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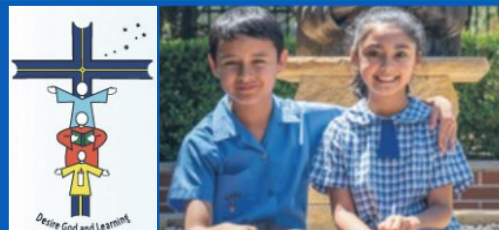
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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

"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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ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

St Benedict's Shrine

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 Therese'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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

26 December 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 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

Remember in your prayers

Kevin William Knight, Giuseppa Reitano,
Teresa Chandra, Luisa Santucci, James Vella
Josephine Goddard.,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Therese Nguyen Do, Constantino Axiak, Josephine Cachia

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:

wcc@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 December Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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—
w/e 1st January 2022
St Benedict: Group E **Neo Cats**
St Therese's: Group C **Spanish**

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

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

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

FIRST READING

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord honours the father in his children,
and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.
Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,
he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.
Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own,
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.
Long life comes to him who honours his father,
he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.
My son, support your father in his old age,
do not grieve him during his life.
Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,
do not despise him in your health and strength;
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

- 1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
- 2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)
- 3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life. (R.)

SECOND READING

Col. 3:12-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.
Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
To listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 1: 39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was

only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.
Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

26th December Holy Family (Sunday)
St Therese's Church 7.30am Mass of the Holy Family
St. Benedict's Shrine 9.00am (Italian) Mass of the Holy Family
10.30am Mass of the Holy Family
6pm Mass of the Holy Family

Christmas Octave 27th December—1st January
St. Therese's Church 8.00am
St. Benedicts Shrine 10.30am
Note: These times are also for the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
6.00pm Vigil of the Epiphany

2nd January Epiphany
St. Therese's Church 7.30am
St. Benedict's Shrine 9.00am (Italian)
10.30am
6.00pm




Please note that there is **no Wednesday evening Mass on 29th December.**

MASS FOR THE SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF THE UNBORN



The next Mass for the Spiritual Adoption will be on **Monday 27th December at 7pm.**



ST JOHN THE APOSTLE MONDAY 27TH DECEMBER BLESSING OF WINE
On Monday 27th we celebrate the Feast of St. John The Apostle. It is a tradition on this day to bless wine. You are welcome to bring wine to the church for this blessing.

Next Week: Epiphany of the Lord Year C
Readings: Is.60: 1-6; Eph. 3: 2-3, 5-6; Mt. 2: 1-12.

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. (Jn 1 :14).

Dear Friends,

When we reflect on the Christmas Story we notice the importance of the spoken word. The Advent of Christ is the fulfillment of the Promise of salvation that God made to his Chosen People. It is the Words from the Angel spoken to Mary and the "Yes" of Mary that allows the Incarnate Word to be a reality. It is the courage of St. Joseph that allows him to believe the words spoken by the Angel and remain faithful to Mary and his new Son. And it is the words from the angels to the shepherds that announce the Virgin Birth. In a year that has been filled with so many words, we come to reflect on the importance of the Word of God. It is our willingness to hear these words of God that allow us to rejoice at the coming of Christ. It is this "Word", *full of grace and truth*, which loved us so much that he desired to be as close to us as humanly possible. During this Christmas Season may the words you speak be ones of peace, love and joy. May they be words of hope and courage. May they be words to inspire and encourage. As you gaze on the Holy Manger may your words be filled with prayer and praise. As we farewell yet another extraordinarily challenging yet rewarding year, may the presence of God remain with you speaking to you words of peace and prosperity.

God Bless

Fr Jarek, Fr Wojtek and Fr Peter James



CHRISTMAS OFFERING
Christmas Offering envelopes will be available in the church over the Christmas Season. Please take an envelope home and return it with your offering in the first collection. These offerings support the priests of the Parish. Thank you for your constant support and generosity.

BLESSING OF THE GARDEN OF ST. JOSEPH
This Sunday on the Feast of the Holy Family the Parish will bless the new "Garden of St. Joseph" after the 10.30am Mass. This garden is in honour of St. Joseph, celebrating the Year of St. Joseph and dedicated to families in our Parish.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS !

CONFIRMATION:
Confirmation Ceremonies for the 2020 & 2021 cohorts will take place as follows:
- Ceremony 1: **Saturday 12th February** at 11:30 am
- Ceremony 2: **Sunday 13th February** at 12:30 pm
- Ceremony 3: **Sunday 13th February** at 2:30 pm
PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE IMPORTANT EMAIL REGARDING YOUR CHILD'S CONFIRMATION CEREMONY.

- ♦ Reconciliation, Retreat, Rehearsals and Ceremony dates to be advised. These dates may be subject to change beyond our control.
- ♦ Confirmation Programme: To pray for the candidates, view their work or see updates about the programme, visit the Parish website: <https://www.stgertrude.org.au/confirmation-programme-2021/>

FIRST RECONCILIATION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022:

Enrolments have closed.

If you missed the enrolment period, please contact the Sacrament Office ASAP.

Late enrolments may not be accepted.


For the latest Sacramental Programme news – please visit the Parish Website: <http://www.stgertrude.org.au/ministries/sacramental-program/>

For all enquiries please email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or phone: 9725 4317 to leave a message



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UPDATED COVID REGULATIONS
As you are aware there were some changes this week to the Covid rules in NSW. For places of worship this means:
* QR Code and sign in is still mandatory
* Face Masks are **"strongly recommended"**
* No capacity limits
Please still remember to sanitise your hands.



REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES
Please remember to turn off your mobile phones – or switch to silent – when entering the Church.

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.