

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syriaand Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

- O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
- Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
- Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

SECOND READING Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some

precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Jn 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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

Communion Antiphon Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Next Week: The ASCENSION of the LORD
Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

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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:
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

26 May 2019



We pray for the sick of this parish

Santina Pomili, Adam Westwood, Kartia Grace Russell, Gino Mifsud, Rina Favotto, Ivy Fernandes, 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

Ovidio Fedele, Alina Przewoznik, Celestina Garce, Domenica Carpientieri, George Posa, Nicoletta Buontempo, John Denniss, Pietro Di Donato, Ferruccio Carniato, 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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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

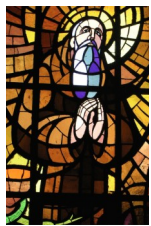
Reconciliation:
Smithfield - Sat 4.45—5.45 pm
(or by appointment)

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!

Different View

Peace

Jesus promises his peace to the disciples in today's gospel passage. However, some people argue that the world has not known that peace in the time since then. Some Jewish people cite this as one of their arguments against Jesus being regarded as the promised Messiah. One of the prophecies about the Messiah was that there would be universal peace once the Messiah arrived. Those who argue against Jesus as the Messiah point to the fact that since the time of Jesus, not a single day has gone by in our history in which there has not been some war or conflict occurring somewhere on earth.

Church Cleaners
Weekending 1 June 2019
Group E ~ Neo Cats

Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 19/05/2019

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 \$1,483.55

2nd Collection Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$1835.00 and Loose Money: \$939.85

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

Friday 31st May ~ Feast The Visitation of the blessed Virgin Mary



Novena to the Holy Spirit

After each Mass
Starts Friday 31st May and concludes on Pentecost
Sunday 9th June



Rosary During Month of May

Rosary will continue every week day during May at 7pm
Fairfield West. Everyone Welcome!



Congratulations and Prayers to
Fr Jeremy Santoso & Fr Zachary Lewis
as you begin your priestly service to the
people.

First Masses for
Fr Jeremy Santoso & Fr Zachary Lewis
At St Benedict's Shrine
Smithfield

Fr Jeremy ~ Sunday 26th May, 10:30am Mass
Fr Zachary ~ Sunday 2nd June, 10:30am Mass

A celebration will be held on both days in the
Montefano Hall after the Masses.

~ Please bring a plate to share ~

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

- First Communion classes continue for 1 more week.
- 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 22 June, 6 pm
 - **CEREMONY 2** – Sunday 23 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 this weekend, 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.

Smithfield YOUTH MASS

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

Next Mass: Sunday 2 June 2019

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

Next YOUTH PROGRAM: 16th June

All Youth Welcome

~ 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

Altar Servers Meeting
Tuesday 4th June
4.30 - 5.15pm
St Benedict's Church

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS

Monday 10th June at 7.30pm Group 1
(Second Monday of the Month)

Monday 30th June at 7.30pm Group 2
(last Monday of the Month)

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



3rd Collection last Weekend

\$1,131.90 was collected and will be sent to Catholic Mission to support the Catholic Community in Sri Lanka by helping to fully restore their places of worship and provide for pastoral needs as required.
Thank you for your support

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. Thankyou!

Fairfield Active Maltese Seniors

Please note: **No Meeting on Tuesday 28 May.**
Instead a **Bus Outing to Kiama** has been organised for the group
on Wednesday 29 May. Bus Departs from St Theresa's Church Hall at 9.00am sharp.
For more information: **Contact Marisa on 0414 863 123**

** ANNUAL MAJOR CHARITY NIGHT **

SPAGHETTATA (SPAGHETTI NIGHT)

Hosted By The ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

**** PARISHONERS COME JOIN US! ALL WELCOME ****

3 Course Meal ; Music ; Dancing ; Lucky Door Prizes;
Raffles

7:00 pm Saturday 6th July in Montefano Hall

Tickets ; Adults \$55 & Childrens under 12 only \$15

A Night to Remember

{ All profits raised goes to various Charities in our Community }

RSVP: By Sunday 30th of June . For more Information.
Please Call Tony Coiera : 0409 908424 or
Gina Morosin 9604 2458

Personal Property

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

Pentecost Sunday Join us at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. We will be praying that this Pentecost will be a time for the Holy Spirit to fill us with hope and trust and power in the face of the challenges facing our Church and our world. We start with prayer and praise at 11.30am followed by concelebrated Mass with Fr Tony Alex MGL. Fr Tony will be reflecting on the command of Jesus: "He instructed them that they take nothing for their journey, except a mere staff - no bread, no bag, no money in their belt." (Mark 6:8). After a BBQ lunch there will be teaching, adoration, Benediction and prayer for healing until 5.30pm. Enquiries - CCR office: 9810 2499.

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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