Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

FIRST READING

Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear,

to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,

neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,

my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face

against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,

so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

- All who see me deride me.
 They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
- Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
- They divide my clothing among them.They cast lots for my robe.O Lord, do not leave me alone,my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
- 4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

SECOND READING Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,

should bend the knee at the name of Jesus

and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Phil 2:8-9

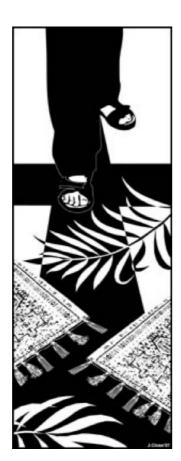
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Lk 22:14 - 23:56

PLEASE FOLLOW THE PROJECTOR SCREEN FOR THE GOSPEL READING



The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week: SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-9

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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



Parish Priest Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE

Assistant Priests

Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE & Fr Peter James Strohmayer OSPPE

St Theresa's Church

Corner The Boulevarde & Stella Street FAIRFIELD WEST

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5pm (Vietnamese); 7.30am & 9.00am; 12 noon (Spanish); 6pm (Syriac)

Weekday Masses:

Mon - Fri 7.00am; Saturday 8am Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am

First Friday of the Month:

First Saturday of the Month:

7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tuesdays after Mass

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

14 April 2019



We pray for the sick of this parish

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

John Denniss, Pietro Di Donato, Luisa Olivieri, Pasquale Stivala, Luciano Zadro, Francisco Astroza, Otto Mild, Angela Colusso, Cosimo Cutri.

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Fr Jose Maria Enedaguila, Elio Forner, Giorgio Mascia, Giovanna Vurchio, Josephine Yelenazza,



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Adult Sacraments (RCIA) Mariola Herbert Every Sunday at 8.30am in the Crying Room (in front of St Benedict's)

Crying Room (in front of St Benedict's) Contact Mariola: 0421 944 051.

Children's Liturgy

Mariola Herbert

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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

EASTER

St Benedict's Church

2ND Rite RECONCILIATION Tuesday 16 April at 7pm

HOLY THURSDAY 7pm

followed by procession to Montefano Hall for Adoration till 10pm.

GOOD FRIDAY (fast and abstinence)
10am Stations of the Cross (children's)
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until
midnight in the Montefano Hall

EASTER VIGIL MASS

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES 8am (Italian); 10.30am & 6pm (English)

EASTER MONDAY to FRIDAY MASS 10.30am

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (28 April) 6pm Vigil; 8am (Italian), 3pm, & 6pm

St Theresa's Church
RECONCILIATION

After Morning Mass

EASTER VIGIL 3pm (Vietnamese); 9.00pm (Spanish)

EASTER SUNDAY

7.30am & 9.00am Mass (English) 12 noon Mass (Spanish); 6pm (Syriac)

EASTER MONDAY to FRIDAY 8am Mass

NO MORNING MASSES

CELEBRATED ON HOLY
THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND

EASTER SATURDAY

Parish Office will be closed from close of business on Wednesday 17 April and reopens on Tueday 30 April.

Church Cleaners

Weekending 20 April 2019 ~ Group D: Grace & Pina Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 7/4/2019

1st Collection \$1,586.05 goes to Fr. Jarek, Fr Wojtek & Fr Peter James as well as the upkeep of their Order of St Paul the First Hermit.

2nd Collection: Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$3,383.70 and \$1,318.55 Loose Money.

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

EASTER OCTAVE MASS TIMES

Easter Monday 22nd April – Friday 26th April

8:00am ~ St Therese's Church, Fairfield West 10:30am ~ St Benedict's Church, Smithfield.

There will be NO EVENING MASS on Wednesday 24th April. Mass will be at 10:30am on this day.

ANZAC DAY

Thursday 25th April

Is a solemn day of remembrance

Masses: 8:00am ~ St Therese's Church Solemn Mass: 10:30am ~ St Benedict's Church



CHOCOLATE LAMBS FOR SALE @ \$8 EACH

By purchasing the Paschal Lambs, you are helping the Michaelite Priests bring the message of Christ to the people of Papua New Guinea, as well as supporting our Parish in our fundraising.





Sixth Sunday of Lent 14th April 2019

Living with a disability was challenging for Nguyet. Since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Nguyet has become independent, an important member of her community and has great hope for her future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for an education and inclusion in their community.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

LENT lasts from Ash Wednesday to the Mass of the Lord's Supper. On Good Friday and if possible also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter is observed.

- † 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 vear in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday and the Sacrament of penance too.

FR JOSÉ MARIA'S 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY MASS

Monday 22nd April at 7:00pm St Benedict's Church, Smithfield

~ 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.

MASSES & LITURGIES DURING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2019

St Benedict's Church

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 14th April

On Palm Sunday the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. During this liturgy the Celebrant will be blessing palms and olive branches.

