

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 till 7.30pm; 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; 112 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:

From 6.30am

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesdays after Mass

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5 April 2020



We pray for the sick of the 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.*

We 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

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

Work Health & Safety: Andrew Maia

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

1st Sunday of month during the 10.30am

Mass at St Benedict's Church; and 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

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

Universal prayer

intention - Freedom from

Addiction

We pray that those
suffering from addiction
may be helped and
accompanied.

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. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

Church Cleaners:

No rostered cleaners during this time.

Spiritual Communion

Catholics are encouraged to make a 'spiritual communion'. St. John Paul II writes that "it is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist. This was the origin of the practice of 'spiritual communion', which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life. Saint Teresa of Jesus wrote: 'When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you.'" (Ecclesia Eucharistia, no. 34)

How do I make a Spiritual Communion?

Below are recommendations for how to make a 'spiritual communion' when unable to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The recommendations can be adapted based upon personal and family needs.

- Gather with others in your household and begin a time of prayer with the sign of the cross.
- Take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Mass
- Share prayer intentions quietly or aloud.
- Pray the Lord's Prayer.
- Pray the Act of Spiritual Communion (see below).
- Close with the sign of the cross

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. (Pause for a moment in silence and adoration). I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Parish Donations

As our Parish and the Priests rely on the generosity of our Parishioners, not having Sunday Mass will place a very heavy burden on our Parish. I also understand that many of our Parishioners may have found themselves affected by loss of jobs in so many vital industries. If it is at all possible for you to continue to contribute to our Parish it would be greatly appreciated. We all anticipate the day we can celebrate physically together once more around the Lord's Table. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God Bless.

First Collection

Account Name: Smithfield House – Order of St Paul the First Hermit
BSB 066711 Acct. No. 007392

Second Collection

Account Name: Smithfield Catholic Church
BSB: 062784 Acct. No. 6675001

Thank you Mark Malone from integrity Funerals for your generous donation of Paschal Candles for both our churches.

Channel 7 to broadcast Easter Services from St Mary's Cathedral

We are very pleased to announce that Channel 7 will broadcast the Lord's Passion on Good Friday (10 April) at 3pm and the Easter Sunday Mass (12 April) at 10:30am live from St Mary's Cathedral. At a time when Catholic churches across Australia are closed during the COVID-19 pandemic, this is a wonderful opportunity for people across all ages and no matter where they live to participate in the Mass at the holiest time in our Church's year. Please share this exciting news with your parishioners.

Archbishop Fisher's latest Pastoral Letter on COVID-19

The letter contains important information on the livestreaming and simplification of Holy Week services as well as updates to ensure that our pastoral care and support for the faithful is greater still during this time of pandemic. Read the full letter on the COVID-19 website <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/>

Frequently Asked Questions on COVID-19

To help parishioners with any questions they may have around COVID-19 and its impact on sacraments such as weddings, baptisms and funerals, you may find the FAQs page on the Archdiocese of Sydney website <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/>

Live streaming of Parish Masses

The Archdiocese of Sydney is regularly updating its website and social media platforms with the latest information on parishes that are offering their Masses online for parishioners to watch. Please contact Michael Kenny via email to share any of these updates that can be posted online-
Email: michael.kenny@sydneycatholic.org

The Catholic Weekly has temporarily transitioned to a digital presence only due to the government's decision to close all Churches during the COVID-19 pandemic.

While it has brought challenges, I am pleased to inform you that we have adapted extremely well and are continuing to produce the paper in a **digital form** making it available to everyone online at www.catholicweekly.com.au

Catholic Care Volunteer Program

The Archdiocese of Sydney is working alongside our social welfare agency Catholic Care to roll out a volunteer program to help the needy access groceries, cooked meals, medicines and other necessities at this difficult time. You are asked to nominate a volunteer coordinator (not your Parish Priest or parish secretary) and 5-10 people in your parish who are young and healthy enough to carry out these visits to the needy. Please provide their contact details to Laura Rahill at laura.rahill@sydneycatholic.org



Mark Malone J.P.
Director

67B Brenan Street, Smithfield NSW 2164
Ph: (02) 9727 0400 Fax: (02) 9727 0800 Mob: 0404 718 528
www.integrityfuneralsnsw.com.au



Adriano Coluccio Funerals is a family owned business and offers professional and affordable funeral services.

Dedicated to helping families in the most difficult time of their lives.

Our professional and caring staff are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

(02) 9604 9604

Office: Shop 1, 639 The Horsley Drive, Smithfield
Chapel: 10 Jane Street, Blacktown

Professional, Experienced, and Compassionate Funeral Directors

www.acolucciofs.com

Always With You

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.

Advertising Space Available – Beginning New Financial Year

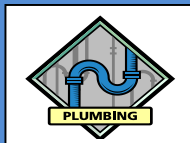
Quarterly (No Easter Ads): \$330 Half Year (26 Weeks – No Easter Ads): \$550 Annually (No Easter Ads): \$990 10% discount for parishioners who are actively donating via the St Gertrude's Fund.

Contact Parish Office – 9604 1199
Tuesday—Friday 10am—2 pm

LICENSED PLUMBER DRAINER GASFITTER

GAS AND ELECTRIC
LEAKING TAPS
NEW GAS SERVICE
BLOCKED DRAINS
SEWER RENEWALS
CLEANING GUTTERS
RAINWATER TANKS

ESTABLISHED SINCE 1980



HOT WATER HEATERS
LEAKING TOILETS
GAS LEAKS
BURST PIPES
GUTTERING
ROOF VENTILATION
WATER SAVING DEVICES

E. MAGRI PLUMBING SERVICES P/L

STEPHEN MAGRI Mobile: **0412 926 185**

Licence No L 11703

ABN 83 111 970 024

e.magriplumbing@bigpond.com Ph/Fax: (02) 9625 3353

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.

Contact Parish Office – 9604 1199
Tuesday—Friday 10am –



TRAZTAND Pty.Ltd

WESTFIELD

AUTO BODY REPAIRS

ABN 65 002 201 961 - Lic. MVRL45341

www.westfieldsmash.com.au

email: rm@westfieldsmash.com.au

FRANK SPAGNOLO

Ph: (02) 9726 8866

Fax: (02) 9726 2381

Mob: 0412 305 506

20 - 22 Tangerine Street

Fairfield NSW 2165

P.O. Box 206 Villawood, NSW 2163

24 Hr Towing **9757 2666**

—smash repaireer for all major leading insurances

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.

Contact Parish Office – 9604 1199
Tuesday—Friday 10am—2pm