  
\*Members Reunion will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 pm.  
\* Looking forward meeting new Parishoners...in 2019.  
All Welcome.  
Thankyou. Antonio (Tony) Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409-908 424.  
God Bless.

**Training Course for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
The program is offered over 2 sessions. A certificate of attendance will be issued for those completing **all** sessions who may be commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in their parishes by their parish priests.  
Those enrolling in this course to become Communion Ministers **must** provide evidence of Baptism and a signed note of endorsement by the Parish Priest.  
**Where:** Harrington Hall Our Lady of the Rosary, 2 Weston Street, Fairfield NSW 2165  
**When:** 16th & 23rd February 2019  
**Time:** 9:00am – 12:00pm Registration of attendance will commence from 8:30am

**Training Course for Acolytes**  
To be eligible for the Ministry of Acolyte men applying for this course **must** have completed the **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** course then at completing of these courses may request Institution into the Ministry of Acolyte by the Archbishop of Sydney. Sessions in 2019  
**When:** Harrington Hall Our Lady of the Rosary, 2 Weston Street, Fairfield NSW 2165  
**Where:** Saturdays 9th 16th & 23rd March 2019 (9:00am- 12:00pm)  
Registration from 8:30am  
*Forms are available at the parish office or can be downloaded from the Liturgy Office website:*  
<http://www.liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/index.php/formation-a-training/acolytes-servers-emhc>

**Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 10 February 2019 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Terry Brady.  
Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.  
*Society of Our Lady of Lourdes*

**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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