13 April - 6pm Saturday Vigil (starts with blessing of Palms outside of the Church) 14 April - Sunday 8am (Italian):

10.30am - Sunday (Starts with blessing of Palms in front of Parish House & procession); 1:30pm Syriac;

& 6pm (starts with blessing of Palms outside of church)

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION -Tuesday 16 April 7pm

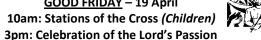
HOLY THURSDAY - 18 April

The only morning Mass will be at 10am in St Mary's

Cathedral with Blessing of Oils.

Mass of the Last Supper 7pm Blessing of Monstrance & Lunar Holder After the Holy Thursday Liturgy there will be a procession to the Montefano hall for Adoration till 10pm.

GOOD FRIDAY - 19 April 10am: Stations of the Cross (Children)



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight in the Montefano Hall.

Divine Mercy Novena will commence after the Liturgy in Montefano Hall

EASTER VIGIL - 20 April **6pm Holy Saturday Liturgy and Mass**

EASTER SUNDAY - 21 April

8am (Italian); 10.30am & 6pm

EASTER MONDAY TO FRIDAY (22 - 26 April)

10:30am Mass

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 28 April

6pm Vigil (Saturday 27 April)

8am Italian, 10.30am, 3pm (followed by devotion) to the Divine Mercy), & 6pm Mass

St Therese's Church

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - 14 April

5pm (Vietnamese - Saturday13th) 7:30am & 9am (English); 12 noon (Spanish);

& 6pm (Syriac prayers)

GOOD FRIDAY

12:30pm (Vietnamese) & 5:00pm (Spanish)

EASTER VIGIL - 20 April

9pm (Spanish)

EASTER SUNDAY - 21 April

7.30am & 9am (English); 12 noon (Spanish); 3pm (Vietnamese); 6pm (Syriac)

EASTER MONDAY TO SATURDAY (22 – 27 April)

8am Mass

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 28 April - 7.30am & 9pm NO MORNING MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED ON HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SATURDAY

INVITATION TO PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS

Br Dn Jeremy Santoso & Br Dn Zachary Lewis will be Ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday 25 May, at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Penrose Park.

A bus has been booked for this occasion and if interested, please contact our Parish Office to book your seat. \$23 pp

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

- Parent Meeting Tuesday 7th May at 7:30 pm in the Montefano Hall.
- First Communion classes will begin 10th May and continue for 4 weeks.
- Reconciliation Rehearsal Thursday 6th June at 7 pm in the Church.
- Reception of First Reconciliation Tuesday 11th June, 6:45 pm SHARP in the Church.

• REHEARSALS:

- **CEREMONY 1 –** Tuesday 18th June, 7 pm
- CEREMONY 2 Friday 21st June, 7 pm HOLY COMMUNION CEREMONIES: FEAST OF
- **CORPUS CHRISTI**
 - o **CEREMONY 1 –** Saturday 22nd June, 6 pm
 - CEREMONY 2 Sunday 23rd June, 10:30 am

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 at Parish Masses on 18/19 May and 25/26 May. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

> Sacrament Coordinator: Helena Mertin Email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au

Alternatively phone: 9725 4317 (Tues/Wed) or leave a message.

WORKING BEE THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who turned up to help with the working bee this weekend at both St Benedict's Church & St Therese's Church. Your help is very much appreciated.

PARISH FAMILY DAY

Saturday 27th April Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy Penrose Park, Berrima Commencing at 11:00am with Mass

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS

Monday 29th April at 7.30pm Group 2 (last Monday of the Month)

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

Tuesday 7th May ~ St Benedict's Church 4:30pm – 5:15pm

~ Wedding Anniversary Blessing ~ (No Blessing during April)

SUNDAY 12th May 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)

PASCHAL CANDLES DONATION

A big Thank you to Mark Malone from Integrity Funerals who very kindly donated the Paschal candles for both St Benedict's Church & St Therese's Church

GREAT NEWS ~ PARISH BINGO ######## Numbers called in Italian & English,

as well as displayed on a Screen.

Hosted by the ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION Smithfield

*Bingo is held every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month (except April due to Easter)

Therefore, will be held on Friday the 5th and 12th. Followed by coffee, cakes & biscuits for Moring Tea & Bread rolls for

Lunch, Held in the Montefano Hall 10am to 1pm.

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Guide Dogs NSW/ACT are looking Guide Smithfield/Fairfield/Wetherill Park area to care for a guide dog in training Dogs from 20th May-23rd August 2019.



The dog will attend 'guide dog school' during the day with their trainer, but will need a loving home in the evening and on weekends. All food and equipment will be provided. Unlimited furry cuddles are guaranteed!

Please contact htumanik@guidedogs.com.au for further information.



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