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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

"A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes 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."



Parishioners of St Gertrude's Parish are invited to celebrate Fr Alberic's Anniversary of Ordination Mass at 11:00 am on Sunday 18 July 2021 followed by luncheon @ \$30 pp. Sincere apologies for the limited numbers offered but unfortunately, due to Covid Restrictions only a limited number of guests can be accommodated at the Mass and celebrations by pre-booking via Maria Zappia at any of the Parish Masses with payment as RSVP.

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

FCI-Italian-Catholic-Federation
Invites ALL Parishioners & friends
to join us for Bingo.

Next FCI Bingo is Friday 11 & 25 June 2021

10:00 am - Montefano Hall
\$10 entry Bingo Games,
morning tea/coffee & light lunch included.

Member's meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 8 June.
St-Therese Church Hall Fairfield West



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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:
9.15 am followed by Devotions
7pm Mass & Adoration followed by Devotions

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);
7:30am (English); 12 noon (Spanish); 6pm (Syriac)

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

First Friday of the Month:
6.30am Exposition & Confession; 7am Mass

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

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Tuesdays after Mass

The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST

6 June 2021



We pray for the sick of this parish
Alyssa Ferreri, Fr Gabriel Taylor OSPPE,
David Lazarus, Giuseppina Pignataro,
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

Remember in your prayers

Gina Wilson, Marija Stefulj, Anton Jarkey,
Lawrence Cachia,
Gabrielle Palozzo, Rina Spisso, Anthony Dimech,
Giovanna Fedele; Placy D'Souza,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time
Richard Soulie, Frank Galea, Giuseppa Portolesi,
Teresa Bordin & William Mascarenhas

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: Currently not available at this time.

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

Safeguarding:
wwcc@stgertrude.org.au (all WWCC renewals)
psso@stgertrude.org.au (Parish Safeguarding Support Officers)

Other: FCI (Italian Catholic Federation)
Tony Coiera 0409 908 424

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

Intention for June

The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

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— 12 June
Group A: Frances
(St Benedict's)
Group D: Syriacs
(St Theresa's)

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

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

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 *Ex 24:3-8*

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13*

(R.) I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.

- How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**
- O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. **(R.)**
- A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *Heb 9:11-15*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to Go

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 *Mk 14:12-16, 22-26*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

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.

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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Friday 11th June

Mass Times:

St Therese's Church: 7:00am

St Benedict's Shrine: 9:15am



MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Saturday 12th June

Mass Time:

St Therese's Church: 8:00am

Next Week: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings: Ezek 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10;
Mk 4:26-34**

SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI – SUNDAY 6TH JUNE



In Australia the Solemnity of Corpus Christi is celebrated on a Sunday. Following each Mass there will be a short exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with some prayers.

Please stay and pray with us adoring Jesus in the Most Blessed Eucharist.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ON TIME

It is never good practice to be late for anything, especially for Mass. The Vatican II Document *Lumen Gentium* tells us that the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian Life" (LG11). It is in the Eucharistic Celebration "that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being" (CCC 1325). One of the important elements of expressing that unity is **the gathering**. When we gather we prepare ourselves to meet Christ in the worshipping Community, in the Priest, in the Word, and in the Eucharist. *Arriving late is not only disruptive to the worshipping community, but it is also a distraction to our own full and active participation in the Mass.* The same is with leaving early. It has become practice for some to receive communion and then walk out of the church or to leave during the announcements. It is always good practice and recommended to **arrive at least 5 minutes early for Mass** to prepare ourselves for Mass and **to stay a few minutes at the conclusion of Mass to offer a prayer of thanksgiving**. If this last year of Pandemic has taught us anything it is to appreciate and to celebrate Mass because we don't know when Mass may not be available to us!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING – SUNDAY 13TH JUNE

Couples who were married in the month of June are invited to receive a marriage blessing on Sunday 13th June at the 10.30am Mass.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP – SUNDAY 20TH JUNE

The Parish Youth Group meets every third Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be on **Sunday 20th June** Join us for Mass at 6pm and following the Mass, youth meeting in the Parish Demountables. New members are always welcome to join.

