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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](mailto: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 & 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:

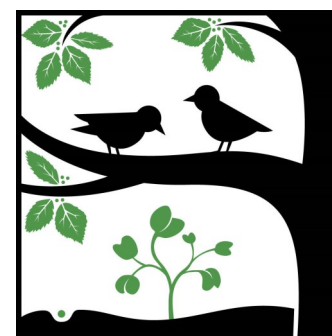
7am Rosary 8am Mass

### Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesdays after Mass

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 July 2020



### Congratulations to

Rebecca PACE & Christopher CARUANA  
Married in our Parish

*May God confirm them in their love.*

### We welcome the following

Armani Rhodes

*Baptised in our Parish Community*

### 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

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

### Recently Deceased

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



## PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Office:

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Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585  
Email: [office@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:office@stgertrude.org.au)  
Website: [www.stgertrude.org.au](http://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](mailto:catechist@stgertrude.org.au)

**Sacraments:** 9725 4317 Helena Martin  
[sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au)  
Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

**Liturgy:** 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert  
[liturgy@stgertrude.org.au](mailto: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

**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 25—Group E (Neo Catechumens)**



## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** *Ps 53:6,8*

*See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.*

**FIRST READING** *Wis 12:13.16-19*

*A reading from the book of Wisdom*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5*

**(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

- O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)
- All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. (R.)
- But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. (R.)

**SECOND READING** *Rom 8:26-27*

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** See Mt 11:25

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

*Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** *Mt 13:24-43*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables  
and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subject ts of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *Ps 110:4-5*

*The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him.*

**Next Week: 17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

*Readings: 1 Kg 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 3:44-52*

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**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, Montefano Hall a maximum of 90 persons. 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.

### COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

- ◇ **Contact Tracing:** Write your name and contact details on the sheets provided at the doors of St Benedict's, St Therese's, & Montefano Hall (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 essential.
- ◇ **Sanitising the church:** After each service the churches and Montefano Hall are sanitised using commercial grade disinfectant detergent.
- ◇ **Seating:** Sit in the allocated seating. In both the churches there is an 'X' marked on the Pews, and in the Montefano Hall chairs placed at social distancing for you to be seated safely. Please **ONLY** sit where the Pew is marked. People living in the same household may sit together in the Pews.
- ◇ **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.
- ◇ **Receiving Holy Communion:** The recommended way of receiving Holy Communion is on the hand. People are advised about distancing and procedures when coming to receive Holy Communion.
- ◇ **Planned Giving & Collections:** At ALL Masses, there are two boxes at the doors of the church for 1st and 2nd Collection. You can place your offering as you enter or leave 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.
- ◇ **Limiting exposure:** Health guidelines encourage us not to remain for unnecessary amounts of time in groups. It is essential to 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 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**

**Parish Office Hours:** 10am—2pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday **(closed Wednesday)**

### Parish Finance Committee

The next meeting for the Parish Finance Committee will be this Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Montefano Hall.

**House for Lease:** The rental property on Neville St – adjacent to the Parish Car park – is available for rent. Any interested parties should contact Graham Ball Real estate 6909 1177.

### 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.

### Sacrament News

With the continuing uncertainty at this time, and having reviewed the practicalities of guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese, the decision has been made for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion preparation to be deferred to June 2021. Children currently enrolled will prepare for First Holy Communion in May 2021 and ceremonies will take place in June 2021.

Similarly, due to timing constraints, social distancing restrictions, limited availability of catechists and adequate facilities to hold classes, the decision has also been made to postpone the Sacrament of Confirmation until September 2021. Families will be contacted in May, to organise class placement.

Any changes to the program will be published in the parish bulletin, should they occur. Enrolment information will also be posted to the parish bulletin at the appropriate time.

The Sacramental Office is currently closed. For all general enquiries, please email: [sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au).

### Parental Petition – First Holy Communion

The Church has always held the view that parents are the first educators of their children in the Catholic Faith. Parishioners who attend weekly Mass, are known in our parish and to our parish priests, whose child is of age, and who feel that their child is suitably prepared to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, may contact the Sacramental Office to discuss eligibility for an individual ceremony. Upon contacting the Sacramental Office, a meeting may be organised with a priest to discuss your circumstances further.

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