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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.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 31st 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!!



Patrician Brothers'
College Fairfield



OPEN DAY

Tuesday 29 March 2022 • 3.00pm–6.30pm

pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au

Advertising Space Available - Beginning New

Financial Year

Quarterly (No Easter Ads): \$330

Half Year (26 Weeks - No Easter Ads): \$550

Annually (No Easter Ads): \$990

• 10% discount for parishioners who are actively donating via the St Gertrude's Fund.

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

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

4th Sunday of Lent

27 March 2022



Congratulations to

Santo PIRROTTINA & Priscilla SINGH
David DIMECH & Rachel MUSCAT
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

Paul Cilia, John Cini, Antonio Giannini,
Alma Gordon, Emma Bertoldi, Mary Portelli,
Vera Winter, Emma Zulen, Ted Hunter,
Rosa Gravante, Pietro Anastasi, Giuseppe D'elia,

And for those whose Anniversary 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

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

Sunday 10:15am & 5:45pm

(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 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 2nd April

St Benedict: Group B Wilson Family
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

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast .

FIRST READING

Josh. 5: 9-12.

A reading from the Book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, ‘Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.’
The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded ions to come.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

2Cor. 5: 17-21.

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

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Lk. 15: 1-3, 11-32.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them:

‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You must rejoice, my son,
for your brother was dead and has come to life;
he was lost and is found.

CATECHIST MEETING - WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH, 10AM

Our Parish Catechists are invited to a meeting on Wednesday 30th March at 10am in the Montefano Hall. This is to organize classes for 2022.



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

Next Week: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Is. 43: 16-21; Phil. 3:8-14
Gospel: John 8: 1-11.

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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
St. Benedicts Shrine
Palm Sunday
7:30 am English
12:00 pm Spanish
9:00 am Italian
10:30 am English
1:00 pm Syriac Rite
6:00 pm English

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
St. Benedicts Shrine
7:00 am Mass of the Day
5:30 pm Syriac
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
Adoration at the Altar of
No morning Mass
Repose from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm.
9:00 am Morning Prayer at the
Altar of Repose (led by Neo-Cats)
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
St. Benedict's Shrine
Holy Saturday
No morning Mass
3:00 pm Vietnamese Vigil
10.30 am Morning Prayer at the
Altar of Repose (led by Neo-Cats)
Divine Mercy Novena
Easter Vigil

Sunday 17th April
St. Therese's Church
St. Benedicts Shrine
Easter Sunday
7:30 am English
12:00 pm Spanish
2:30 pm Vietnamese
5:30 pm Syriac Rite
9:00 am Italian
10:30 am English
6:00 pm English

Please note that there are no confessions in the Parish during the Sacred Triduum or Easter Sunday.

PARISH EASTER WORKING BEE - SATURDAY 9TH APRIL

A Parish working Bee to prepare St. Benedict's Shrine and St. Therese's Church has been arranged for Saturday 9th April, starting at St. Therese's Church at 9.30am and then at St. Benedict's at 11.30am. If you have some free time please come and help prepare for Holy Week Celebrations.

PALM & OLIVE BRANCHES

If you have any Palm Tree or Olive Tree branches for Palm Sunday, please bring these to the church on Thursday **7th and Friday 8th April** and leave them in the church foyer.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

Preparation lessons for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist will continue

THIS WEEKEND 27TH 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.

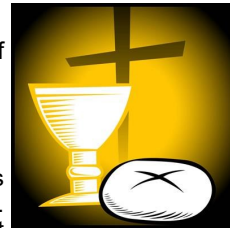
If you are unable to attend, please contact the sacraments email.

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 or phone 9725 4317 to leave a message.



THANK YOU SYRIAC COMMUNITY !

The Parish would like to extend a very special and sincere thanks to the Syriac Community who have worked hard this week at St. Therese's Church. The Community have repainted the hall, purchased new blinds and fans, fixed the leaking roof and gardened behind the church hall.

May God bless you for your generosity and efforts.



WATER DAMAGE IN THE PARISH

Whilst we give thanks to God for the gift of rain to water our crops and fill our water supply, there are also some negative affects of the rain.

The Parish has sustained some serious water damage as a result of the recent prolonged heavy rain. Therefore we have had to close the *Children's Room* at St. Benedict's Shrine until further notice.

Please keep the pews at the back of the Shrine free for parents with children, especially parents with prams. This will allow parents a quick exit if needed and room for the prams.

There was also significant damage to the church (roof, foyer area, pipe organ) and the Montefano Hall (parquetry floor and annex). St. Gertrude's Chapel has also been damaged and will remain closed for the foreseeable future.

There will be some works taking place over the next few weeks so please take extra care around the Parish.

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
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.