

15th Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 16:15*

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING *Dt 30:10-14*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: ‘Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.
’For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, “Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, “Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.’
The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37, R. see v.33*

(R) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

1. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R)

2. As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God’s name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. (R)

3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains. (R)

4. For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there. (R)

SECOND READING *Col 1:15-20*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *See Jn 6:63, 68*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Lk 10:25-37*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, ‘Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? What do you read there?’ He replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.’ ‘You have answered right,’ said Jesus, ‘do this and life is yours.’ But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. “Look after him,” he said, “and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have.” Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands’ hands?’ ‘The one who took pity on him,’ he replied. Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do the same yourself.’

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

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Next Week: 16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Readings: Gen 1*;1-10; Col 1:24-38; Lk 10:38-42

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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 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); 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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14 July 2019



We pray for the sick of this parish
David Lazarus, Santina Pomili, Adam Westwood,
Kartia Grace Russell, Gino Mifsud,
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
Rina Favotto, Tommaso Caruso, Mario Licciardello,
Giusseppei Sinicropi, Martin Sator, Mariga Basic,
Giovanni Italiano, Lucia Crema, Geoffery Manche,
Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur
at this time :
Giovanni Devile, Maria Tripodi



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)

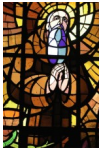
Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199
1st Sundays of the month during the
10.30am Mass at St Benedict’s Church; &
Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict’s

Marriages: Parish Office 9604 1199
By appointment only (6 months required)

Sick Calls: 9604 1199
Any Time

Pope’s Intention: July
That those who administer justice
may work with integrity, and that
the injustice which prevails in the
word may not have the last word.

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!

HISTORICAL
CONTEXT

Priests and Levites

The priest and Levite get a pretty bad wrap out of this story. Yet, their behaviour would have been unremarkable to the original audience. In Jewish culture, to touch blood made a person ritually unclean and unable to participate in religious rites. Both characters in the story were heading towards Jerusalem – towards the Temple – to carry out their religious duties. To touch the bloodied man would have meant that they were unable to perform their duties. The audience would have expected nothing different from these two men. Their ‘crime’ was to place duty before compassion and the needs of another.

Church Cleaners
Weekending 20 July
Group B: PPC/Teachers

Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 07/07/2019

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 \$1,828.00

2nd Collection Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$1596.00
Loose Money: \$1,311.15

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

Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green's mother Lorna Green sadly passed away on Thursday morning 10 July 2019. The funeral was held at Forbes on Friday 12 July 2019. His Excellence kindly asks for prayers and masses during this difficult time.
R.I.P.

Fr Cletus Tudurti

Celebrating 60 years anniversary in the Benedictine Order & former priest of St Gertrude's Parish in the 1960's.

Please Join us to celebrate

On **Sunday 28th July at the 10:30am Mass** at St Benedict's Shrine followed by refreshments.

You are welcome to attend a Buffet Lunch at Club Marconi (Electra Room) at 1pm \$40/person \$25 / child (5 -12years) under 5's is free.

Bookings for Luncheon essential

RSVP 21 July

For Bookings & further details please contact Pauline 0401 340 129

Receipts

Giving Receipts for CWF and other tax-deductible Charities given through the parish will be issued in the coming weeks. Anyone wishing to have a Statement of Giving for their envelopes, then please contact the parish office and a copy will be issued on request.

Altar Servers Meeting

No meetings will be held during the school holidays.

Next meeting Tuesday 30th July 4:30 - 5.15pm

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS

Monday 8 July at 7.30pm Group 1
(Second Monday of the Month)

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

Attention to all Groups using St Therese's Church & Hall

Please be mindful when you have finished your activity and remember to switch off lights and Air Conditioner when you leave. Thank you

Smithfield YOUTH MASS

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

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

All Youth Welcome

If you know of a parishioner who is unwell and not able to attend Mass, please let the office know. We will be able to organise a Eucharistic Minister to give Holy Communion and also one of our Priests to provide an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

~ 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

St Gertrude's Parish Playgroup ~

When: Thursday's during School Term
Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

Where: In the demountable behind the Montefano Hall.

Please contact the Parish Office for enquiries
Ph: 96041199



SACRAMENT NEWS!

HOLY COMMUNION PHOTO COLLECTION EVENING:

Holy Communion Photos can be collected from the Montefano Hall on **Friday 26th July from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT MARIA FROM TRACES OF TIME - 0407 662 535**

CONFIRMATION will be celebrated on Sunday 8th September 2019 at 2 pm & 4 pm.

- Parent Information Meeting: Wednesday **24th July, 7:30 pm** in the Montefano Hall.
- Sessions commence weekend of 27/28th July.
- Enrolled candidates will be contacted before the end of Term 2, with more information regarding preparation classes and ceremony time.

Please note the Sacrament Office will be closed during the school holidays and will re-open on Tuesday 23rd July.

For all enquiries please email:

sacraments@stgertrude.org.au, phone: 9725 4317 (Tues/Wed) or leave a message. If you wish to see Helena face-to-face, please email/call the Sacramental Office to make an appointment. Thank You.

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!

Walk with Christ

In light of it being the Feast of Corpus Christi we ask all parishioners to save the date for a very special celebration for all Sydney Catholics. Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ The King on November 24 at 2.30pm. Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city. Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on November 24.

Interested in volunteering to lend a helping hand to seniors?

We need people in South West Sydney to visit seniors for a chat over a cup of tea and to help with light housework
Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

Bereavement Support Reflection Mornings.

Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support Ph: 9646 6908
bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

Fr Rob Galea

COMING HOME ~ AUSTRALIAN TOUR

SYDNEY Sunday 28th July 5pm

Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College

O'Grady Centre, Auditorium

Neich Parade, Burwood NSW

Purchase tickets online from www.frgministry.com/tickets

Do you know any seniors in your community who could use a little help at home?

Our home care services help seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence.

Call CCareline on **13 18 19** to find out more
connect@catholiccare.org
www.catholiccare.org

Position Vacant – Plenary Council Discernment and Writing Group Chairs and Members

As we move into the Listening and Discernment stage of our preparation for the Plenary Council 2020, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council is seeking people who are willing to be leaders and partners in the process of discernment. Opportunities are available to apply to be the Chair, or to be a member, of one of six Discernment and Writing Groups. For more information, visit the Office for Employment Relations website www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au or contact Ms Olivia Lee on (02) 9919 7822 or olivia.lee@catholic.org.au. Applications close on 22 July 2019.

To know Jesus, read about Him, talk with Him & GO with Him.
(Pope Francis)

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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