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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:

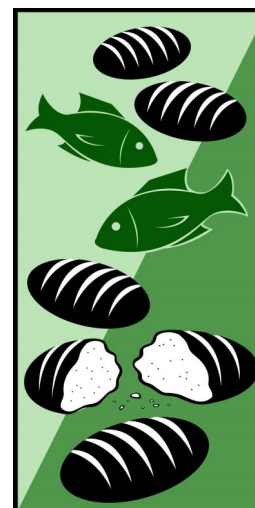
7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesdays after Mass

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd August 2020



We welcome the following

Jackson Amoroso, George Axiak, Aaliyah Pace &
Jonathan Pace

Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish

Giuseppina Pignataro, Fr Anthony David OSPPE,
Kevin Dicconson, Adam Westwood,
Emile & Mary Kods, 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

Giuseppe Busa, John Donnantuoni, Teresa Ianelli
Edwin Bruce, Jeanne Jarkey, Eddie Rogers,
Joseph Ruggier, Elisabetta Meduri,
Francesco Tosello, Teresina Bordin. Jill Wilson,

Recently Deceased

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

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

6 Justin St, Smithfield
Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585
Email: office@stgertrude.org.au
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 August
The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live
from the sea, among them sailors,
fishermen and their families.

Novena to St Benedict

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 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:
August 8 ~ Group B: PPC/Teachers

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

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

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 69:2,6*

*O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.*

FIRST READING *Is 55:1-3*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have good
things to eat and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16*

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *Rom 8:35. 37-39*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Nothing can come between us and the love of
Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being
persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being
threatened or even attacked. These are the trials
through which we triumph, by the power of him
who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no
angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to
come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any
created thing, can ever come between us and the
love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Mt 4:4*

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of
God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mt 14:13-21*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's
death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where
they could be by themselves. But the people heard
of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on
foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large
crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their
sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and
said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has
slipped by; so send the people away, and they can
go to the villages to buy themselves some food.'
Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go:
give them something to eat yourselves.' But they
answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and
two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave
orders that the people were to sit down on the
grass; then he took the five loaves and the two
fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the bless-
ing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his
disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate
as much as they wanted, and they collected the
scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who
ate numbered about five thousand men, to say
nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Wis 16:20*

*You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.*

Solemnities

Thursday 6 August ~ Transfiguration of the Lord



Saturday 8 August ~ Saint Mary of the Cross,



Next Week: 19th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9. 1-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

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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. Recent Government regulations which came into
effect on Friday 24th July have limited funerals and places and worship to a
maximum of 100 persons, providing there is a four square metre space
around each person, with the exception of people from the same house-
hold. Therefore, St. Benedict's Shrine can have a maximum of 100 people.
St. Therese has a maximum of 50 people, and the 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. Please remain in your pew and Holy
Communion will be brought to you. '
- ◇ **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.*

Parish "Hot Spot"

As you are probably aware, our area has been identified by the NSW
Government as a "hot spot". In recent weeks two Parishes in the
Archdiocese of Sydney have closed due to cases of Covid-19. The
situation is one that is very dynamic and can change very quickly. Our
Parish is not immune in any way from what is occurring in our society. As a
parish we are committed, as far as we can, to providing Pastoral Care for
all in our community. We are also committed to following NSW Health
guidelines. Be assured that we are all doing the best we can to keep you
all safe. The best we can all do is to maintain our hygiene and social
distancing and **if you show any symptoms please refrain from
attending church services, seek medical advice and present for
COVID-19 testing.** *Above all, let us all pray for an end to the Pandemic.*

Communion to the Sick

Due to the current health warnings from the NSW Government, the Parish
is going to temporarily suspend regular Communion to the Sick. This is for
the safety of the members of the public who are most vulnerable and for the
safety of our priests. As soon as it is safe to do so, we will recommence
this very important Pastoral Activity. *We apologise for the inconvenience caused.*

Parish Cleaners

Parish cleaners please note that the rosters for church cleaning have
recommenced. Please contact the Parish Office if you are no longer
available. Any new cleaners who wish to join a group please contact the
Parish Office with your details. Thank you for your commitment to our
Parish Community.

Parish Sunday Mass timetable Questionnaire.

The Parish Pastoral Council is conducting a questionnaire
regarding our Parish Sunday Mass Timetable. Of particular
interest are our **7.30am and 9.00am Masses in English at St.
Therese Church** and the alteration of the **Parish Sunday Mass in
Italian at St. Benedict's, which is now at 7.30am.** We would
particularly like to hear from those who regularly attend these Mass
times. Questionnaire sheets can be found in the foyer of both
churches. You can fill the questionnaire out and place in the box
provided, or take the questionnaire home and return it by **NEXT
Sunday 9th August 2020.**

Thank you for your participation in this Pastoral matter.

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.

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's 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 the Parish Priest to
discuss your circumstances further and a decision will be made at the
Parish Priest's discretion.

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.

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.

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.

**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 .