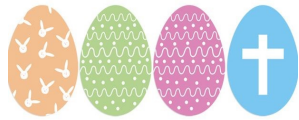


BLESSING OF HOMES DURING EASTERTIDE



LEADER: Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace. Blessed be God forever.

R/: Blessed be God forever.

LEADER: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ, risen from the dead, who is our source of hope, joy, and comfort. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to

Luke: 24:28-32

As the disciples approached the village to which they were going, Jesus gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?"

LEADER: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, through you every dwelling is a temple of holiness: build those who live in this house into the dwelling place of God in the Holy Spirit. We pray: **R/.**

Lord Jesus Christ, the disciples recognized you in the breaking of the bread: grant that the members of this family may be open always to the presence of Christ in Word and sacrament. We pray: **R/.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you appeared to the frightened Apostles and said, "Peace be with you": grant that your abiding peace may remain with the members of this family. We pray: **R/.**

ALL: Our Father

LEADER: Lord, we rejoice in the victory of your Son over death: by rising from the tomb to new life he gives us new hope and promise. Bless all the members of this household and surround them with your protection, that they may find comfort and peace in Jesus Christ, the Paschal Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R/. Amen



Move through house sprinkling Holy Water

EASTER TABLE PRAYER

Creator God and Lord of Life, You who call forth from the darkness of death all those who love You, we rejoice, on this Easter Sunday, in the resurrection from the dead of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Visit our home and this table with Your bright blessing of peace and life.

We pause in the midst of this prayer to remember all the holy dead of our family who live now in You and who await the final and glorious resurrection of the dead.

Pause for silent reflection to remember those who have died.

May they and we, because of our faith in You, our God, taste in the victory of life over death.

May the Risen Christ, our Lord and Savior, be our guest as we celebrate His resurrection with this Easter Sunday dinner.

Bless those whose work to prepare this meal has truly been a work of prayer, and bless all of us who shall share it with Easter love and joy.

May You, then, bless this table and this food, and each of us in Your holy name. Amen.

"Edward Hays, "Prayers for the Domestic Church: A Handbook for Worship in the Home"



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.*

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

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:

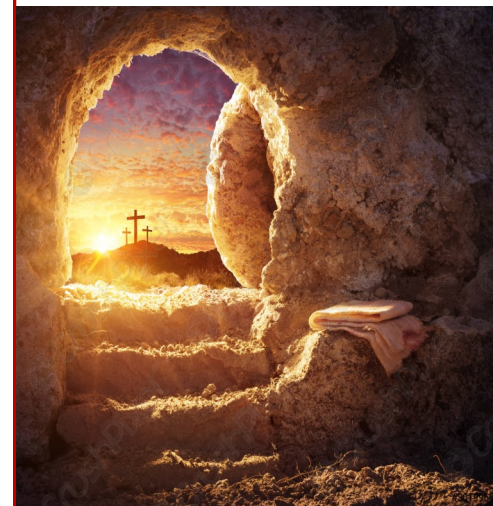
7:00 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesday after Mass

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

17 April 2022



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

Lucy Sophia Ziober, Natala Limonelli
Rocco Cavallaro, Bernadette McCormick,
Peter Forner, Paul Cilia, John Cini,
Antonio Giannini,
Alma Gordon, Emma Bertoldi, Mary Portelli,
Vera Winter, Emma Zuleni, Ted Hunter,
Rosa Gravante, Pietro Anastasi,
Giuseppe D'elia,

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

John Patani, Fortunato Murdica,
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 23rd April

**St Benedict: Group A Frances
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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.
To him be glory and power
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia

FIRST READING *Acts 10:34. 37-43*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
‘His love has no end.’ (R.)
2. The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

SECOND READING *Col. 3:1-4*

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

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

SEQUENCE

O flock of Christ your homage bring,
To Christ the Lamb, your glorious
King, His Easter praise in triumph sing!
Alleluia
Peace has come down from God on
high. The king of peace in death did lie.
To save the sheep the lamb did die.
Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Never on earth was stranger sight
Life fought with death in darkest
night Yet lives to reign in endless light.
Alleluia!

What saw you Mary on your way?
“I saw the tomb where life once lay
Whose glory shone this Easter
Day.” Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Angels their joyful tidings spread!
Grave clothes I saw where none
lay dead.
The cloth that once had veiled his head! Alleluia!
Christ is my hope, who rose for me!
Soon will you all his glory see!
Christ bids you go to Galilee.
Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has indeed arisen then
As Lord of life, to reign again!
On us have mercy Lord, Amen.
Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Jn 20:1-9*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

EASTER MONDAY MASS TIMES

St. Therese’s Church 8:00am
St. Benedict’s Shrine 10:30am



Next Week: Second Sunday of Easter
Scripture: *Acts 5:12-16; Rev. 1:9-13.17-19;*
Gospel: *John 19:20-31*

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Easter Message

On entering the tomb, they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, “There is no need to be so amazed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. (Mk. 16:5-6)

People reacted differently to the sight of the empty tomb, disbelief, belief, confusion, fear, love and, like these women ... amazed! In what seemed a hopeless and desperate situation, God’s victory over evil is not revealed in some cataclysmic battle, but in an empty tomb. The authorities tried to bury truth, but “Truth” could not be contained, and as promised, rose from the darkness of the tomb. Our world has seen much suffering in recent history, both natural and manufactured, and can be the cause of much despair and anxiety. But as a Christian People, as an Easter People we look with awe and with hope on the empty tomb which promises so much to so many. As St. John Paul II once stated, *“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.”* So this Easter when you gather around your Easter Table, give thanks for the promise fulfilled, give thanks for gift of each other and pray for those whose Easter this year is shadowed by doubt and fear. Thank you for your prayers, your presence at our liturgies and the gift of who you are. Have a Blessed Easter! Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Indeed He is Risen, Alleluia!

**In Christ,
Fr Peter James and Fr Wojtek**

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.

May the Lord bless you a hundredfold for all that you have given to build our parish faith and life.

EASTER OFFERINGS

Easter Offerings **help support our priests.**

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

Thank you for your continued support of our parish priests.

PASCHAL CANDLE DONATION

Thank you to **Mark Malone** from **Integrity Funerals** who very kindly donated the Paschal candles for both St Benedict’s Shrine and St Therese’s Church.

FATIMA DAY PILGRIMAGE: FRIDAY 13 MAY 2022

Parish Pilgrimage to Penrose Park is being organised for **Friday 13 May 2022**. A list of names is in the foyer of **St Benedict’s Shrine or Parish Office**.
Cost \$25 pp. Space is limited.



Jesus, I Trust In You!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 24 APRIL 2022

Jesus requested to St Faustina that the first Sunday after Easter should be the Feast of Divine Mercy and proclaimed in a special way. 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



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Please remember to turn off your mobile phones – or switch to silent – when entering the Church.

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BSB 066711 Acct. No. 007392

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