

30th Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 104:3-4

*Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.*

FIRST READING Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the
detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will
be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7

(R) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. (R)
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.
(R)

SECOND READING 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation,
and the time has come for me to be gone. I have
fought the good fight to the end; I have run the
race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is
to come now is the crown of righteousness
reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous
judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to
me but to all those who have longed for his
Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there
was not a single witness to support me. Every one
of them deserted me – may they not be held

accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and
gave me power, so that through me the whole
message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to
hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth.
The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on
me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom.
To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people
who prided themselves on being virtuous and
despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the
Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax
collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this
prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not
grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of
mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax
collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on
all I get." The tax collector stood some distance
away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven;
but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful
to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home
again at rights with God; the other did not. For
everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but
the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 19:6

*We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.*

Next Week: 31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

**Readings: Wis 11:22—12:2; 2 Thess 1:11—2:2;
Lk 19:1-10**

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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:

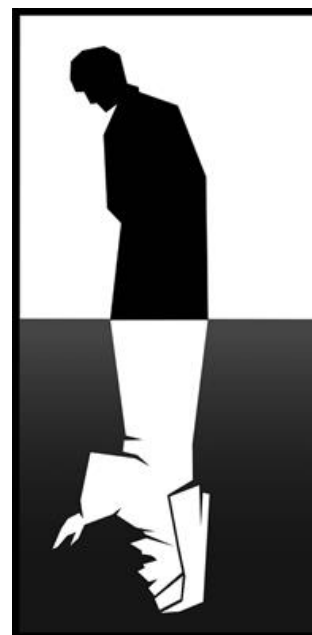
7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesdays after Mass

30th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

27 October, 2019



We pray for the sick of this parish

Fr Anthony David OSPPE,
Kevin Dicconson, Santina Pomili,
Adam Westwood, Emile & Mary Kody,
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

Eliba Morelli, Gloria O'Brien, Giuseppa Garozzo,
Grace Saliba, Nancy Maklout, 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,
Allanah Cassar,



PARISH INFORMATION

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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

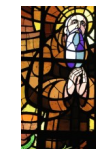
Any Time

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!*

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Competitive prayer!

*For the Pharisee, his prayer is a
competition. He prays aloud so that
others can hear him and be impressed.
Perhaps he thinks that God is as
impressed as those who look up to
him? His prayer is also an opportunity to
make himself look good at the expense
of another. Certainly, prayer is a time
to celebrate with God our triumphs
and successes, but above all it is an
opportunity to be truly honest with God
and with ourselves. The prayer of the tax
collector is the most honest of prayers.
This honesty is what is impressive; not
the competitive showing off.*

Church Cleaners

*Weekending 2 November
Group B ~ PPC/Teachers*

Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 20/10/2019

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 \$1531.80

2nd Collection Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$ 1880.80

Loose Money: \$982.85

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

Children's Mass with Blessing of Pets

this Sunday 27 October 10.30am Mass

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

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

Feast ~ 16 November ~ St Gertrude

We will celebrate this feast with
Bishop Peter Ingham at the Sunday 10.30am Mass on **17 November**

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.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF)

Third collection All Masses next weekend 2/3 November
ALL DONATIONS OF \$2 AND OVER ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.
Details on envelope must be filled out if you wish to receive a tax receipt. Thank you for your support.

In the coming weeks, your parish will be asked to play an important role in supporting an important initiative of the Sydney Archdiocese: The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal, our premier charity. Let us show our Christian solidarity for one another by sharing what we can with our neighbours. Thank you.

New Members for Parish Council are needed!!

Parish Council Nominations Forms are available from the Church Foyer. Elections are to take place on 17 November

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.

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 or 9725 4317

Altar Servers Meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 5 November 4:30 - 5.15pm

~ 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.

Men's Rosary Group Meeting ~ 7pm on Thursday 14 November at St Benedict's

ATTENTION!!

~ All Acolytes & Extraordinary Ministers ~

* A compulsory training is scheduled for Thursday 21 November at 7pm

* Renew their mission on the Feast of Christ of King Sunday 24 November at the 10.30am Mass

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

Catholic Bishops of Australia Announce National Prayer Campaign for Drought

This is to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

Prayer for Rain prayers are available at the back of the church. Please take one home and pray this daily.

*** Parish Working Bee ~ Scheduled for 30th November to prepare our Churches for Christmas.**

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.

Fairfield Active Maltese Seniors

St Theresa's Church Hall Cnr The Blvrde & Stella St

Fairfield Heights. **Tues 29 Oct @ 10.00am**

Presentation from COTA **"NAVIGATING THE AGED CARE SYSTEM"**. All members & Parishioners welcome to attend. M/tea available. Contact: Marisa 0414 863 123

All Souls Day Mass 2019

Rookwood Catholic Cemetery, Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel Saturday, 2 November at 12pm

Liverpool Cemetery, Reflection Chapel Saturday, 2 November at 10.30am

Kemps Creek Cemetery, The Pavilion Sunday, 3 November at 2.30pm

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

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 Applications close on 28 October 2019. Only successful applicants will be contacted.

Young Adults (aged 20-35 yrs.) Our Lady of the Rosary SALSA FIESTA (Salsa class led by International Dancers)
Saturday 23 November 7pm - 10pm Parish Hall 2 Weston Street, Fairfield Early Bird Price: \$15, from 1 Nov \$20 (Includes Dance lesson & Food) Register online via Facebook by Monday 18 Nov
For more information check out the **Facebook event page:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/1234641193375478/>
All tickets must be bought ONLINE via Eventbrite

The Journey to AUTHENTIC MANHOOD
How can parents raise boys to become authentic men in today's world? Come listen to Robert Falzon who is a husband, father, businessman, co-founder of Menalive and published author.
Monday 11 November 6pm - 8pm FREE ENTRY
Patrician Brother's College Fairfield.
Please RSVP via
GOOGLE FORM <https://bit.ly/2Vsu6yv> by 6/11/19.
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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