

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING Acts 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

- (R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
 2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
 3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING Rv 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of

the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Acts 14:21-27; Apoc 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

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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 Priests
Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE &
Fr Peter James Strohmayer 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

12 May 2019



We welcome the following
Leeara Blasonato
Baptised in our Parish Community

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
Celestina Garce, Domenica Carpienieri, George Posa, Nicoletta Buontempo, John Denniss, Pietro Di Donato, Ferruccio Carriato, Luisa Olivieri, Pasquale Stivala,
Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:
Rosa Tosello

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!

Have you thought?
Eternal life

In the gospel passage, Jesus says of the sheep that belong to him, "I give them eternal life." He does not say, I give them the promise of eternal life. The message that comes through the gospel of John is clear that eternal life is not some future existence, but rather a new way of being in the here and now. But that is not to suggest that there is not an 'eternal' quality to eternal life. The gospel of John makes clear that eternal life begins in the here and now but has no end.

Church Cleaners
Weekending 18 May 2019 ~
Group C: Warren Wilson & Family

Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 05/05/2019

1st Collection goes to Fr. Jarek, Fr Wojtek & Fr Peter James as well as the upkeep of their Order of St Paul the First Hermit \$1,623.15

2nd Collection Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$2,108.10 and Loose Money: \$1,921.45

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



SUNDAY 12th May at the 10:30am Mass

* Mother's Day Mass & Blessing followed by Morning Tea

Prayer to the Mother of the Lord for all mothers

Mary, on this day when we honour all mothers, who turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mother's Day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you...

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

<https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=493>

Sunday 12th May 10:30am Mass

* Wedding Anniversary Blessings

All Married couples celebrating a Wedding Anniversary during the month of May will receive a Blessing.
(Marriage Blessings will continue every 2nd Sunday of the month)

Special Blessing next Sunday 19th May at the 10:30am Mass for all Widows and Widowers -

please congregate in the Church Foyer before Mass.

Rosary During Month of May

Rosary will be said in English every week day during May at 7pm Fairfield West. Everyone Welcome!

EASTER THANK YOU BBQ

A BBQ to thank all involved in preparation for Easter will be held this Saturday 11 May after the 6pm Mass. This Mass will be offered for their intentions.

Charitable Works Fund 2019 Pastoral Appeal

This parish wishes to express its thanks to our generous parishioners who supported last weekend's Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal. \$1,830.75 was collected.

To give is to trust in God, His love that embraces us all and His power to provide. Thank you for making that choice.

With Thanks to:

- the Vietnamese Community for their generous donation to our parish of \$5,000 to help towards payment of the concreting at St Therese's.

- Maria Zappai for donating the new microphones and new collection bags.

Ordination to the Priesthood



Br Dn Jeremy Santoso &

Br Dn Zachary Lewis

will be Ordained to the Priesthood on

Saturday 25 May at 11:00 am

at Shrine Our Lady of Mercy Church, Penrose Park.

BUS BOOKING

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

Ordination - Card signing and Donation

From this weekend anyone wishing to donate and sign the card for the Ordinations to the Priesthood for both Br Jeremy & Zachary will be available at both church foyers.

Smithfield YOUTH MASS

Held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month at the 6pm evening Mass

Next Mass: Sunday 19 May 2019

Youth Program is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month. 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall.

Next YOUTH PROGRAM: 19th May

All Youth Welcome

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

Tuesday 21 May ~ St Benedict's Church
4:30pm – 5:15pm

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS

Monday 13th May at 7.30pm Group 1
(Second Monday of the Month)

Monday 27th May at 7.30pm Group 2
(last Monday of the Month)

PLEASE return your Project Compassion Boxes as soon as possible. Thank you for your support!

~ Study of the Word of God ~ Lead by Elham Khalil

Fridays at 7:30pm in the Parish Office

Open to everyone who would like to attend

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

- CEREMONY 1 – Saturday 22nd June, 6 pm
- CEREMONY 2 – Sunday 23rd June, 10:30 am

PRAYER PARTNERS: 10th/11th May

Sacramental time is a special time of grace for all in our community. Next weekend, before or after the Masses, children preparing for FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will ask members of the community to be "Prayer Partners." Accepting an invitation to be a "Prayer Partner" involves taking the prayer card and praying for the candidate during the time leading up to FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. Should you be invited to become a "Prayer Partner" please accept the candidate's invitation and reassure him/her of your support. If you do not receive a prayer card, please pray for all the children.

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. Enrolment forms are available from the Church foyer, Parish Office, or can be downloaded from the Parish Website. Please read over the information carefully before enrolling, as there are changes to the programme. For more information, please contact the Sacrament Office.

Sacrament Coordinator: Helena Mertin

Email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au

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

Personal Property

Please be mindful of your personal property during Mass. It is advised to take your handbags with you to Communion.

Working With Children Check (WWCC)

All volunteers are now required to have their WWCC check. If you are currently volunteering/working in any ministry within the parish and do not have your WWCC then you are required to step down immediately. Please contact the parish office if you have any concerns. Thanks

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



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