

29th Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON    Cf. Ps 16:6,8

*To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

FIRST READING    Ex 17:8-13

*A reading from the book of Exodus*  
The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM    Ps 120. R. v.2

*(R) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*  

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. (R)

2. May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. (R)

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. (R)

4. The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. (R)

SECOND READING      2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy*  
You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully

equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION    Heb 4:12

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL                    Lk 18:1-8

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*  
Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.'" And the Lord said, "You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON    Cf. Ps 32:18-19

*Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.*

Next Week: 30th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
Readings:    Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

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St Benedict's Church

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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

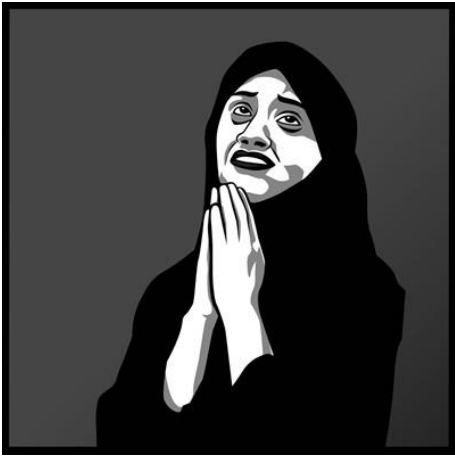
First Friday of the Month:  
from 6.30am

First Saturday of the Month:  
7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:  
Tuesdays after Mass

29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

20 October, 2019



We welcome the following  
Alena ROMANO, Athena PANUCCIO,  
Xavier NUGENT  
Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish  
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  
Elilba Morelli, Gloria O'Brien, Giuseppa Garozzo,  
Grace Saliba, Nancy Maklouf, Philomena Greenwood,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time :  
Enrico Muoio, Agostino Santucci,  
Achille Pavone (Frank), Immacolata Carioti,  
Antoniette Colaiacolo, Dominic Lagudi,  
Pasquale Beraradinelli, Vita Blanda

PARISH INFORMATION

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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  
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)

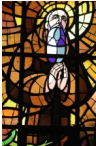
Sick Calls: 9604 1199  
Any Time

Pope's Intention: OCTOBER  
A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

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

Convincing God

Does this teaching about the need for continual prayer mean that God needs to be convinced of our cause? Does a one-off prayer not get heard? Is God swayed by the force of numbers? Can the prayers of ten people carry more weight than the prayers of one? All these questions miss the point of the parable. It is not God who needs our prayers, but we who have to recognise, through prayer, our need for God's mercy and gracious love. The constancy of prayer is not to convince God but to remind ourselves of our dependence upon God.

Church Cleaners

Weekending 26 October  
Group A ~ Edith's Group



### Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 13/10/2019

**1<sup>st</sup> 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments:** \$

**Loose Money:** \$

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

Feast ~ Monday 28 October ~ Sts Simon & Jude,  
apostles

Friday 1st November ~ Solemnity ~ All Saints

**Masses:** 7am St Therese's  
9.30am (School Mass) & 7pm St Benedict's

Saturday 2nd November

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All  
Souls' Day

**Masses:** 8am St Therese's & 10.30am St Benedict's

### Visitation of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima & Icon of Our Lady of Jasna Góra

Each Wednesdays (8.30pm after Holy Hour) the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima together with the icon of the Black Madonna will visit the homes of our parishioners for reflection and prayer. It will remain in your home for one week i.e. Wednesday to Wednesday.

If you are interested in taking the statue and icon home, there is a schedule at the back of St Benedict's where you can nominate the week you wish to place them in your home.

### Rosary during month of October

Continues each week night at 7pm St Therese's Church and at 8.50am in St Benedict's (before Mass).

### Rosary Procession ~ Saturday 26 October

Rosary and Procession after the 6pm Mass at St Benedict's. This concludes the dedication of the Holy Rosary for the month of October. Everyone Welcome!

### Parish Council Nominations

Parish Council nominations will start from this weekend and continue until mid November. Nominations Forms are available from the Church Foyer.

### November Masses

During the Month of November we pray for all our deceased relatives and friends. During this month a total of 30 Masses will be collectively offered for the intentions of the deceased at both St. Benedict's Shrine and St. Therese's Church.

(On Sundays the Mass will be at 10.30am at St. Benedict's Shrine and 9am at St. Therese's Church as well as the daily Masses during the month.)

