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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.

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.

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

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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 Administrator

Fr Peter James Strohmayr OSPPE

Assistant Priest

Fr Wojtek Sliwa 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 (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
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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:

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 January 2022



We welcome the following

Sofia Orbergoso, Adriana Tripodi,
Zelie Rose Rodrigues, Hazel Drego
Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this Parish

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

Congratulations to

Matthew Bradbury & Kelly Louise Scutts
Married in Our Parish
May God confirm them in their love

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Maria Caltabiano, Salvatore Mazzeo,
Giuseppina Reitano

In Remembrance:

Maria Fernandez, Silvana Fenech

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

Intention for January
True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

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— 23 January
Group A: Edith's Group (St Benedict's)

Group C: Spanish (St Therese)

Parish Office Hours: 10am—2pm
Monday, Thursday, & Friday
during January

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 65:4*

*All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!*

FIRST READING *Is 62:1-5*

A reading from the first book of Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD.

You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken, " or your land "Desolate, " but you shall be called "My Delight, " and your land "Espoused."

For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 95(96):1-3,7-10*

(R.) Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

1. Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all you lands.
Sing to the LORD; bless his name. **(R.)**
2. Announce his salvation, day after day.
Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. **(R.)**
3. Give to the LORD, you families of nations,
give to the LORD glory and praise;
give to the LORD the glory due his name! **(R.)**
4. Worship the LORD in holy attire.
Tremble before him, all the earth;
Say among the nations: The LORD is king.
He governs the peoples with equity. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *1 Cor 12:4-11*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.
To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom;
to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit;

to another, faith by the same Spirit;
to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit;
to another, mighty deeds;
to another, prophecy;
to another, discernment of spirits;
to another, varieties of tongues;
to another, interpretation of tongues.
But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Jn 1:41. 17*

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Alleluia!*

GOSPEL *Jn 2:1-11*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.

When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me?"

My hour has not yet come."

"His mother said to the servers,

"Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them,

"Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them,

"Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter."

So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf. Ps 22:5*

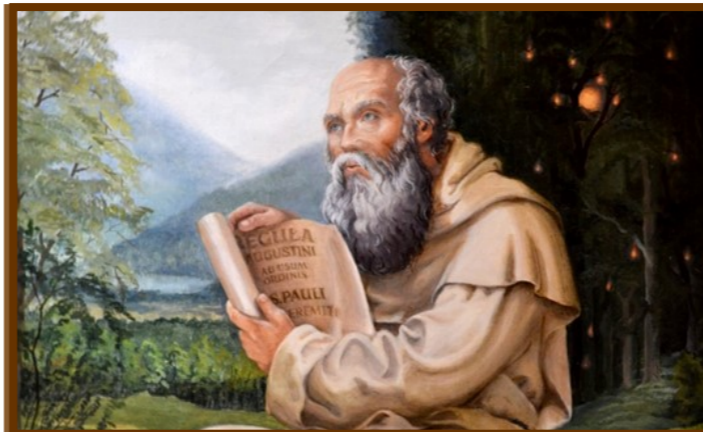
*You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.*

Next Week: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Readings: Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10; Ps 18:8-10,15: 1
Cor 12:12-30 ; Luke 1:1-4,4: 14-21*

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Feast of Bl. Eusebius of Esztergom– 20th JANUARY

Eusebius was born in the Hungarian town of Esztergom in the early thirteenth century. He stood out from others even when very young. Those who knew him marvelled at his knowledge and piety. He often stayed awake all night keeping vigil. He devoted all his time to prayer, the psalms, meditation and learning. Sometimes he spoke to people about ways they could gain special wisdom which would bring them closer to God. Eusebius was made a canon in Esztergom. Eusebius was not only famous for his virtues, but also for his generous hospitality. He was often visited by hermits who lived in abodes scattered throughout the mountainous region around Esztergom. On these occasions the hermits exchanged woven baskets for food. Eusebius admired these hermits so much that he decided to become a hermit himself. The invasion of the Tartar hordes into Hungary interrupted his plan. After the Tartars had left he still remained at his post and may have helped in the rebuilding of his country. In all it took him three years to ask permission from his superior, the Archbishop Istvan Vancsa to leave and begin a new life as a hermit. He thus did not flee from difficulties but made a peacetime, conscious decision for a life of self-sacrifice and penance. At this time many others also become hermits, determined to serve Christ in solitude. Their parents and friends tried to persuade them to return. Eusebius made this reply to them: *Although Christ loved his Mother and also his cousin John the Apostle and knew his crucifixion was causing them both untold sorrow, Christ did not save himself from the cross. Christ died the way he chose to. Following Christ's example Eusebius and his fellow hermits cannot choose to descend from the cross of penitence in spite of the lamentations of beloved ones. We are staying!* Hearing these words from the depths of Eusebius' soul the parents and friends could make no reply. Eusebius moved into a triple cave near Szanto. He placed a large wooden cross in front of the cave. It was there where he prayed and meditated. One night while praying he had a vision. The entire Pilis mountain range was full of tiny flames. These flames started to move towards him and finally in front of the cross by his cave, the flames converged into one enormous blazing torch. Eusebius then heard a voice coming from the cross: *Eusebius, summon all the hermits and found a monastic community. The love present in each will be the bond that will unite you and enable each to give loving service.* The vision was followed by deed. At the beginning of the second half of the thirteenth century Eusebius established the first Hungarian monastic order. At the National Synod at Esztergom in 1256 he signed his name as the first provincial of the Order of St. Paul the First Hermit. In 1262 Eusebius and some fellow monks journeyed to the Court of Pope Urban IV. There the pontiff was asked to endorse the Order. Eusebius had the support of St. Thomas of Aquino and also of the first Hungarian Cardinal, Istvan Vancsa, the very same person who gave permission to Eusebius to become a hermit. Eusebius was the abbot of his cloister for 20 years. When he was near death he gathered his brother hermits around him and blessed them. On the 19th January 1270 in the cloister of Szentkereszt (Holy Cross) Eusebius died. There were sixteen Pauline cloisters during Eusebius' lifetime and after his death this number rose to nearly 150.

Happy Name's Day Fr. Jarek

*On FRIDAY 21st January Fr. Jarek Zan will
celebrate his Name's Day.*

*As a Parish community we extend to Fr. Jarek our
prayers and best wishes for this day.*

*May our Heavenly Father pour out upon you many
graces and blessings May our Heavenly Mother protect
and intercede for you always.*

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.

Australia Day January 26th

Wednesday 26th of January is Australia Day.

As this is a public holiday Mass will be celebrated

St. Therese's Church 8:00 am

St. Benedict's Shrine 7:00 pm

Please join with us as we pray for our country.



2022 PARISH FACILITY BOOKINGS (Smithfield & Fairfield West Church & Hall)

Groups wanting to use these facilities on a regular basis, please book your dates and times in writing/email to the Parish Office.
office@stgertrude.org.au Thank you.

SUNDAY 16th January Our Lady Queen of Hermits.

*Patroness of the Order of St Paul the First Hermit and yearly
consecration to our Lady of the Pauline Fathers and brothers.*

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our Parishioners who have supported us and each other past two weeks spiritually when our Parish was hit by Covid. We still keep in our prayers Fr Peter James who is in the hospital.
May Almighty God bless you all and protect you.

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.