

8TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Sir 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the
quality of its fruit,
similarly a man’s words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)

3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15:54-58

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

When this perishable nature has put on
imperishability, and when this mortal nature has
put on immortality, then the words of scripture will
come true: Death is swallowed up in victory.
Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your
sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its
power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving
us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit
defeat; keep on working at the Lord’s work always,
knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring
in vain.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, ‘Can one blind
man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit?
The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully
trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why
do you observe the splinter in your brother’s eye
and never notice the plank in your own? How can
you say to your brother, “Brother, let me take out
the splinter that is in your eye,” when you cannot
see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the
plank out of your own eye first, and then you will
see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is
in your brother’s eye.
‘There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit,
nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit.
For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people
do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes
from brambles. A good man draws what is good
from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man
draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a
man’s words flow out of what fills his heart.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings: Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

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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

ST. GERTRUDE’S PARISH • SMITHFIELD



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

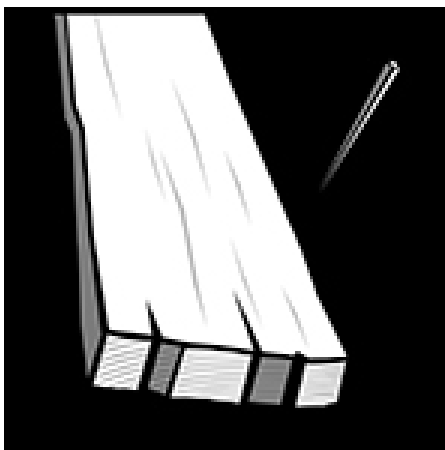
First Friday of the Month:
from 6.30am

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

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Tuesdays after Mass

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3rd March 2019



We welcome the following

Isabella Troy, Marcel Moshi & Serena Giallombardo
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

Otto Mild, Angela Colusso, Cosimo Cutri,
Alan Brown, Ema Capasso, Charlie Saliba,
Carmelo Riviera, Agnese Baratto, Grazia Panuccio,
Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur
at this time :

Carmelo Currenti, Leonora Maugeri, Elio Forner,
Joseph Furfaro



PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:
6 Justin St, Smithfield
Tuesday-Friday 10am - 2pm
Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585
Email: office@stgertrude.org.au
Website: www.stgertrude.org.au

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Catechists: 9725 4317
Mimi Romeo: catechist@stgertrude.org.au

Sacraments: 9725 4317 Helena Mertin
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)

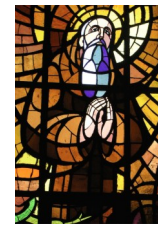
Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199
1st Sundays of the month during the
10.30am Mass at St Benedict’s Church; &
Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict’s

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!

LIVING the GOSPEL

You hypocrite

It is a often argued that it is hypocrisy
to attend Mass on Sundays and be
'holy' in that circumstance but to then
be less than perfect during the rest
of the week. This is often rolled out as
a convenient excuse for not attending
Mass at all: everyone who goes to Mass
is a hypocrite. Of course, attending Mass
does not imply perfection. It is in fact
a recognition of imperfection and the
need to come together as a community
and to seek God’s help to have another
go at trying to get it a bit more right in the
coming week.

Church Cleaners

Weekending 9 March 2019 ~
Group C : Warren Wilson & Family

Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 24/2/2019
1st Collection \$1756.90 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: \$3283.00 and \$1399.05 Loose Money.

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

~ Wedding Anniversary Blessing ~
SUNDAY 10TH 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 2nd Sunday of the month)

LENT
Wednesday 6th 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday during Lent

+ **St Benedict's Church, Smithfield:** at 7pm

+ **St Therese's Church:** after the 7am Mass & 7pm in Italian.

2019 LENTEN PROGRAM
(Catholic Diocese of Wollongong)

TRUST includes short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) in addition to the longer-form Sunday Gospel reflections, spiritual direction, gospel readings, responsorial psalms, prayers and reflection questions that are traditionally part of the Lenten program for groups.

Therefore, **TRUST** is also perfect for individuals who cannot attend a Lenten group.

TRUST is accompanied by a Triple CD Resource that includes six beautiful responsorial psalms recorded especially for the Lenten program—written by acclaimed Catholic composer, **Paul Mason**, and arranged and performed by one of Australia's leading session musicians, **Seth Harsh**, and sung by the talented **Michaela Rose** and **Fiesta Mataele**.

