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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."

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Contact Parish Office - 9604 1199
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10 am—2 pm

SIGN THE NO EUTHANASIA PETITION IN NSW

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is urging all Catholics to sign an e-petition to prevent the NSW parliament passing laws that sanction the killing of vulnerable human beings. There is never a good time to introduce laws such as this, but to do so in the middle of a pandemic and amidst lockdowns adversely affecting the lives and livelihoods of millions is unconscionable. It is a confusing message that on the one hand we are doing everything to save life and on the other trying to justify killing.

Please sign this petition, calling on the Government to keep us focused on the present challenges and once they have been met, let us focus on medicine at its best and not its most lethal.

https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/protect_life_nsw



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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

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 September 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

Phyllis Berkeley, Antonietta Sikora,
Maria Blanda, Emanuel Cutajar, Mary Portelli,
Alan Wong, Pauline Sammut, Ermanno Brisa,
Giovanni Moretti Antonio Franco,
Silvestro Sganga, Mary Doran

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Jozef Tumanik,
Haseina Al-Beno & Edi Contempo

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

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Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585
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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 September

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle
We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this..

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—
Due to Covid Lockdowns, church cleaning will be suspended until further notice. Thank you

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

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

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves,

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

- O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)
- For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. (R.)
- But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 3:16 – 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn’t it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven’t got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don’t have what you want is because you don’t pray for it; when you do pray and don’t get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.
They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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Mass for the Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn – 27th September
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NSW Covid Announcement

You may have heard that on Thursday 9th September, the NSW Government and NSW Health announced their vision for the future easing of restrictions. Included into this discussion were places of worship. The details of the plans have not been fully released and there remain a number of areas of concern for places of worship. Whilst we are excited at the prospect of having a congregation physically present in the church again, we ask that you be patient as the details are negotiated between the civic and religious authorities. Please continue to pray for an end to the Pandemic and for our community to be united.

Next Week: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6;
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS
DURING THIS TIME OF STAY-AT-HOME ORDERS, THE PARISH WILL CONTINUE TO STREAM MASS VIA ZOOM.
THE DETAILS ARE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE.

Mass Times:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

6pm: Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary and Novena to St. Benedict and Benediction

7pm: Mass

Wednesday

7pm: Mass followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary and Novena to St. Benedict and Benediction

Friday

3pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross

Saturday

6pm: Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary and Novena to St. Benedict and Benediction

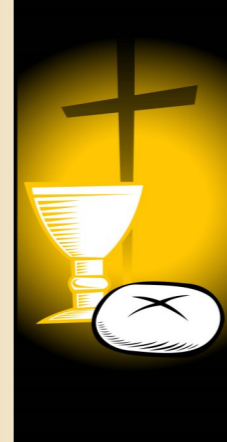
7pm: Mass

Sunday

10.30am: Mass

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. (Pause for a moment in silence and adoration).
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen



Please Reach Out!

This time of stay-at-home can be very distressing and lonely for some people, especially the elderly and vulnerable. I encourage all our Parishioners to keep in regular contact with each other. The best way at this time is through technology – social media, various Apps on your phone, telephone, email, etc.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross on Friday at 3pm

Each Friday Parishioners are invited to join us via Zoom to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross a Penitential Act during this time of Pandemic. The meeting and password is per our Mass details.

Parish Youth Group—Sunday 19th September

The next Parish youth meeting will be Sunday 19th September at 6pm via zoom. All welcome to attend.

Thank you for your support

Fr. Jarek, Fr. Wojtek and Fr. Peter James would like to express our deepest thanks and gratitude to all our Parishioners who continue to support us during the current lockdown. Your gifts of food and donations have been overwhelming. We would especially like to thank those who continue to pray for us and send us messages of encouragement. These really lighten our spirits! Know that we miss having you physically in the church and are hopeful of seeing you all soon again.

PLEASE SIGN THE EUTHANASIA PETITION—DETAILS AND LINK ON NEXT PAGE

Catechist News

SRE Classes in State Schools Suspended Until Further Notice.

Unfortunately owing to the continued restrictions in NSW all Catechist Classes have been suspended until further notice. Our Catechists continue to pray for all our children and their families during this time of Pandemic. Any families wishing to access learning from home SRE lessons, here is the link provided below:

<https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>

May we continue to pray for each other during this time of Pandemic. We ask your Son Jesus, our Lord to grant our students and Catechists hope and patience, as they eagerly await the return of Scripture Classes.

Sacramental News!

Holy Communion Photo Collection: Postponed

Will be rescheduled when restriction have eased. Please wait for email advising collection date.

Confirmation: To be advised.

- Reconciliation, Retreat, Rehearsals and Ceremony dates to be advised. These dates may be subject to change beyond our control.

- Enrolled families, please check your email regularly for updates.

- Confirmation Donations: Thank you kindly to the families who have generously donated extra towards the Sacramental Programme as a way of “paying it forward” for enrolled families who are struggling at this time.

- Prayer Partners: Sacramental time is a special time of grace for all in our community. On the parish website there is an invitation for members of the Parish Community to pray for our Confirmation Candidates. To view the prayer and see the Candidate’s flame display please visit the Parish website:
<https://www.stgertrude.org.au/confirmation-programme-2021/>

- Confirmation Saint Projects: The Confirmation Candidates have done a brilliant job researching their chosen Saints. The Candidate’s projects can be viewed on the Parish Website via this link:
<http://www.stgertrude.org.au/confirmation-saint-projects/>

For all enquiries please email:

sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or phone: 9725 4317 to leave a message.

Communion to the Sick—Suspended

Please be advised that the regular Communion to the Sick (Tuesday) has been suspended at this time. However, if there is an emergency that requires the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish in the usual way.

COVID Update

The NSW Government has announced further restrictions and regulations:

- Churches will remain closed at this time.
- Funerals can have a total of 10 people. (excluding those who are conducting the funeral)
- Baptisms, unless in case of emergency, are prohibited.
- Weddings: New regulations have come into effect allowing weddings to take place. Under the Order, a small wedding is a wedding of no more than five guests plus the wedding party (the two people getting married, two witnesses required for the marriage, one person conducting the service, and one person to record the wedding). There are additional restrictions so please discuss these with the celebrant.

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. 100001084

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