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Contact Parish Office - 9604 1199
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10:00 am—2:00 pm

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."

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

FCI—Italian Catholic Federation

Happy & healthy 2022 to all Parishioners & FCI Patrons

You are invited to join us for

2022 Parish BINGO on 10:00 am

Restrictions permitting

Friday 4th & 18th March 2022

in Montefano Hall

\$10 entry includes Bingo Games, morning tea/coffee and light lunch.

Come Join us for a morning of fun and prizes.



St Gertrude's
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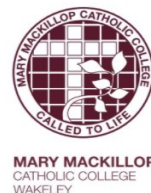


OPEN DAYS

Monday 7 March 2022 • 3.30pm–5.00pm
Wednesday 9 March 2022 • 9.30am–10.30am
Monday 14 March 2022 • 3.30pm–5.00pm

To book a tour, please visit: www.trybooking.com/BWJIG

stgsmithfield.catholic.edu.au



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ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

St Benedict's Shrine

Corner Justin & Neville Street
SMITHFIELD

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm;
9:00 am (Italian); 10:30am; 6:00pm.

Weekday Masses:

9:15am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday;
7:00 pm Wednesday

Weekday Public Holidays: 10:30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Adoration:

Wednesdays after evening Mass with Novena to St Benedict until 8:30 pm; 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 Strohmayer OSPPE

Assistant Priest

Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE

St Therese's Church

Corner The Boulevard & Stella Street
FAIRFIELD WEST

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm (Vietnamese);
7:30 am (English); 12 noon (Spanish); 6:00 pm (Syriac)

Weekday Masses:

Mon - Fri 7:00 am; Saturday 8:00 am

Weekday Public Holiday: 8:00 am

First Friday of the Month:

6.30 am Exposition & Confession; 7:00 am Mass

First Saturday of the Month:

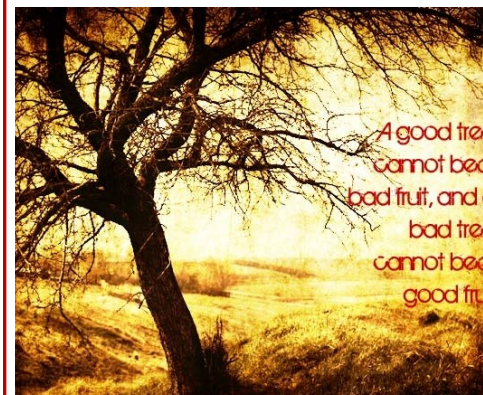
7:00 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesday after Mass

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 February 2022



Congratulations to

Agustin Machado & Dominique Thomas

Daniel Carrington & Claudia Tawill

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

Ted Hunter, Rosa Gravante, Pietro Anastasi, Giuseppe D'elia, David Lazarus, Eustace Cyril Robeiro,

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Br. Mark Ryan FSP, Leon Paseka, Wendy Banicevic, Roberto Bordin, Caterina Nadalinni, Ivan Bakic, Hanna Kmita, Rocco Carusso.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

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Website: www.stgertrude.org.au

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (closed Wednesday)

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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 Mertin

sacraments@stgertrude.org.au

Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

Liturgy: 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert

liturgy@stgertrude.org.au

Adult Sacraments (RCIA): Mariola Herbert

Every Sunday at 8:30 am 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 12 noon 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

Parish Playgroup: Thursday during school term. 9:30 am - 11:30 am

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 7:00 pm 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 March 2022

St Benedict: Group Grace & Pina
Therese's: Group Frances

Parish Office Hours: 10:00 am—2:00 pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
(closed Wednesday)

COVID19 Safety Procedures
Please see Church Notice Boards

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

FIRST READING *Ecc1. 27: 5-8.*

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of
its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

SECOND READING *1 Cor. 15: 54-28*

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and
when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words
of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory.
Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now
the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law.
So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord
Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat;
keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in
the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of Life
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Lk. 6:39-45*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide
another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not
superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be
like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your
brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How
can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the
splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in
your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first,
and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter
that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a
rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be
told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor
gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good

from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is
bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what
fills his heart.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, says the Lord.

COVID UPDATE

As you would be aware a number of changes have occurred this
week in regards to Covid regulations.
Please note:

- QR Code scanning and sign-in are no longer required in places
of worship.
- Face masks are not mandatory but remain **strongly
recommended**
- Congregational signing is permitted
- Holy water is permitted in the stoops

From next weekend in the Parish:

- Return of collections in Mass. The first collection will occur
after the Homily and the second collection will occur after
communion.
- Offertory procession will return.
- Youth Group will return.
- FCI Bingo will commence.
Please note that cleaning rosters have also resumed.

Whilst many restrictions have eased we are still advised and
encouraged to take reasonable care to avoid infection by keeping
some physical distancing in enclosed spaces, staying at home if
symptomatic and by practicing good hygiene.



BLESSING OF BACKPACKS: SUNDAY 27TH, 10.30AM

The blessing of backpacks will take place on Sunday 27th at
10:30 am Mass. Students are invited to bring their school
backpacks for this blessing.