Please contact the parish office on 9604 1199 to purchase your book and CD (optional)

Books: \$10 / CD's: \$10

LENTEN GROUPS (Week beginning 10th March)
Tuesdays after the 9:15am Mass
Thursdays at 7pm – Led by Fr Peter Strohmayer
In the Parish Office.

THANK YOU MASS FOR GEORGE ANDREW
Saturday 9 March at the 6pm Mass
followed by our Parish BBQ in the Montefano Hall.
Please bring a plate to share.

After many years of volunteer service to this Parish, George is stepping down from his Ministry of Acolyte as well as his Accounting Services for the Parish.

Many thanks George for your dedicated service over the years.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2019
(Year 3 and above)

Eligible enrolled families will be contacted this week 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. Week One lessons will begin Friday 15th March.

Confirmation 2019
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish on Sunday 8th September 2019, at 2 pm and 4 pm. Enrolments will take place in the beginning of Term 2. More information to come.

Sacrament Coordinator: Helena Mertin
Email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au
Alternatively phone: 9725 4317 (Tues/Wed) or leave a message.

~ PARISH MEETING ~
FOR MASS COORDINATORS, COLLECTORS, ACOLYTES AND READERS

All parishioners involved in the above-mentioned ministries are required to attend a meeting

On: **Thursday 7 March 2019 at 7pm**
In the **Demountable behind the Montefano Hall.**

A letter was sent to all involved with an RSVP attachment. Could you please RSVP as soon as possible and if you have not received a letter as yet, please contact the Parish Office on 96041199

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.

NEW MONSTRANCE
Thank you to all who have generously donated \$6863.95 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 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month at the 6pm evening Mass
Next Mass: Sunday 3rd March 2019
Youth Program is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month. 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall.
Next YOUTH PROGRAM: 17th March 2019
All Youth Welcome

You are invited to join us for
~ Study of the Word of God ~ Lead by Elham Khalil
On Fridays at 7:30pm in the Parish Office
Open to everyone who would like to attend.
Feel free to just show up on the night

FR PETER JAMES STROHMAYER
NOW IN OUR PARISH!
Fr Peter has been appointed to our parish to assist with pastoral work.
We warmly welcome Fr Peter James to our Parish Community

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING
Tuesday 12th March ~ St Benedict's Church
4:15pm – 5:15pm

PARISH RETREAT DAY
~ Thursday 14th March ~
Fr Piotr Prusakiewicz CSMA will be visiting Sydney to conduct retreats and presentations and will visit our parish on the 14th March.

RETREAT PROGRAM
St Therese's, Fairfield West
7am Mass with homily on the Holy Angels

St Benedict's Shrine, Smithfield
9:15am: Mass and spiritual talk on the Holy Angels
10:30am: St Gertrude's School Children talk
6:00pm: Spiritual talk on Divine Mercy and Confessions
7:00pm: Mass with homily on St Michael Archangel, followed by enrolment of the Scapular of St Michael and Prayers for Healing

ST THERESE'S HALL, FAIRFIELD WEST
Work still taking place at St Therese's Hall. Unfortunately, the hall will not be available for use during this time. We thank you for your patience.

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

MARY MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE WAKELEY OPEN DAY
Wednesday 13th March 2019
9:30am – 12:30pm

PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE OPEN DAY
Tuesday 5th March 2019 4pm – 7pm
268 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield NSW 2165 Ph: 9728 4488
www.pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au

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:

St Gertrude's
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL SMITHFIELD
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
Our OPEN DAY Thursday 7 March 2019
We welcome you to visit our school for more information. Enrolment packages are available.

Join us for our Catholic Schools Week activities:
Monday, 4 March, 2:30pm - Storytelling for preschool children and parents

Thursday, 7 March, 9:00am-11:00am - Prayer Celebration, School Information Kiosks, Dance/Choir Performances, Open Classrooms

GREAT NEWS!
BINGO PARISH BINGO!
Montefano Hall
Every 1st & 3rd Friday of the Month
All Parishioners Welcome!
Let's unite as a Parish
Hosted by FCI
Numbers called in English & Italian
Come Join Us for BINGO at 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at Montefano Hall
With Coffee/biscuits for morning tea & Bread Rolls for lunch.

Antonio (Tony) Coliera: 9757-1961 or 0409-908424
Gina Morosin: 9604-2458 or 0417-203908
Hope to see you on Fridays
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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 Ph 02 9390 5812.


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