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• 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

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
Catholic Primary School
Smithfield



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

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Tuesday
22 March
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Tuesday 29 March 2022 • 3.00pm–6.30pm

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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

1st Sunday of Lent

6 March 2022



Welcome into our Parish

Valentino Caruana, Carter Vassallo,
Maria Bizgala, Domenic Romeo
Baptised this weekend

Congratulations to

Michael LAGUDI & Natasha PUSHIAN
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:

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)

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 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 8:30 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 12th March 2022

St Benedict: Group E Neo Cats
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

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING *Deut. 26:4-10.*

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

SECOND READING *Rom. 10: -13.*

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

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Lk. 4:1-13.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

or

The Lord will conceal you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will trust.



PARISH PLAYGROUP—THIS WEEK

After a very long absence, the Parish Playgroup will gather for the first time this week! New and existing families are invited to attend.

When: Thursday 10th March
Where: Demountable next to the Paddock
Time: 9.30am—11.30am
Playgroup will then meet every Thursday during the school term.

Hope to see you all there!!



PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES:
Please collect your project compassion boxes available at the doors of the church

Next Week: Second Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Gen. 15: 5-12, 17-18; Phil. 26: 1,7-9, 13 -14; Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36.

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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. 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

7:00 am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

St. Benedict's Shrine

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE UKRAINE

There are a number of Pauline Fathers currently ministering in the Ukraine. Whilst our Fathers are currently safe, there is concern for those in Mariupol where the media reports constant Russian bombing. Please keep them and their congregations in your prayers.

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

A number of activities have returned this week 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.
 - Playgroup returns.
 - Holy water in the stoops at the doors of the church.
- 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.

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF OUR NEIGHBOURS

We have recently received a number of concerns regarding our neighbours, particularly those at St. Therese's Church Fairfield Heights. We ask that all our parishioners be considerate and mindful of our neighbours. In particular to be careful when using street parking **not to block to driveway** of the residents or to park so close to the driveway that it makes it difficult to enter or leave the premises. Also be mindful of **rubbish and litter**. There have been a number of occasions where drink cartons, food wrappings and cigarette butts have been thrown into the neighbours gardens or left on the street. Please take your litter with you or use the bins provided. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

**REMINDER: First Reconciliation/
First Holy Communion 2022
Classes to begin next weekend
Sunday 13th March**



**Enrolments for First Reconciliation
and Eucharist are now CLOSED.**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the information evening on Tuesday evening. A special thank you to those who presented and helped at the parent Meeting.

Preparation lessons for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist will commence **NEXT WEEKEND 13TH MARCH AT 8.45AM 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.

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/>

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. Therese's Church.

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



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