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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](mailto: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**



ALL Nationalities are welcome.

**Bingo Numbers called out in  
ENGLISH**

**Next Bingo 10:00 am**

**Friday 3rd June in Montefano Hall**

**\$10 entry includes**

**Bingo Games, prizes**

**Morning Tea/Coffee and light Lunch.**

**Come join us, united as a Parish.**



#### PARISH PLAYGROUP

Our Parish Playgroup will be on this week

**When:** Thursday 2nd June 2022

**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 Strohmayr 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

## The Ascension of the Lord

**29 May 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

Giuseppina Ronzini, Rosemary Henries,  
Stefano Casamento, Angelo Sinicropi,  
Domenic John Pavis, Rose Rogers, Maria Pito  
Santo Zoccoli, Agatino Sacca, Ana Paternoster,  
Bounkeo Sivieng, Nicola Giampola,

### And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

William Mascarenhas, Gabrielle Palozzo,  
Anton Jarkey, Merlene Nagli,  
Lawrence Charles Chachia, Marija Stefulj,  
Geoffrey Manche, Richard Wozniak

#### 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

[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 10:15 am & 5:45 pm

(or by appointment)

**Baptisms:** Parish Office 9604 1199

Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](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 Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

#### 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 4th June

**St Benedict: Group B PPC/Teachers**  
**Therese's: Group A Frances, Margaret**

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

**COVID19 Safety Procedures**  
Please see Church Notice Boards



## ASCENSION SUNDAY

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, alleluia

### FIRST READING

**Acts 1: 1-11.**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. (R)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R)
3. God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. (R)

### SECOND READING

**Eph. 1:17-23.**

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

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
Love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

**Lk. 24:46-53**

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, alleluia.



#### RIP GIUSEPPINA RONZINI

It is with a heavy and sad heart that we announce the passing of Giuseppina Ronzini. For over 40 years Giuseppina was an active volunteer in the Parish doing all the "behind the scenes" jobs, especially the washing and ironing of the altar linens.

The Parish wishes to extend to the family of Giuseppina our heartfelt condolences and our prayers for Giuseppina and the family.

**Rosary and Viewing: Tuesday 31st May at 5:00 pm  
at St. Benedict's Shrine**

**Requiem Mass: Wednesday 1st June at 10:30 am  
at St. Benedict's Shrine.**



#### FIRST EUCHARIST SUNDAY

**5TH & 19TH JUNE**

The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated in our Parish on

**Sunday 5th June at 1:00 pm**

**Sunday 19th June at 1:00 pm**

There are approximately 80 children who will receive Jesus for the first time in the Holy Eucharist. This is an important part of their faith development.

It is also an opportunity to remind us of our own First Eucharist. Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers.

**Next Week: Pentecost Sunday**

**Scripture: Acts 2: 1-11, 1 Cor. 12: 3-7, 12-13.  
Gospel: John 20: 19-23.**

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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.*



#### FIRST FRIDAY- 3RD JUNE 2022

This Friday is the first Friday of the month, honouring the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Mass times as follows:

**St Therese's Church:** 6:30 am exposition and confession  
7:00 am Mass

**St. Benedict's Shrine:** 9:15 am Mass followed by devotions.  
7:00 pm: Mass followed by devotions.

#### FIRST SATURDAY- 4TH JUNE 2022

This Saturday is the first Saturday of the month, honouring the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mass times as follows:

**St. Therese's Church:** 7:00 am exposition, rosary and confession

8:00 am Mass

**St. Benedict's Shrine:** 10:00 am Rosary

#### PRIMARY/HIGH SCHOOLERS YOUTH GROUP

Our Primary/High Schoolers Youth Group will be meeting at **7:00 pm, Sunday 19th June**, 2022 in the Montefano Hall.

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

#### YOUNG ADULT'S 18+ GROUP - NEW TIME!

Our Young Adult Group meeting has been re-scheduled for 7:00 pm, **Monday 30th 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

#### PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Thank you to all who have given so generously to Project Compassion this year. In total the Parish raised nearly **\$12,000** which is an outstanding effort in these difficult and uncertain economic time. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity!



#### FIRST EUCHARIST CRAFT

A reminder to those who have enrolled to participate in the First Eucharist Craft that this will take place this Wednesday 1st June in the Parish Demountables.

Please check your allocated time.

#### Fairfield Active Maltese Seniors

Tue 31 May @ 10:00 am

St Theresa's Hall, Cnr Stella St & The Boulevard

Fairfield Hts. **Gardening Workshop with Doris Meilak**

New members always welcome!

**Contact: Marisa 0414 863 123**

## SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

### HOLY COMMUNION

**Classes resume this weekend**

Preparation lessons for Holy Communion continue this weekend the **29th May in the Montefano Hall at 8.45am**. This is the last Sunday lesson before we celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist.



### PLEASE NOTE MASS TIMES AND REHEARSAL TIMES :

**Ceremony 1 Sunday 5th June, 1pm** (Pentecost Sunday)  
Rehearsal Thursday 2nd June 6.30pm

**Ceremony 2 Sunday 19th June, 1pm** (Corpus Christi)  
Rehearsal Thursday 16th June, 6.30pm

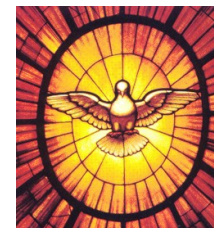
If you are unable to attend, please contact the sacraments email.

Children who will do special tasks during the ceremonies will be given their instructions on Sunday 29th May at the classes.

Please continue to keep our children in your prayers as they prepare for their First Eucharist.

### CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS 2022

*Children in Year 6 and above, who have made their Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, are eligible to enrol for the Confirmation Programme.*



**Enrolments will open on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May and will close on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**



To enrol your child, use the QR code to access the online Google enrolment form.

The enrolment form can also be accessed by visiting the Parish Website: <http://www.stgertrude.org.au/ministries/sacramental-program>

*If enrolling more than one child, please complete an online form for each child.*

For planning purposes please enrol during the enrolment period.

**Late enrolments will not be accepted.**

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.



#### 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.**