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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

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.

Do you own a business? We would love to help you by letting everyone know. If you would like to advertise your business in our Weekly Bulletin, Please contact the Parish Office on 9604 1199. Limited spaces available. Low and flexible rates apply.

Advertising Space Available - Beginning New Financial Year

Quarterly (No Easter Ads): \$330
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ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

St Benedict's Church

Corner Justin & Neville Street
SMITHFIELD

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm;
7.30am (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 Strohmayr 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); 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

PARISH INFORMATION

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Liturgy:

9725 4317 Anna Kleibert
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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

Other:

FCI (Italian Catholic Federation)
Tony Coiera 0409 908 424

The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (Corpus Christi)

14 June 2020



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

We remember in your prayers

Joseph Ruggier, Elisabetta Meduri,
Francesco Tosello, Teresina Bordin.
Jill Wilson, Giuseppe Bruscinio,
Giuseppa Portolesi

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Nola Tierney, Lucia Crema, Mariga Basic,
Martin Sartor, George Sledge, Giusseppe Sinicropi,
Mario Licciardello, Tommaso Caruso &
Richard Soulie

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

Intention for JUNE

The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

~ Solemnities ~

Friday 19th June

The Most Sacred Heart of
Jesus

Saturday 20 June

The Immaculate Heart of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

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.

The Parish does not imply any endorsement for advertisements listed in this bulletin.

The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 80:17*

*He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.*

FIRST READING Dt 8:2-3. 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12*

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. **(R.)**
2. He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. **(R.)**
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *1 Cor 10:16-17*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sequence

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Jn 6:51-52*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Jn 6:51-58*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 6:57

*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.*

Next Week: 12th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

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Timetable - Masses

All Mass Times are now same as before Covid-19 and as shown on front page of bulletin **with the exception of the Italian Mass which has changed from 8am to 7.30am Sunday.**

Weekday Mass Timetable

As restrictions gradually ease, places of worship are allowed 50 worshippers as long as social distancing can be maintained. As such, St. Therese church has a capacity of 40 worshippers only and St. Benedict's 50. For those wishing to attend weekday Mass we will return to our usual weekday timetable from last week. **There is no need to book for weekday Mass.** However, some who normally attend St. Therese at 7:00am may want to consider attending St. Benedict's 9:15am to evenly spread the number of worshippers. It is still advisable to book Mass on Sunday and preference will be given to those who have booked using the Parish Mobile number **0491 185 681.**

Ordination to Priesthood: Br. Dcn. Kazimierz Zielinski 13th June 2020.

On Saturday 13th June, at Jasna Gora in Poland, Br. Dcn. Kazimierz Zielinski was ordained to the Presbyterate. Fr. Kaziemierz was to be ordained in August in Australia, but due to the closure of borders during the current Coronavirus Pandemic and his continuing studies in Rome this was not possible and instead he was ordained at Jasna Gora. On his return to Australia sometime in the future, there will be an opportunity for all of us to celebrate as a Province. As a Parish we send our prayers and congratulations to Fr. Kazimierz and entrust his vocation to the loving arms of our Blessed Mother.

Fr. Jarek Zan – Anniversary of Ordination 13th June

The Parish wishes to extend to our Parish Priest, Fr. Jarek Zan, our heartfelt prayers and best wishes as he celebrates the **28th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood.** We would like to extend to Fr. Jarek our thanks, particularly during these difficult times, for courageously leading us and for ensuring that our spiritual lives have been kept nourished. May our Blessed Mother always hold you close and may our Triune God keep you inspired in your priestly ministry.

Daily Rosary Groups

During the current Pandemic a number of small "virtual" rosary groups were established to pray the rosary daily and to retain a sense of community. We ask all those Parishioners to continue to pray together every day and as our Parish is in the process of gradual re-opening, we hope that in the near future we will be able to offer a regular monthly celebration with Mass and devotion to Our Lady. Thank you to all our Parishioners who love so deeply the Holy Rosary devotion.

Church use during COVID-19.

Please take note that during the current Pandemic situation if a family has chosen a priest from outside the Smithfield Parish to preside at a wedding or funeral or other religious service, then it is a requirement that the family arrange for the church to be cleaned and sanitised. The Parish will only take responsibility for Parish events with our priests.

Parish Donations

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.
God Bless.

First Collection (Priests)

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

Second Collection (Parish) Account Name: Smithfield Catholic Church
BSB: 062784 Acct. No. 6675001

Parish Devotions

A reminder that as we gradually come back a sense of normality that we will return to our usual timetable of devotions.

Communal Rosary Thursday after 7am Mass
Weekday before 9.15am

Divine Mercy Chaplet Tuesday after 7am Mass
Friday after 9.15am Mass with Exposition.

Novena to St. Benedict Wednesday after 7pm Mass
Reconciliation/confession Saturday 4.45-5.45pm
Wednesday 7.30pm
(during Novena to St. Benedict)

You are most welcome to come and to pray.

Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

This year the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is on **Friday 19th June.** Mass will be celebrated at 7am St. Therese and 9.15am St. Benedict's Shrine. The devotion is especially concerned with what the Church deems to be the long-suffering love and compassion of the heart of Christ towards humanity. The modern devotion to the Sacred Heart is derived from a Roman Catholic nun from France, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, who said she learned the devotion from Jesus during a series of apparitions to her between 1673 and 1675. Saint Gertrude the Great was an early devotee of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Book 2 of the *Herald of Divine Love* vividly describes St. Gertrude's visions, which show a considerable elaboration on the hitherto ill-defined veneration of Christ's heart. The Solemnity is traditionally celebrated the first Friday after Corpus Christi.

Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Memorial of the Immaculate Heart will be celebrated on **Saturday 20th June.** Mass will be celebrated at 8am at St. Therese's church. This Memorial focuses on Mary's heart and is the an expressive symbol and the living reminder of our Blessed Mother: Mary's interior life, her joys and sorrows, her virtues and hidden perfections, and, above all, her virginal love for her God, her maternal love for her Divine Son, and her motherly and compassionate love for her sinful and miserable children here below. The history of the devotion to the Heart of Mary is connected on many points with that to the Heart of Jesus. The attention of Christians was early attracted by the love and virtues of the Heart of Mary. It is at the foot of the Cross that the Christian heart first made the acquaintance of the Heart of Mary. Simeon's prophecy paved the way and furnished the devotion with one of its favourite formulae and most popular representations: the heart pierced with a sword. But Mary was not merely passive at the foot of the Cross. St Augustine writes that Mary "cooperated through charity in the work of our redemption".

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.

**** The Safeguarding Office takes the safety and welfare of all clergy, employees and volunteers seriously so it is with great upset that the Safeguarding Office wishes to inform you that due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

situation, ALL Safeguarding Training will be postponed until the start of September 2020. Thank you for your co-operation. Any concerns please contact pssso@stgertrude.org.au. or the Parish Office .

St Gertrude's Parish, Smithfield

Gradual Re-Opening of Church Activities: Stage 1.5

As you will be aware by now the Government has announced some revised regulations in regards to places of worship. Under the new guidelines, 50 mourners are allowed at funeral. In addition, **religious gatherings and places of worship can have up to 50 worshippers** at any one time, as long as they maintain social distancing regulations. In line with these new regulations and on encouragement from Archbishop Anthony Fisher, in his *Sixth Pastoral Letter* we are proposing the following to come into effect on a **trial basis**, from **Weekend of 7th June, 2020** **at St. Gertrude's Parish:**

- **St. Benedict's Shrine Smithfield** will be **open for private prayer** weekdays from **9am – Noon** (except if a funeral is booked then precedence will be given to the Funeral Service) and from **4pm-7pm**. To accommodate this there will be volunteers who will remain in the church to ensure social distancing and hygiene protocols are followed. The pews that may be used will be clearly marked with a yellow X. We ask that you only use those places that are marked.
- **Confessions**

Wednesday	7:30pm.
Saturday	4:45pm to 5:45pm

Please note, that those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation are included in the 50 worshippers.

- **Mass times at St. Benedict's** will remain as they are at present:
 - Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri **9:15am**
 - Wed **7:00pm**
 - Saturday Vigil **6:00pm**
 - Sunday **7:30am** Italian
10:30am Mass streamed via Zoom
6:00pm
- **Mass times at St. Therese** Fairfield Heights
 - Mon – Fri **7:00am**
 - Saturday **8:00am**
 - Sunday **9:00am**

In accordance with Government guidelines, **each person who enters the church MUST give their name, telephone number and/or email address** (if they have one). There will be a sheet provided in the foyer of the church for this purpose. The information will be kept confidential and is purely for tracing purposes should anyone test positive for COVID 19. It is not necessary to book for weekday Mass, however, to ensure a place on the weekend please telephone or text the Parish Mobile 0491 185 681. Preference of places will be given to those who have pre-booked.

The Archbishop has continued the dispensation of Sunday Mass for those who are ill or unable to attend Mass.

It is important to note that, in line with recommendations from the Federal and State Governments and the Archdiocese that if you are an "at-risk" parishioner (those over 70 years of age, those with any symptoms, those with compromised immune or respiratory systems), are asked to consider carefully your health and safety when considering attending a Church Service. The Parish acknowledges that whilst we are allowed to have worshippers in the church this comes with some risk and we will make every effort to minimise the risk to all Parishioners, especially those identified as most vulnerable. However, there also needs to be some personal responsibility taken in this matter.

If you are unwell, we ask that you refrain from attending church at this time.

- **Baptism:** In line with Government and Church recommendations, baptisms may be celebrated in the church with a limit of 50 attendees. If you would like to have your child baptised, please contact the Parish Office.
- **Weddings:** The Government has allowed for 20 guests (not including the bride and groom and celebrant or essential workers) to attend a wedding. All other Government and Church regulations are still applicable for weddings, e.g. Pre-marriage course, completion of appropriate paperwork, etc. For bookings, please contact the Parish Office.

According to hygiene guidelines, the church will be cleaned regularly with commercial grade disinfectant detergent.

