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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
Half Year (26 Weeks - No Easter Ads): \$550
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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 & Fridays after 9.15am Mass with Exposition.



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);
9.00am; 12 noon (Spanish); 6pm (Arabic)

Weekday Masses:

Mon - Fri 7.00am; Saturday 8am
Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am

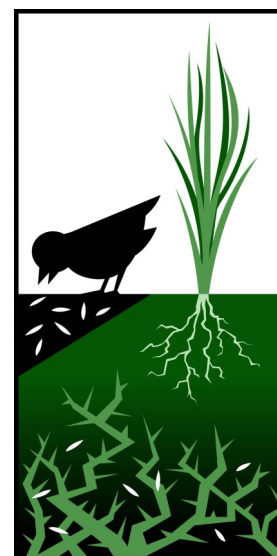
First Friday of the Month:
from 6.30am

First Saturday of the Month:
7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Tuesdays after Mass

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 July 2020



We pray for the sick of this parish

Giuseppina Pignataro, Charbel Kassas,
Fr Anthony David OSPPE,
Kevin Dicconson, 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

We remember in your prayers

Jeanne Jarkey, Eddie Rogers, Joseph Ruggier,
Elisabetta Meduri,
Francesco Tosello, Teresina Bordin,
Jill Wilson, Giuseppe Brusolino,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time
Santa Licciardello, Rina Favotto,



PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

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Website: www.stgertrude.org.au

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
& Friday (closed Wednesday)
10am - 2pm

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 Martin
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 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 HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER Intention for July

**Universal prayer intention—
Our Families**

We pray that today's families may
be accompanied with love, respect
and guidance.

Novena to St Benedict

Every Wednesday after the 7pm Mass
with Rosary & Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament.

Reconciliation is available during this
time.

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 our-
selves to you, Health of the Sick, who at
the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keep-
ing 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 con-
form 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:

* Rostered cleaners will now resume.
July 18—Group D (Grace & Pina)

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A	
ENTRANCE <i>Cf. Ps 16:15</i> As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.	GOSPEL <i>Mt 13:1-23</i> <i>A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew</i> Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.' The Gospel of the Lord All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ
FIRST READING <i>Is 55:10-11</i> <i>A reading from the prophet Isaiah</i> Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.' The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.	RESPONSORIAL PSALM <i>Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8</i> (R.) <i>The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.</i> 1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. (R.) 2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. (R.) 3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.) 4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat.
SECOND READING <i>Rom 8:18-23</i> <i>A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans</i> I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free. The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.	COMMUNION ANTIPHON <i>Cf. Ps 83:4-5</i> <i>The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.</i>
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. <i>Alleluia!</i>	<div> <div> Next Week: 16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Readings: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 </div> <div> © The scriptural quotations are taken from the Jerusalem Bible, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers. The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the Alleluia and Gospel Verses, and the Lenten Gospel Acclamations, and the Titles, Summaries, and Conclusion of the Readings, from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved. The prayers are from the English Translation of the Roman Missal © 2010 International Committee on English in the Liturgy Inc. (ICEL). All rights reserved. </div> </div>

Gradual Reopening.

It is good to see that we have been transitioning very well with the gradual reopening of our Parish. In keeping with recent government regulations and guidelines from the Archdiocese we are now permitted to have more people in our churches calculated ***in accordance with social distancing regulations***. This means for St. Benedict's Shrine can accommodate of 120 people and St. Therese a maximum of 50 people. We will still have in place an "overflow" Mass in the Montefano Hall if the need should arise. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has also issued a ***Seventh Pastoral Letter***. This is available on the Parish Notice Board outside St. Benedict's Shrine, or you can access a copy on the St. Mary's Cathedral website <https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/>. Again, we thank you for your patience and understanding as we try to accommodate these new regulations.

A Friendly Reminder.

While it seems that we are gradually coming back to some sense of normality we must remember that ***we are still in the midst of a Global Pandemic***. The figures released this week show over 10 million global infections and in excess of 500,000 deaths. For this reason we still have measures in place to limit the possibility of transmission.

- ✦ **Contact Tracing:** Write your name and contact details on the sheets provided at the doors of the church (these are kept for contact tracing and will be destroyed after 28 days)
- ✦ **Hand Sanitiser:** Use the hand sanitiser at the doors of the church. This is very important.
- ✦ **Seating:** Sit in the allocated seating. There are **yellow Xs** marked on the pews for you to safely be seated. Please only sit where the pew is marked. People living in the same household are allowed to sit together.
- ✦ **Confession:** Confession times have resumed. Again, please only sit on the pews with the **yellow X**.
- ✦ **Sign of Peace** – with a nod, bow, smile or wave. No physical contact.
- ✦ **Communion to be received *on the hand*.** As recommended by the Archbishop at this stage we will continue to distribute communion only on the hand.
- ✦ **Weekly Offerings/Collections:** As it is not possible to "pass the plate around" at Mass, there are two boxes at the doors of the church for 1st and 2nd Collection. You can leave your offering as you enter the church. Alternatively, you may wish to make use of electronic transfer. Details are in the bulletin. Thank you for your continued support of your Parish and your priests.
- ✦ **Sanitising the church:** After each service the church is sanitised using commercial grade disinfectant detergent.
- ✦ **Limiting exposure:** We all like to have a chat after Mass, but health guidelines encourage us not to remain for unnecessary amounts of time in groups. If you do have a chat after Mass, please maintain social distancing.
- ✦ **At Risk Persons:** According to recommendations those at risk - *(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. If you show any symptoms, please refrain from attending church services at this time. The dispensation from Sunday Mass is still in place by the Archbishop. However in his latest Pastoral letter the Archbishop states that ***"those who are at low risk of infection and able ... are exhorted to take all reasonable steps to attend Sunday Mass."***

I understand that we may feel some frustration at this time around certain regulations and recommendations but know that we are working in the best interest of all in our community. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

*** COVID19 Safety Procedures—Please see Church Notice Boards**

Changed Parish Office Opening Hours

The Parish Office will now be opened on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (**closed Wednesday**) from 10am to 2pm.
Contact: T 9604 1199 E office@stgertrude.org.au

Resuming Parish Groups

Over the coming weeks the Parish will begin to resume our Parish groups and activities. The resumption of these activities will of course be in accordance with Public Health and Safety Regulations.

Parish Feast of St. Benedict.



This weekend (11th and 12th July) as a Parish community we will celebrate the Feast of St. Benedict. Unfortunately as we still have restrictions, we will not be able to have a morning tea after Mass, but encourage you as a family to celebrate this Day in a special way.

Short Prayer to St. Benedict

Admirable Saint and Doctor of Humility, you practiced what you taught, assiduously praying for God's glory and lovingly fulfilling all work for God and the benefit of all human beings. You know the many physical dangers that surround us today often caused or occasioned by human inventions. Guard us against poisoning of the body as well as of mind and soul, and thus be truly a "Blessed" one for us. Amen.https://www.catholiccompany.com/content/prayers_-st-benedict-of-nursia

Parish Donations

First Collection (Priests)

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

Second Collection (Parish)

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

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

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.

The Catholic Weekly is now back in print @ \$2 a copy. Available at the Church Doors

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 **psso@stgertrude.org.au. or the Parish Office on 9604 1199 Tuesday—Friday 10am-2pm.**