MEN'S ROSARY GROUP – THURSDAY 24TH JUNE

The Men's Rosary Group meets the last Thursday of every month at **7pm at St. Benedict's Shrine**. The group will next meet on **Thursday 24th June**. New members are always welcome to join.

CHANGES TO MANAGEMENT OF CEMETERIES

You may be aware that this week the NSW Government has announced sweeping changes to the management of cemeteries, namely that all cemetery trusts will merge into a single government trust. In effect, this dismisses faith-based operators. The consequences of this decision are:

- That faith groups (including Muslims, Jews and other Christians) who manage and operate cemeteries will be replaced by government run agencies. For Catholics this ends 150 years of the role of the Church in burying the dead (a corporal work of mercy), the upkeep of graves and support of grieving families.
- That assets set aside to manage cemeteries will be forcibly acquired by the NSW Government without proper consultation.
- Uncertainty about graves being kept "in perpetuity" (forever).
- Almost certainty of increased costs for funerals.
- Uncertainty as to the use of Chapels for funeral services.
- Lack of understanding on the Government's behalf that burying the dead is a spiritual mission which needs to be met with sensitivity and Pastoral Care.

A copy of an article written by Archbishop Anthony Fisher and a sheet outlining in more detail the concerns over this government decision are available at the foyer of the church

We encourage you to write to or telephone your local Member of Parliament appealing a reverse in this decision.

Please sign the petition at saveourgraves.com.au

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in our Parish, this weekend.

- Ceremony 4 – Saturday 2 PM**
(26 children)
- Ceremony 5 – Sunday 2 PM**
(26 children)



Congratulations to all the young people who received Eucharist for the first time this weekend and last weekend. We pray that all our First Communicants and their families will be strengthened by their continued reception of Jesus in the Eucharist at Sunday Mass.

The prayer support from members of the Parish Community was much appreciated by parents and children. Thank you, parents, for the sacrifices you made in preparing your children for this special time. Special thanks also to the many people who were involved in the preparation program, meetings, rehearsals, and to all who assisted in making the Holy Communion ceremonies a wonderful and memorable time for the children.

HOLY COMMUNION PHOTO COLLECTION EVENING: Holy Communion Photos can be collected from the Montefano Hall on **Friday 2nd July from 6:30 pm to 8 pm**.

CONFIRMATION will be celebrated on Sunday 12th September 2021

- Parent Information Meeting: Tuesday 20th July, 7 pm in the Montefano Hall.

- Sessions commence weekend of 24/25th July.

- Enrolled candidates will be contacted at the end of June, by email, with more information regarding preparation classes and ceremony time.

For all enquiries please email:

sacraments@stgertrude.org.au, phone: 9725 4317 (Tues/Wed) or leave a message. If you wish to see Helena face-to-face, please email/call the Sacramental Office to make an appointment.

Thank You.

THANK YOU

Thank you to those volunteers who have been keeping the church gardens trimmed and clean. A lot of work has been done recently at both St. Benedict's Shrine and St. Theresa's Church. Your time and efforts are much appreciated!

COVID-19 UPDATE

There have been some changes to the NSW Health directives in regards to places of worship: The wearing of masks is no longer mandatory. However, NSW Health does maintain that this is **strongly recommended**. The number of people attending church services has also changed. Under the new regulations, there is no longer a "cap" of people attending provided that the **one person per 2m² rule** is observed. As such, St. Benedict's Shrine can hold a maximum of 300 people, St. Theresa's Church 100 people and Montefano Hall 180 people.

Dispensation Lifted

Archbishop Anthony Fisher has lifted **the dispensation from our Sunday Mass obligation**. The Catholic faithful are once again obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation when this is reasonably possible. Those who are of great age, have health conditions or are otherwise anxious about the risks of COVID-19 are free to remain at home and find another way of keeping the Sabbath holy.

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.