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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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 February 2022



We welcome into our Parish
 Scarlet ROMANO
 Baptised this weekend

Congratulations to:
 Adam Goncalves & Karen Guevara
Married in our Parish this weekend.

We pray for the sick of this parish
 Alyssa Ferreri,
 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

Recently Deceased

Giuseppe D'Elia, Pietro Anastasi, Carmen Rosa Diaz, David Lazarus, Eustace Cyril Robeiro, Maria Fernandez, Mihaly Puskas, Haras El-Hachem.

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time
 Giuliano Nadalina, Giovanni Oliverio

PARISH INFORMATION

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 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
 Sunday 10.15am & 5.45pm

Wednesday During Novena
 (or by appointment)

Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199
 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month 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)

Parish Playgroup: Thursday during school term. 9.30am - 11.30am

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 19th February 2022
St Benedict: Group A Frances
St Therese's: Group B PPC/Teachers

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

* COVID19 Safety Procedures—Please see Church Notice Boards

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING *Jer. 17: 5-8*

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.
'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

- Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
- He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
- Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

SECOND READING *1 Cor. 15: 12, 16-20*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Lk. 6:17, 20-26*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.
Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.
Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.



ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR DAVID LAZARUS TUESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY, 7PM

A one month anniversary Mass will be celebrated for David Lazarus on ***Tuesday 22nd February at 7pm at St. Benedict's Shrine***. For many years David served the Parish of Smithfield and is well respected for his dedicated service and commitment to the Parish. This Mass is an opportunity for us as a Parish Community to celebrate the life of David and to give thanks to God for David. All welcome to attend.



CATECHIST NEWS

CATECHIST MEETING – WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 10AM MONTEFANO HALL, SMITHFIELD.

All Catechists are invited to a meeting in the Montefano Hall on Wednesday 16th February beginning at 10am. This meeting will contain important information about the running of Catechist classes in 2022. It is also a great opportunity to gather together.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE SERVICE OF TERESA CULJACK TO OUR AREA CATECHISTS FRIDAY 25TH FEBRUARY AT 9.15AM

For many years Teresa Culjak has been a familiar face to the Catechists in our local area. She has brought laughter, professionalism, vitality and a commitment to all our catechists. Teresa has recently resigned from her position and has decided to move on to other pursuits. To say thank you to Teresa for her years of service a Mass will be celebrated for her in thanksgiving for her service on Friday 26th February at 9.15am. All Catechists are welcome to attend.

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.

Thank you to all our Catechists for you amazing commitment and representation of Christ and our Parish in the community.

Have you considered being a Catechist?

Next Week: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Scripture: 1Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1Cor. 15:45-49; Lk. 6: 27-38.

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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH : FR. PETER JAMES STROHMAYER

As was announced previously, Fr. Jarek is taking Sabbatical Leave. This also means that he will no longer continue as Parish Priest of St. Gertrude's. Fr. Peter James has been appointed as the Parish Administrator of St. Gertrude's Parish. This appointment is effective as of the 1st January 2022. Please do not contact Fr. Jarek for Parish business. All inquiries should now be directed to Fr. Peter James through the Parish Office, either by phone or by email.
Fr. Wojtek has also been appointed as the House Administrator and will be responsible for the running of the Presbytery.
The Parish wishes to extend to Fr. Jarek our thanks and gratitude for his seven years of service to the Parish. We also extend our prayers and best wishes to Fr. Peter James and Fr. Wojtek as they begin their new offices.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE:

NEW REFRESHER TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Safeguarding Ministerial Office have advised that volunteers who completed Safeguarding Induction Training **more than 3 years ago** need to complete a **Refresher Training**.

If you are unsure of when you previously completed Safeguarding Induction Training please contact psso (psso@stgertrude.org.au) or ministry co-ordinators.

Currently this is only available through Online platforms. Volunteers can register for the new Refresher Training via SALT training (allows you to complete in own time) **or** via ZOOM.

To register for SALT training, please follow this link [ink https://forms.gle/XuQFsRsvq3BYtXqT9](https://forms.gle/XuQFsRsvq3BYtXqT9).

Alternatively, Volunteer Refresher training is available via Zoom. Below are the available dates for the Zoom Refresher Training, volunteers will simply need to register by emailing safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, 22 February 2022	9.00am – 10.00am	ZOOM
Friday, 11 March 2022	3.00pm – 4.00pm	ZOOM
Thursday, 31 March 2022	9.00am – 10.00am	ZOOM
Wednesday, 6 April 2022	4.00pm – 5.00pm	ZOOM
Monday, 16 May 2022	3.00pm – 4.00pm	ZOOM
Monday, 6 June 2022	9.00am – 10.00am	ZOOM

If you have any further queries or require assistance please contact psso at psso@stgertrude.org.au or speak to your ministry coordinator

CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

The Archdiocese of Sydney have revised guidelines on roles requiring WWCC (reduced the roles). It is only if you are involved in the following ministry work in the parish that you need to hold a current WWCC.

Youth ministers, Sacramental group leaders, Catechists, Children's Liturgy, Children's Choir Ministry Leaders, Acolytes, Senior Altar Servers, Readers, Parish Collectors/ Wardens, Eucharistic Ministers.

Please check that your WWCC is current for forthcoming year and send any renewals to wwcc@stgertrude.org.au.

If you are unsure or require any assistance please contact ministry co-ordinators or email wwcc@stgertrude.org.au.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS !

CONFIRMATION – 2020 & 2021 COHORTS

This week we welcome Bishop Terrence Brady who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish.

Congratulation to all the young people who were Confirmed this weekend or received a special blessing. We pray that you will continue your faith journey through life with heightened awareness of the power of the Holy Spirit within you.

The prayer and support from members of the Parish Community was much appreciated by parents and the Confirmandi. Thank you, parents, for the sacrifices you made in preparing your children for this special time. Covid complicated matters, especially with our ceremonies being postponed twice over the last 2 years. Thankfully with the help of technology we were able to hold our lessons via Zoom and prepare virtually together for this important Sacrament. To the Confirmandi, your enthusiasm and dedication to the preparation programme was admirable. Your Saint projects, which can be viewed on the Parish website, were very inspiring.

A big thank you to Fr Peter James, Fr Jarek and Fr Wojtek for all your support as we prepared the Candidates during this challenging time. Thank you also to the many people from our School and Parish Community who were involved in preparing for our Confirmation Masses, making the ceremonies a memorable event for our newly confirmed. We also thank the priests who helped with reconciliation.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS

An email will be issued 3 weeks after the Confirmation ceremonies, with a link provided, which will allow you to view and purchase photos directly from Giovanni Portelli of your child being Confirmed. Please wait for this email.



FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

Families who enrolled in November 2021, have been sent an email to acknowledge that enrolment has been received. You will be contacted again at the end of February with more information regarding your child's First Reconciliation lessons.

Reminder: Parent Information Meeting will take place on Tuesday 1st March at 7 pm in the Montefano Hall (please note the date/time may be subject to change).

For all enquiries, please contact the Sacramental Office by emailing sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or phone 9725 4317 to leave a message.



BLESSING OF BACKPACKS: SUNDAY 27TH

The blessing of backpacks will take place on Sunday 27th at 10.30am. Students are invited to bring their school backpacks for this blessing.



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.