

24th Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING *Ex 32:7-11. 13-14*

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord spoke to Moses, ‘Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. “Here is your God, Israel,” they have cried, “who brought you up from the land of Egypt!” I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.’

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. ‘Lord,’ he said, ‘why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.’ So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk 15:18*

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

- Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
- A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
- O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.  
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;  
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. (R.)

SECOND READING *1 Tm 1:12-17*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.  
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *2 Cor 5:19*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.  
*Alleluia!*

GOSPEL *Lk 15:1-32*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the

company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them:

‘What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” he would say “I have found my sheep that was lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

‘Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” she would say “I have found the drachma I lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.’

He also said, ‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant, “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

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

Next Week: 25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Readings: *Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16: 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



**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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15th September 2019



**We welcome the following**  
Olivia Galayini, Emilia Sacco,  
Olivia Nguyen, Laviticus Younan  
**Baptised in our Parish Community**

**We pray for the sick of this parish**  
Nancy Maklouf, Fr Anthony David OSPPE,  
Kevin Dicconson,  
David Lazarus, Santina Pomili, Adam Westwood,  
Emile & Mary Kodsy, Kartia Grace Russell,  
Gino Mifsud & Ivy Fernandes.  
**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**  
Philomena Greenwood,  
Mary Grech, Bertilla Colusso, Josephine Micallef,  
James Singh, Rocco Febbo,  
Giuseppe Speranza, Filomena Monaco,  
Gigliola Puiatti, Rosina Gigliotti, Lorna Green,  
Rina Favotto, Geoffery Manche,

**Recently Deceased**

**And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time :**  
Innocenzo Panebianco, Pasqualina Garzaniti,  
Gabriele Chiavaroli,  
Santa Reitano, Dominic Napoletano,  
Giuseppe Castagnella, Filippa Crisafulli

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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)

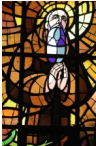
**Baptisms:** Parish Office 9604 1199  
1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month during the  
10.30am Mass at St Benedict’s Church; &  
Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict’s

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

**Sick Calls:** 9604 1199  
Any Time

**Pope’s Intention: SEPTEMBER**  
**The Protection of the Oceans**  
That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world’s seas and oceans.

**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**  
**Scandal at the dinner table**  
*The accusation that Jesus eats with sinners would have been considered incredibly insulting and defamatory. In that time, dining was as much a political act as it was a social one. Breaking bread together had incredible significance. To break bread or share a meal with someone was to acknowledge them as a person and to in some way become one with them. So to eat with sinners was to also become one with them – to become a sinner yourself. For Jesus to deliberately seek out opportunities to dine with sinners was scandalous behaviour. It challenged one of the basic social principles.*

**Church Cleaners**  
*Weekending 21 September*  
*Group A Ediths Group*