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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; Saturday 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: Tuesday after Mass & Friday after 9.15am Mass with Exposition.



Parish Administrator

Fr Peter James Strohmayr OSPPE

Assistant Priest

Fr Wojtek Sliwa 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 Holiday: 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:

Tuesday after Mass

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 January 2022



Congratulations to

Simon Wise and Angelina Mediati
Married in our Parish

We pray for the sick of this parish

Alyssa Ferreri,
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

Recently Deceased

David Lazarus, Eustace Cyril Robeiro, Maria Fernandez, Mihaly Puskas, Haras El-Hachem.

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Giovanni Oliverio, Maria Caltabiano, Adreana Attard, Olga Tumanik, Charlie Saliba, Caesar Sammut,

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 For religious sisters and consecrated women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

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 5th February 2022

St Benedict: Group E Neo Cat
St Therese's: Group D Syriac

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

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

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING

Jer. 1:4-5, 17-19.

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
before you came to birth I consecrated you;
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.
So now brace yourself for action.
Stand up and tell them
all I command you.
Do not be dismayed at their presence,
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.
I, for my part, today will make you
into a fortified city,
a pillar of iron,
and a wall of bronze
to confront all this land:
the kings of Judah, its princes,
its priests and the country people.
They will fight against you
but shall not overcome you,
for I am with you to deliver you –
it is the Lord who speaks.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me. **(R.)**
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked. **(R.)**
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my help. **(R.)**
4. My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Cor. 12:31-13:13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.
If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.
Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child,

and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.
In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk. 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.
'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'
When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.



FIRST FRIDAY– 4TH FEBRUARY 2022

This Friday is the first Friday of the month, honouring the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mass times as follows:

St Therese's Church 6.30am exposition and confession
7am Mass

St. Benedict's Shrine 9.15am followed by devotions
7pm Mass followed by devotions and confession

FIRST SATURDAY– 5TH FEBRUARY 2022

This Saturday is the first Saturday of the month, honouring the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mass times as follows:

St. Therese's Church 7am exposition, rosary and confession
8am Mass

St. Benedict's Shrine 10am Rosary

Next Week: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Scripture: Is. 6: 1-8; 1 Cor. 15: 1-11; Lk. 5: 1-11.

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CATECHIST NEWS



CATECHIST SUNDAY

6 FEBRUARY 10.30am Mass
St Benedict's Shrine Church.

All catechists who are able to teach in our State Schools will be commissioned and sent forth for 2022.

CATECHIST MEETING – Wednesday 16 February
10am Montefano Hall, Smithfield.

Our Catechist are committed and dedicated to bringing the Word of God to approximately 1000 children in our State Schools. Being a Catechist and bringing the Word of God to our children is an important Mission of the Church.

Have you considered being a Catechist?

Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8

I then heard the voice of the Lord saying:

Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?

And I said, 'Hear am I, send me.'

Congratulations to Marlene Do Sivieng in recognition of 5 years of service as a catechist in our Parish.

FEAST OF PRESENTATION : BLESSING OF CANDLES

WEDNESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

The Feast of the Presentation will be celebrated on Wednesday 2nd February. Mass times are:

St. Therese's Church 7am

St. Benedict's Shrine 7pm



As is custom in the Catholic Tradition, candles will be blessed at these Masses. Please bring your candles to the church for the blessing at "Candlemass".

ST. BLAISE: BLESSING OF THROATS -

THURSDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

On Thursday 4th February we celebrate the Memorial of St. Blaise. The blessing of throats will take place following the 7am and 9.15am Masses.

TONGA COLLECTION—THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who contributed to our special collection for Tonga. Your generous contributions have raised \$1577.65. For those who still wish to donate there are envelopes in the pews of the church or you can place your donation in the special collection box at the doors of the church.



St Gertrude's Catholic Primary Smithfield

Kindergarten Monday 31st January 2022

Years 1-6 Tuesday 1st February 2022

Patrician Brothers' Fairfield

Years 7, 11, 12 Tuesday 1st February 2022

All other years Wednesday 2nd February 2022

Mary MacKillop Wakeley

Year 7 Monday 31st January 2022

Years 8-12 Tuesday 1st February 2022

We would like to wish all our students, parents and carers, teachers & school staff every success in 2022.

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 CHECK YOUR EMAIL REGULARLY FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES REGARDING YOUR CHILD'S CONFIRMATION CEREMONY.

Confirmation Rehearsals:

- Ceremony 1 - Tuesday 8th February from 6:30 pm to 8 pm.
- Ceremony 2 - Thursday 10th February from 5 pm to 6:30 pm (note earlier time).
- Ceremony 3 - Friday 11th February from 6:30 pm to 8 pm.

Reconciliation before Confirmation:

To be advised via email

Retreat/Revision Zoom Session:

Refer to email

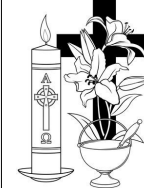
Please pray for the candidates and their families as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. To view the candidates work or see updates about the programme, visit the Parish web- site: <https://www.stgertrude.org.au/confirmation-programme-2021/>

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



CONGRATULATIONS ADAM CARLO

The Parish would like to congratulate Adam Carlo, a parishioner of ours, ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on Saturday 29th January for the Diocese of Parramatta. Adam was involved in our *Antioch* youth group for many years. Please continue to pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life and especially at this time to pray for Deacon Adam Carlo and all our seminarians as they continue their formation to the Priesthood.



RIP DAVID LAZARUS

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of David Lazarus, who served the Parish of St. Gertrude's for many years. David passed away on Saturday 22nd January. His funeral will take place at Our Lady of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Cemetery on Thursday 10th February at 2pm. The Parish wishes to extend to David's family our condolences and prayers at this time.



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.