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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."

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

20th May 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

Our Parish Playgroup will be on this week

When: Thursday 28th April

Where: Demountable next to the Paddock

Time: 9:30 am—11:30 am

Playgroup will meet every Thursday during the school term. New and existing families are invited to attend.

Hope to see you all there!!

Advertising Space Available - Beginning New Financial Year

Quarterly (No Easter Ads): \$330

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

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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

Feast of Divine Mercy

24 April 2022



Congratulations to

Paul ORIGLIA & Olivia FRANCO
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 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

Anna Paternoster, Bounkeo Sivieng,
Nicola Giampola, Lucy Sophia Ziober,
Natala Limonelli, Gaetano Vaccari,
Rocco Cavallaro, Bernadette McCormick,
Peter Forner, Paul Cilia, John Cini,
Antonio Giannini, Alma Gordon,
Emma Bertoldi, Mary Portelli,

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

John Patani, Fortunato Mordica, Anthony Dimech,
Rena Spisso.

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

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 10:15 am & 5:45 pm

(or by appointment)

Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:00 noon in St Benedict's Shrine Church Smithfield

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 Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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 30th April
St Benedict: Group B PPC/Teachers
Therese's: Group C Spanish

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

COVID19 Safety Procedures
Please see Church Notice Boards

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

- Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
- The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**
- O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the true God is our light. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Rv 1:9-13. 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Thank You

A BIG **THANK YOU** to all our parishioners who gave so generously of their time and talents to ensure our Easter celebrations were beautiful and holy.

A wonderful effort achieved by our parish community in contributions raised from our Easter Appeals:

Ukraine Appeal: \$3233.45

Holy Land Appeal: \$2607.95

If you would like to further donate, EFT's are available. Please include name of appeal in the reference.

Project Compassion Boxes: Please leave in the baskets at the front of church. (Near Baptismal Font)



May the Lord bless you a hundredfold for all that you have given to build the Kingdom of God.

Next Week: Third Sunday of Easter

**Scripture: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Rev. 5:11-14,
Gospel: John 21:1-19**

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REGINA CAELI

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.
Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

**The Regina Caeli is a Marian prayer synonymous with the Easter Season. Traditionally, it replaces the Angelus during this time.*



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 24 APRIL 2022

Jesus requested to St Faustina that the first Sunday after Easter should be the **Feast of Divine Mercy.**

In addition to our parish Mass timetable, there will be a special celebration at St Benedict's Shrine.

2:00 pm: Prayers & Devotions

3:00 pm: Mass

From the Diary of St Faustina, Jesus proclaimed:

I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy (1109).

Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment(300).

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (699).

EASTER OFFERINGS

Easter Offerings **help support our priests.**

Easter Offering envelopes will be available in the Church from the Easter Vigil and throughout the Easter Season.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish priests.

PRIMARY/HIGH SCHOOLERS YOUTH GROUP

Our Primary/Highschoolers Youth Group will be meeting at 7:00 pm, Sunday 15th May, 2022 in the Montefano Hall.

Please join us as we meet, have fun and pray together!

YOUNG ADULT'S 18+ GROUP

Our Young Adult Group will be meeting at 7:00 pm, Monday, 16th May, 2022 in the demountable.

It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives! - St John Paul II

MEN'S ROSARY GROUP: 28 APRIL 2022

Our Men's Rosary Group will be meeting at 7pm, Thursday 28 April 2022 at St Benedict's Shrine.

The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these days! - St Padre Pio.

FAIRFIELD ACTIVE MALTESE SENIORS

Information: "How to Access Aged Care in your own Home"

Date: 10:00 am, Tuesday 26 April 2022

Where: St Theresa's Church Hall,

Cnr Stella St & The Boulevarde, Fairfield Heights

For more information, contact: Marisa 0414 863 123

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

Preparation lessons for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist will return:

**SUNDAY 1ST MAY 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.

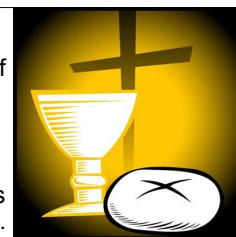
If you are unable to attend, please contact the sacraments email.

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.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA DAY PILGRIMAGE TO PENROSE PARK FRIDAY 13 MAY 2022



A Parish Pilgrimage to Penrose Park is being organized for the **Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Friday 13 May 2022 to Our Lady of Mercy Shrine, Penrose Park.**

The bus will depart St Benedict's Shrine, Smithfield at 8:15am and will return approximately at 5:00pm .

Cost: \$25

To book, please see volunteer in Church Foyer to add your name to the list or contact the Parish Office.

Space is limited.



ANZAC DAY MASS TIMES: 25 APRIL 2022

St Therese's Church: 8:00am

St Benedict's Shrine: 10:30am



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.