FIRST FRIDAY- 4TH MARCH 2022

This Friday is the first Friday of the month,
honouring the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Mass times as follows:

St Therese's Church: 6:30 am exposition and confession
7:00 am Mass

St. Benedict's Shrine: 9:15 am followed by devotions

Please note that evening will be Stations of the Cross and Mass

FIRST SATURDAY- 5TH MARCH 2022

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

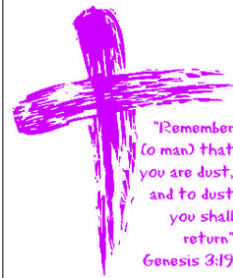
St. Therese's Church:
7:00 am exposition, rosary and confession
8:00 am Mass

St. Benedict's Shrine: 10:00 am Rosary

Next Week: First Sunday of Lent

**Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13;
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13**

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ASH WEDNESDAY: 2ND MARCH

In the Roman Catholic Tradition, Ash
Wednesday begins the penitential
Season of Lent. Although this is not a
holy day of obligation, the faithful are
strongly encouraged to attend Mass and
receive the ashes.

Mass times:

St. Therese's Church 7:00 am
St. Benedict's Shrine 9:15 am
7:00 pm

*Please note that there will be **no Novena** on the evening of
Ash Wednesday.*

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are days of **fasting** (one
main meal and two snacks) and **abstinence** (not eating meat).
Fasting applies to those who have completed their eighteenth
year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of
abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth
year.

Project Compassion Boxes can also be collected from the
entrance of the Church.

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR UKRAINE WEDNESDAY MARCH 2 (ASH WEDNESDAY)

In his General Audience in Rome on Wednesday Pope Francis
expressed that his heart aches over the situation in the Ukraine
and announced **Ash Wednesday as a "Day of Prayer and
Fasting for Peace"**.

*"I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves
intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of
Peace preserve the world from the madness of war." Pope
Francis. General Audience, Wed. 23/2/2022.*

There are a number of Pauline Fathers currently ministering in
the Ukraine. Please keep them and their congregations in your
prayers.

Friday 4 March — First Friday after Ash Wednesday is Autumn Ember Day.

A Special Day of Prayer and Penance.

*The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has decided that the
Australian Church should observe the First Friday in Autumn and
Spring (March and September) each year as special Days of Prayer
and Penance.*

- *Ember days seek God's blessing of favourable weather and a
fruitful harvest from the land, interceding in times of drought or
flood and giving thanks in better times.*
- *There is a strong impulse on these days towards the justice of
God's kingdom, with attention given to those peoples who are
devasted by famine and exploitation.*
- *Ember days rightly focus on the environment, climate change,
and our stewardship of the world's resources. Doing penance
reminds us that sustainable use of our resources will cost us in
our attitudes and lifestyle.*



LENTEN PROGRAM 2022

COME BACK TO ME LENTEN COMPANION. This publication
contains Gospel meditations for each Sunday in Lent and
Passion Sunday, with some questions to help discussion. There
is also the inclusion of the Stations of the Cross. This is available
at the doors of the church. Maybe you would like to set up a
group or even use this for family prayer!

Stations of the Cross & Mass each Friday.

St. Therese Church
7am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross
St. Benedict's Shrine
7pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

**REMINDER: First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion 2022
Parent Meeting – Tuesday 1st March at 7:30 pm in the
Montefano Hall.**

Enrolled families, please check your email regularly for updates.



Prayer Partners: Sacramental time is a
special time of grace for all in our community.
Over the next two weekends, before or after
the Masses, children preparing for First
Reconciliation may ask members of the
community to be "Prayer Partners". Accepting
an invitation to be a "Prayer Partner" involves taking the prayer
card and praying for the candidate during the time leading up to
their receiving the Sacrament. Should you be invited to become
a "Prayer Partner" please accept the candidate's invitation and
reassure him/her of your support. If you do not receive a prayer
card, please pray for all the children.

If you missed the enrolment period last year, please visit the
Parish website for more information

[http://www.stgertrude.org.au/ministries/sacramental-program/
enrolment-first-reconciliation-first-holy-communion-2022/](http://www.stgertrude.org.au/ministries/sacramental-program/enrolment-first-reconciliation-first-holy-communion-2022/)

Enrolments for 2022 will not be accepted after the 25th February.

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

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new set of planned giving envelopes are ready for collection.
These are available this week at St. Benedict's Shrine. The
Giving envelopes are a vital way that the Parish can plan for
future expenses. Your weekly contributions allow us to calculate
and forecast income to pay for expenses such as Parish loans,
utilities, maintenance, etc. If you would like to join our Planned
Giving System, please complete the form provided. There is also
the option of direct debit.

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish!

Upcoming Solemnity Celebrations for March.

17 March: St Patrick –Bishop

19 March: St Joseph– Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

25 March: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD



RIP FR. ARKADIUSZ NIEDZIULKA

Please keep in your prayers Fr. Arkadiusz, a Pauline
Father who passed away on 22 February. Fr.
Arkadiusz was 81 years of age, 55 years in the Order,
49 years as a Priest.



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.