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Contact Parish Office - 9604 1199  
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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 [safeguarding@sydneycatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@sydneycatholic.org.au). 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 1st April & 22nd April 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.**



### PARISH PLAYGROUP—THIS WEEK

New and existing families are invited to attend.

When: Thursday 24th March  
Where: Demountable next to the Paddock  
Time: 9:30 am—11:30 am

Playgroup will meet every Thursday during the school term.

Hope to see you all there!!



**OPEN DAY**  
Tuesday  
22 March  
2022  
4.00pm-7.30pm



Patrician Brothers'  
College Fairfield



**OPEN DAY**  
Tuesday 29 March 2022 • 3.00pm—6.30pm

[pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au](http://pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au)

# 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

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

**20 March 2022**



### Welcome into our Parish

Sienna INFERRERA, Giani ROSSI, Cassia GIALLOMBARDO, Alessia VACCARO  
Baptised this weekend

### Congratulations to

Evan BOGGIAN & Alexandra CERVANTES  
John OBEID & Emi IDA  
Married in our Parish

### We pray for the sick of this Parish

Alyssa Ferreri, Giuseppina Pignataro,  
Fr Anthony David OSPPE, Kevin Dicconson,  
Adam Westwood, Emille & 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

Emma Bertoldi, Mary Portelli, Vera Winter,  
Emma Zulen, Ted Hunter, Rosa Gravante,  
Pietro Anastasi, Giuseppe D'elia,

**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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Email: [office@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:office@stgertrude.org.au)

Website: [www.stgertrude.org.au](http://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](mailto:catechist@stgertrude.org.au)

Sacraments: 9725 4317 Helena Martin

[sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au)

Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

Liturgy: 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert

[liturgy@stgertrude.org.au](mailto: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

Sunday 10:15am & 5:45pm

(or by appointment)

Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199

1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:wwcc@stgertrude.org.au) (all WWCC renewals)

[psso@stgertrude.org.au](mailto: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 a Christian response to bioethical challenges**

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of human life with prayer and action.

## 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 26th March 2022

St Benedict: Group B PPC/Teachers  
Therese's: Group B Vietnamese

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

COVID19 Safety Procedures  
Please see Church Notice Boards



### 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

or

When I prove my holiness among you,  
I will gather you from all the foreign lands;  
and I will pour clean water upon you  
and cleanse you from all your impurities,  
and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

#### FIRST READING

**Ex. 3: 1-8, 13-15.**

*A reading from the Book of Exodus*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.' from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#### The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord does deeds of justice,  
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses  
and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)
4. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

#### SECOND READING

**1Cor. 10: 1-6, 10-12.**

*A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians*

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this

sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Repent, says the Lords;  
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### GOSPEL

**Lk. 13: 1-9.**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.*

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,  
the water I shall give will become in him  
a spring welling up to eternal life.

or

The sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for her young:  
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.

#### Upcoming Solemnity Celebrations for March.

**25 March: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

#### EASTER ROSTER AVAILABILITY

We are in the process of planning for our Easter liturgies. To assist us in this, all ministers are asked to take home a sheet and indicate your availability over the Easter celebrations. You can return the completed sheet to Mimi, the Parish Office or scan your response and email to the Parish Office.

**Please complete these sheets by Friday 25th March.**

Thank you to all our volunteers and Ministers who assist at our Liturgies and who serve our Parish with joy and commitment.

**Next Week:** Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Scripture: Joshua 5: 9-12; 2Cor. 5: 17-21;**  
**Gospel: Luke 15:1-3.**

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#### 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 and Stations of the Cross.

#### Stations of the Cross & Mass each Friday.

St. Therese Church

**7:00 am** Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

St. Benedict's Shrine

**7:00 pm** Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

#### EASTER MASS TIMETABLE

##### HOLY WEEK

##### Saturday 10th April:

St. Therese's Church  
St. Benedicts Shrine

##### Vigil of Palm Sunday

5:00 pm Vietnamese  
6:00 pm English

##### Sunday 10th April:

St. Therese's Church

##### Palm Sunday

7:30 am & 9:00 am English  
12:00 pm Spanish  
9:00 am Italian  
10:30 am English  
1:00 pm Syriac Rite  
6:00 pm English

St. Benedicts Shrine

##### Monday 11th April

St. Therese's Church  
St. Benedicts Shrine

7:00 am Mass of the Day  
9:15 am Mass of the Day

##### Tuesday 12th April

St. Therese's Church  
St. Benedicts Shrine

7:00 am Mass of the Day  
9:15 am Mass of the Day  
6:30 pm *Rehearsals*

##### Wednesday 13th April

St. Therese's Church

7:00 am Mass of the Day  
5:30 pm Syriac

St. Benedicts Shrine

7:00 pm Mass of the Day  
Confessions

##### Thursday 14th April - No MORNING MASS

St. Mary's Cathedral  
St. Therese's Church

10:00 am Chrism Mass  
5:30 pm Syriac Rite Mass

##### The Sacred Paschal Triduum

St. Benedicts Shrine 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
with adoration at the Altar of Repose until Midnight.

##### Friday 15th April:

St Therese's Church

##### Good Friday.

No morning Mass  
1:00 pm Vietnamese

St. Benedict's Shrine

##### No morning Mass

*Adoration at the Altar of Repose from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm.*

10:00 am Stations of the Cross  
3:00 pm Commemoration of  
The Lord's Passion followed by  
Divine Mercy Novena

##### Saturday 16th April

St Therese's Church

##### Holy Saturday

No morning Mass  
3:00 pm Vietnamese Vigil

St. Benedict's Shrine

Morning Prayer at Altar of Repose  
Divine Mercy Novena  
Easter Vigil

9:00 am

6:00 pm

6:30 pm

##### Sunday 17th April

St. Therese's Church

7:30 am & 9:00 am English  
12:00 pm Spanish

2:30 pm Vietnamese  
5:30 pm Syriac Rite

St. Benedicts Shrine

9:00 am Italian  
10:30 am English  
6:00 pm English

#### SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

Preparation lessons for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist will continue

**THIS WEEKEND 20TH MARCH AT 8:45 AM IN THE MONTEFANO HALL.**

All children are expected to be at this lesson with their pens and pencils. Workbooks will be distributed at the first lesson. One parent/Carer/guardian is also to be present.

If you are unable to attend, please contact the sacraments email.

**Thank you to those who accepted to become a "Prayer Partner". If you do not receive a prayer card, please pray for all the children.**

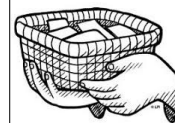
If you missed the enrolment period last year, please visit the Parish website for more information.

<http://www.stgertrude.org.au/ministries/sacramental-program/enrolment-first-reconciliation-first-holy-communion-2022/>

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



#### COLLECTIONS AT MASS



We have resumed using the "collection plate" during our weekend Masses. The collections will be taken:

**First Collection** — after the homily  
**Second Collection** — after Communion  
once the Altar has been cleared and the hosts reposed in the Tabernacle and the Celebrant has been seated

*Thank you for your continued support of your Parish and Priests.*

#### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

There are a number of Planned Giving Envelopes still yet to be collected. Please collect your envelopes.

**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!*



#### PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES:

Please collect your project compassion boxes available at the doors of the church.

#### WRITTEN MATERIALS - ASK THE PRIEST FIRST !

Anyone wishing to place or distribute **written materials of any sort** in the church needs to ask and have the permission of Fr. Peter James. This has been an ongoing request in the Parish. **ANY materials found in the church without permission will be immediately removed and destroyed.**



#### 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  
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BSB: 062784 Acct. No. 100001084

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity .God Bless.*