A Book of Remembrance will be available in both churches if you wish to include the names of your deceased loved ones in these collective Masses offered for the deceased during the month of November

† November Mass Envelopes are available from the church foyers.

### Altar Servers Meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 22 October 4:30 - 5.15pm

### Men's Rosary Group ~ 24th October 7pm At Fairfield West (this month only as you will join parishioners saying the October Rosary)

### Children's Mass with Blessing of Pets

~ Sunday 27 October ~  
10.30am Mass

to be held on the grass area  
behind the Montefano Hall.

Bring your creatures, great and small to this Mass.  
Everyone Welcome!

### SACRAMENT NEWS:

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2020 enrolments will take place on 2/3 Nov and 9/10 Nov at Parish Masses. Enrolment forms are available from the church foyer, parish website and will be distributed through the schools.

For all enquires please contact Helena (Tues/Wed)  
- [sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au) or 9725 4317

### ~ Wedding Anniversary Blessing ~

**Sunday 10 November ~ at the 10:30am Mass**

All Married couples celebrating a Wedding Anniversary during the month of October are invited to attend and receive a Blessing.

### YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS

Monday 11 November at 7.30pm Group 1

(Second Monday of the Month)

Monday 28 October at 7.30pm Group 2

(last Monday of the Month)

### Widows & Widowers GROUP MEETING ~ F/ WEST CHURCH & HALL Friday 8th November

10:00am: Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church  
10:30am: Coffee, tea, a chat and line dancing for beginners in the hall

**PARISH BBQ** Saturday 16 November after the 6pm Mass  
Feast of St Gertrude.

### Smithfield YOUTH MASS

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

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

*All Youth Welcome*

### Prayer for Rain

Prayers are available at the back of the church.  
Please take one home and pray this daily.

(Part of the pastoral message) Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green Bishop of Wilcannia - Forbes

Thank you to our two financial donors of new storage in the Montefano Hall: one who wishes to remain anonymous & the other is Maria Zappia

### 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.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

### \*BINGO # TOMBOLA\*

Hosted by FCI (ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION)  
Il primo e Terzo Venerdi' del Mese, 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October  
Con caffè' / Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo ,  
nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West dalle 10 am – 1 pm.

Per informazioni Telefonare

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\* God Bless Cristo Regni. \*

### Pope Francis has canonised five new saints last week:

† **CARDINAL HENRY NEWMAN:**

*from Anglican priest to Catholic Cardinal*

† **MOTHER MARIAM THRESIA MANKIDIYAN:**

*from silent mystic to apostle of the family*

† **GIUSEPPINA VANNINI:**

*from being an orphan to caring for the sick.*

† **MARGUERITE BAYS:**

*from everyday service to carrying the stigmata*

† **DULCE LOPES PONTES:**

*from serving the sick to Nobel nominee*

\* *Vatican News*

### 21st CHARITY NIGHT

**October 26th 2019 from 6.30pm to 11.30pm.**

**All Saints Parish Hall at Liverpool (entrance from Elizabeth St)**

Dinner at 7pm with variety of food (BYO Drinks)  
with the accordionist virtuoso Ross Maio and  
unbelievable/unforgettable Elvis!

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Donations: \$100 per adult, \$50 student \$10 child

In partnership with Catholic Mission donations over \$2 can be  
tax deductible. *Please see Poster for more details*

### The Maltese Cultural Association of NSW

Invites all members of the community to attend our Annual Memorial Mass for our deceased members. You may bring friends who wish to commemorate their loved ones with this Mass to be held at **Our Lady Queen of Peace Greystanes, on 8 November at 7pm.** Refreshments will be served at St George Preca Centre afterwards. For more info. please ring Charles N Mifsud 9501 5525.

### Parish Secretary, Our Lady of the Rosary, Fairfield

is urgently inviting applications for the position of Parish Secretary. Full-time position (37.5 hours per week) Applications are only open for people who already have the required Visa to work in Australia. For more information and access to the Position Description visit: <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/parish-secretary-fairfield-nsw/>. For enquiries, contact Priscilla, Parish Operations Manager: 9724 5997 or 0490 099 551 or [priscilla@olrfairfield.org.au](mailto:priscilla@olrfairfield.org.au) Applications are to be submitted in writing, including a CV and cover letter, and close on 28 October 2019. Only successful applicants will be contacted.

### 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](mailto: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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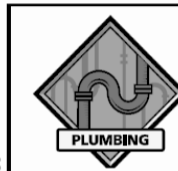
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