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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)

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### 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](mailto: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.**

### Catechesis for Adults and Young People

In all the confusion this year, one thing is certain, **God loves you!** You may be young or old, but in your baptism God chose you! Today God offers you a community, the Church.

### Come and listen!

A series of catechesis will be held every Monday and Thursday at 7:30pm, beginning Monday October 12th. Meeting in St Gertrude's Chapel, 1 Justin St Smithfield, opposite St Benedict's Shrine. *Babysitting available and recommendations of safe COVID/social distancing will be followed.*



**FCI**  
**BINGO is BACK!**  
**ALL Parishioners WELCOME.**

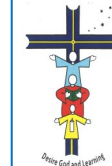
Come, join us 10:00 am on

**Friday 9 October in the Montefano Hall.**

**Only \$10 entry - includes prizes, morning tea/coffee and light lunch.**



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# ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

## St Benedict's Church

Corner Justin & Neville Street  
SMITHFIELD

### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm;  
9am (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);  
7am (English); 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

### Parish Office:

6 Justin St, Smithfield  
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 October

**The Laity's Mission in the Church**  
We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

### 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—October 10**  
Group A: Edith's Group (St Benedict's)  
Group C: Spanish (St Therese)

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

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

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 October, 2020



### We welcome the following

Leonardo MENDEZ

*Baptised in our Parish Community*

### Congratulations to

Catherine MICALLEF & Ferdinando BIANCHINI  
*Married in our Parish*

*May God confirm them in their love.*

### We pray for the sick of this parish

Fr Gabriel Taylor, David Lazarus, Giuseppina Pignataro, 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

Rose Farrugia, Carmelina Oliveri, Ivan Stefulj, Vera Klish, Caterina Cassarino, Providenza Viteta, Giuseppe Busa, John Donnantuoni, Teresa Ianelli

### Recently Deceased

**And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time**  
Carmela Delle Coste, Gaetana Catania





## TWENTY–SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf. Est 4:17*

*Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.*

### FIRST READING *Is 5:1-7*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*  
Let me sing to my friend  
the song of his love for his vineyard.  
My friend had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.  
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,  
and planted choice vines in it.  
In the middle he built a tower,  
he dug a press there too.  
He expected it to yield grapes,  
but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
I ask you to judge  
between my vineyard and me.  
What could I have done for my vineyard  
that I have not done?  
I expected it to yield grapes.  
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you  
what I am going to do to my vineyard:  
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,  
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.  
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;  
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.  
I will command the clouds  
to rain no rain on it.  
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts  
is the House of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
that chosen plant.  
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,  
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7*

**(R.) *The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.***

- You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**
- Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**
- God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
- And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved **(R.)**

### SECOND READING *Phil 4:6-9*

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

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that

is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *See Jn 15:15*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
*Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL *Mt 21:33-43*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.” So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They answered, ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders  
that became the keystone.  
This was the Lord’s doing  
and it is wonderful to see?

‘I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.’

The Gospel of the Lord

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

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Lam 3:25*

*The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.*

**Next Week: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Readings: Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14*

#### OCTOBER ROSARY

It is a tradition in the Church that October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Rosary will be prayed each week day in our Parish.  
St. Benedict’s: 8.50am (before morning Mass)  
St. Therese’s: 7.00pm

*You are most welcome to pray the rosary as a community for the intentions of our world.*

#### ARCHDIOCESAN OCTOBER FAMILY ~ ROSARY PILGRIMAGE

The official Pilgrim Statue of **Our Lady Help of Christians** will be travelling through the parishes of the Archdiocese during the month of October. It will be visiting our parish on **25th October**.

**Our Parish Family Rosary will commence at 7pm .**

*Please feel free to bring flowers as a gift to Our Lady during her visit to our parish*

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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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 household. 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.

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/>.

#### Overflow Mass 10.30am Sunday

In recent weeks it has come to our attention that the 10:30am Mass is a popular choice for our Parishioners. In order to follow NSW State guidelines and to ensure your access to celebrate Sunday Mass, there will be an overflow Mass in the Montefano Hall.  
Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

#### NSW Health Recommendation: Wearing face Masks

Recently, the NSW Premier has now ***recommended*** that people wear masks when they are in crowded places and social distancing is not easy to maintain. She cites as examples public transport and places of worship. I thank our parishioners for their great efforts maintaining their social distance, but because people remain together there for 40 or more minutes, it would seem that masks will provide an ***additional safeguard***. It is not compulsory in NSW but ***strongly recommended***. The primary precautions remain hand sanitising and distance.

#### 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.*

**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

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.**

***Communion to the Sick*** will be given on a fortnightly basis.  
The next date is Tuesday 13th and 27th October.

**New Mass Timetable:** *Please note the new Mass timetable*

**St. Therese’s:** 7.30am in English. *There is no longer a 9am Mass.*

**St. Benedict’s:** 9.00am in Italian.

All other Masses are the same.

#### Labour Day Public Holiday Monday 5th October

Mass will be celebrated at St. Therese’s 8am and St. Benedict’s at 10.30am.

#### Parish Maintenance Update

Over the past few months there has been a lot of activity in the church with maintenance projects. Some of the more major works include:

##### St. Benedict’s Shrine

- Replacing exterior tiles under the stained glass windows
- Upgrades to data projector, the sound system and microphones
- Installation of Wi-Fi to stream Mass
- Repair of window roller shutters
- Professional cleaning of marble floors throughout the church
- Installation of cleaner’s sink in sacristy
- Repair to external flood lighting
- Replace internal pelmet lighting and other lighting
- Refurbishment of Parish Demountables

##### St. Therese

- Connection of hot water for cleaners
- Repair and reconfigure church sound system
- Installation of new boundary Colourbond fencing.
- Repaint and repair rental property

##### Montefano Hall

- Repair downpipes and part roofing repair
- Installation of new hot water system to kitchen
- Electrical works
- Exit signs and external sensor lights

These works are only made possible by the generous donations of Parishioners and Benefactors.

#### Upcoming Urgent Maintenance.

There are a number of maintenance projects that still need to be completed. Some have been put on hold due to Covid but others are unavoidable and are urgent. In particular:

- Roof repairs to St. Benedict’s Shrine, estimated at \$12,000
- External security upgrades of CCTV security, estimated \$12,000

If you are able and would like to make a contribution to our upcoming maintenance please contact the Parish Priest via the Parish office.  
*Thank you for your continued support of the Parish.*

**Blessing of Pets 25th October** Due to the ongoing health situation the decision has been made not to hold the Pet’s Mass this year. However, you are invited to bring a picture of your pet to the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 25th October for a blessing.

#### Sacramental Programme

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation has been deferred to 2021. Children currently enrolled will be contacted when classes are ready to resume.

Enrolment information and any changes to the programmes will be published in the parish bulletin.

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

**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/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfb01>.

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 January 2021.**

**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 .**