### 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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### Do vou need help finding help in Fairfield?

Counselling, Relationships, Parenting. Ageing. Disabilities. Addictions. Mental Health.

Meet with the community care worker at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield.





### \*\*\*\* FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA\*\*\*\*

Annuncia le Attivita' del Mese di Marzo 2020

### \*TESSERAMENTO Rinnuovo.

La ceremonia dei Membri Verra' Celebrata Domenica 22 Marzo durante La Santa Messa Italiana 8am. Tutti siete Benvenuti, Seguito con rinfresco Nella sala Montefano.

\*TOMBOLA Primo e Terzo Venerdi'. Il 6 e 20 di Marzo Con Caffe', Dolci e Panini per Pranzo, Nella sala di Santa Teresa. Dalle 10.00 am -- 1.00 pm.

\*RIUNIONE IMPORTANTE dei Membri Matedi' 10 Marzo Nella sala di St.Teresa Fairfield Hts.

Per informazione Ph. Tony Coiera 0409 908 424.

### **Three Day Weekend**

You are invited to a 3 day Cursillo Weekend at Hartzar Park Bowral from 7pm Thursday 14th May till 5pm Sunday 17th May.

Brochures available in vestibule of Church or

Contact: Denise D'Amore 0438 254 139

See Poster for more details.



### **Advertising Space Available - Beginning New Financial Year**

Quarterly (No Easter Ads): \$330 Half Year (26 Weeks - No Easter Ads): \$550 Annually (No Easter Ads): \$990

 10% discount for parishioners who are actively donating via the St Gertrude's Fund.

# 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); 6pm (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

### **FOURTH SUNDAY in LENT**

### 22 March, 2020



### Congratulations to

Chantelle Pardey & Matthew Symons Married in our Parish

May God confirm them in their love.

### We pray for the sick of this parish

Charbel Kassas, 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

Domenica Ponzo, Francesco Bruzzano, Lorraine Mock, Lesley Spagnol, George Ebejer, Aldo De Gasperi, Peter Capolupo, Maria Sciglitano. Vincenzo Valatutti. Josephine Fanale

Recently Deceased

#### And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time '

Francisco Astroza, Luciano Zadro, Ferruccio Carniato, & Pietro Di Donato



### PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Office:

6 Justin St. Smithfield Tuesday-Friday 10am - 2pm Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585 Email: office@stgertrude.org.au Website: www.stgertrude.org.au

### Parish Council:

Denise Namroud

### Finance Committee:

Tan Do

Andrew Maia: Work Health & Safety

**Catechists:** 9725 4317

Mimi Romeo: catechist@stgertrude.org.au

Sacraments: 9725 4317 Helena Mertin

sacraments@stgertrude.org.au Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

**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 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: March **Prayer intention for** evangelisation—Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

### Altar Server's Meeting:

Second & Fourth Tuesday's of the Month 4.30-5.15pm St Benedict's Church

### **Youth Group ~ Music** Rehearsals

Group 1 Second Monday of the Month Group 2: Last Monday of the Month.

### St Gertrude's Parish Playgroup

Thursdays between 9.30am - 11.30am In Montefano Hall during renovations. Contact: Parish Office

### **Youth Mass**

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month at the 6pm Mass Youth Program is held on the 3rd Sunday 7pm—8pm in the Montefano Hall

### **Wedding Anniversary** Blessings

10:30am Mass every 2nd Sunday of the Month.

# **Men's Rosary Group**

4th Thursday of the Month St Benedict's Church

**Parish BBQ** 

Second Saturday of the Month

### Church Cleaners

Weekending 28 March Group C ~ Warren Wilson & **Family** 

### **FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Cf. Is 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING

1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 22 R. v.1

### (R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

- The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
- He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)
- You have prepared a banquet for me In the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil: my cup is overflowing. (R.)
- Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

#### SECOND READING Eph 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Jn 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

Jn 8:12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight

restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ** 

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Jn 9:11,38

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

Next Week: 5th Sunday in Lent

Readings: Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

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#### Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 15/03/2020

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 \$1,448.50

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$1,430.00 Loose Money: \$794.10 Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

### Solemnities

Wednesday 25 March ~ The Annunciation of the Lord

### Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you. Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do no disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the increased spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), there are some basic precautions we can take to minimise infections. These are in accordance with a statement made by Australian Catholic Bishop Conference. The first is obviously that if you are sick or think you are infectious you should stay home until you have recovered. In order to minimise the risk of transmission for those who attend Mass:

- No indoor Mass or Church event should be conducted with more than 100 attendees:
- we have removed the Holy Water from the stoops you can still make the sign of the cross as you enter the church.
- We also urge you to avoid handshakes at the sign of peace a simple verbal greeting is sufficient; nod of head or wave.
- During the reception of Holy Communion, we ask that you only receive the Blessed Sacrament in the hand and not on the tongue.
- It is essential to practice prevention etiquette keep away from people who are ill, cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing, wash and sanitise hands often and thoroughly.

Thank you for your understanding!

### **Fairfield Active Maltese Seniors Group**

Following advice from the Federal & NSW Health concerning the Corona Virus Pandemic all MCC Seniors Groups Meetings & Bus Trips have been cancelled until further

Members will be kept advised when it is declared safe to resume. Contact: Marisa 0414 863 123 (Welfare Service MCC)

Please NO Chewing Gum in Church at any time. Thank you!

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/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1.

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 you for your co-operation. Any concerns please

Please Note: The Spanish Mass has been cancelled from this weekend, including the Easter Services.

The Syriac Mass has also been postposed until further notice. All other Parish Masses are continuing at this point in time however with a limit of 100 people.

A simultaneous Mass would be held in the Montefano Hall, for English speaking Masses at Smithfield if the amount of people attending Mass exceeds 100. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding at this difficult time. Further changes can be expected if the situation changes.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME NEWS!

First Holy Communion 2020

- Please check your email for update issued last week.
- Families will be advised via email about First Holy Communion classes after Easter.

### Confirmation 2020

Children in Year 6 and above who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, may be eligible to enrol in the Confirmation Programme.

Enrolment forms can also be obtained from the church foyers and Parish Website http://www.stgertrude.org.au/sacramental-program/

In light of current events, enrolments will be accepted in the following ways:

- Via email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au, by 29/03/20. Please scan or take a photo of the enrolment form.
- In person on Wednesday 01/04/20 from 10am to 4:30 pm (Please email/call to make an appointment).

Please note: The Sacramental Programme dates/times may be subject to change.

The Sacramental Office will be closed on Tues 24/3 and Wed 25/3.

For all enquiries, please contact the Sacramental Office. Email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or phone 9725 4327.

### \* STATIONS OF THE CROSS Every Friday during Lent

+ St Benedict's Church, Smithfield: at 7pm + St Therese's Church: after the 7am Mass & 7pm in Italian.

• **LENTEN GROUPS** Tuesdays after the 9:15am Mass & Thursdays at 7pm in the Parish Office.

### **PROJECT COMPASSION**

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 Visit www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

**CHOCOLATE LAMBS** ~ Milk & White Chocolate \$8 EACH

> Annual Family Day at Penrose Park Saturday 18th April

Guest Speakers Paul Elarde & his wife Juliana who was miraculously healed at Lourdes. Everyone Welcome

Please see Poster for more details.