

33rd Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Jer 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING Mal 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

- Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)
- Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. (R.)
- For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

SECOND READING 2 Thes 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 72:28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

Next Week: Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

Readings: 2 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

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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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17 November, 2019



We welcome the following

Arianna DeBattista, Mason Ortiz., Adrienne Barrera,
Lorenzo Barillaro
Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish

Fr Anthony David OSPPE,
Kevin Dicconson, 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

Santina Pomili, Rosario Violi Maria Szady,
Gaetana Catania, Eliba Morelli, Gloria O'Brien,
Giuseppa Garozzo, Grace Saliba, Nancy Makloun

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur
at this time :

Antonio Mamnone, Carmela Stivala,
Betty Stepkovitch, Yole Costa,
Allanah Cassar Falappi.



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

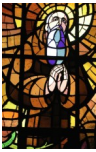
Any Time

Pope's Intention: NOVEMBER
Dialogue and Reconciliation in the
Near East

That a spirit of dialogue,
encounter, and reconciliation
emerge in the Near East, where
diverse religious communities share
their lives together.

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!

SCRIPTURAL
CONTEXT

Apocalyptic writing

Hollywood has done very well out of movies about the end of the world and the term 'apocalypse' has come to have this meaning. However, 'apocalypse' comes from the Greek word meaning, 'to lift a veil' or 'to reveal'. The apocalypse is not the end of the world, but rather the revelation that will come at the end of the world. Writings such as today's gospel passage about what will happen at the end of the world and how God will be revealed are described in the Christian tradition as 'apocalyptic writing'. The most famous of these writings is the book of Revelation.

Church Cleaners

Weekending 23 November
Group E—Neocatechumenal

Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 10/11/2019

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 \$1,492.60

2nd Collection Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$1,627.40

Loose Money: \$873.15

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

16/17 November

Parish Feast Day of St Gertrude's

We will celebrate this feast at each Mass on the weekend of the 16th & 17 November

PARISH BBQ Saturday 16 November after the 6pm Mass

Main celebration will be held on **Sunday 17 November at the 10.30am Mass with Bishop Peter Ingham**

Thursday 21 November ~ Memorial
Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 22 November ~ Memorial
St Cecilia (Music Patron), virgin, martyr

Sunday 24th November ~ Solemnity
Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

New Members for Parish Council

Parish Council Nominations Forms are available from the Church Foyer. *Nominations closing this weekend.*

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.)

† November Mass Envelopes are available from the church foyers.

Walk with Christ

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.

Book of Intentions

You can write your prayers of petition, especially those who are sick, housebound, in need, grieving or lonely. These will be placed near the altar.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS:

For all enquiries regarding the Sacramental Program for children, please contact the Sacramental Office on 9725 4317 (Tues/Wed) or email sacraments@stgertrude.org.au.

Altar Servers Meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 19 November 4:30 - 5.15pm

Parish Volunteers Thanksgiving Celebrations on
Wednesday 4 December 2019.



In appreciation for all the dedication and contributions to our Parish of St Gertrude's, all Parish Volunteers are invited to attend
Thanksgiving Mass

7:00 pm on Wednesday 4 December 2019
followed by celebrations in the Montefano Hall

For catering purposes please RSVP by 30 November
by placing your name on
RSVP Sheet located in the Church foyer.

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hampers

Listed below are the items that our parishioners have been asked to donate towards the 2019 St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hampers. This is a joint venture with our St Gertrude's Catholic Primary School being co-ordinated by our Family Educator, Mrs Alida Bila. Donations can be left at the Parish Office:

Jar of cream cheese long life, packets of macaroni, instant mashed potatoes, Pancake mix, Jar of pasta sauce, toilet paper, 2Lt custard long life, tins of fruit beetroot, etc

~ Wedding Anniversary Blessing ~

Sunday 8 December ~ 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 9 December at 7.30pm Group 1

(Second Monday of the Month)

Monday 25 November at 7.30pm Group 2

(last Monday of the Month)

Widows & Widowers GROUP MEETING ~ F/ WEST CHURCH & HALL

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

ATTENTION!!

~ All Acolytes & Extraordinary Ministers ~

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

* Renewal of your mission on the Feast of Christ of King
Sunday **23 & 24 November at ALL MASSES**

* Parish Working Bee ~ 30th November

to prepare our Churches for Christmas. Please mark this date in your calendar!

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

The schedule for this year is now full. A new list will be available beginning of next year.

La FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA S/Field

* **BUS TRIP TO ORANGE (CHERRY PICKING)** 7 Dicembre.

Prezzo \$35 . adulti \$25. Bambini meno 12 anni.

***Pranzo di NATALE Venerdì' il 13 di Dicembre 12pm to 5pm**

Prezzo \$30. A persona. Pranzo 3 piazze ,musica con **Lucio**

Molto Grazie. Tony Coiera 0409 908 424

Gina Morosin 0417 203 908

Safeguarding

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney have introduced new requirements for volunteers 18yrs and over. All volunteers must sign a **Volunteer Acceptance Form, a Code of Conduct for Working with Children** and complete a **Safeguarding Induction Training Course**. The **ONLINE Induction Training Course** is available to new parish volunteers. Please register by following this link:-

<https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfho1>.

Additionally, some new volunteers are also required to attend an interview. These include * Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Children's Liturgy, Catechists, Collectors, Acolytes etc.

Thank your for your co-operation. Any concerns please contact psso@stgertrude.org.au. or the Parish Office office@stgertrude.org.au

Annual Lourdes Day Mass 7 December 2019

The Annual Lourdes Day Mass of the Order of Malta will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Fisher and the Chaplains of the Order on Saturday 7 December at 10am in St Mary's Cathedral.

This is a very special event in our calendar, to offer Charism to the sick, the elderly and frail. There will be a Blessing from the Archbishop and Chaplains, and vials of Lourdes water will be distributed.

A reserved area for those in wheelchairs or needing assistance is set aside and access to the Cathedral for wheelchairs is from St. Mary's Rd. Family and friends are welcome.

Parking for the general congregation is in the Enacon Car Park adjacent, at the end of Cathedral St. For any enquiries or should you need assistance please contact the Order at: info@smom.org.au; macolmi@bigpond.net.au or phone 9331 8477.

Reflection day for Women - Preparing our Hearts for Advent, 23 November

At: Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality centre, Mulgoa, Family Hall
\$25 includes morning and afternoon tea - BYO lunch
RSVP by 20th November to infor@schoenstatt.org.au or 02 4773 8338

The Maltese Welfare is organising a seminar on how to avoid being SCAMMED on social media, phone calls, messages and emails. The Scammers target in particular the elderly in our community. It's important to know how to deal with this situation.

Speaker: Detective Senior Constable Shawn Schussler.

When: Wednesday 27 November 2019 at 7pm.

Where: Dun George Preca Hall, OLQP Church, Greystanes. Free entry. All Welcome.

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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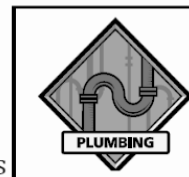
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