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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** invites  
Parishioners, Members & families  
**40th Anniversary Luncheon**  
Sunday 31st July 2022  
at 12:00 noon  
in Montefano Hall



**4 course meal, drinks, sweets, entertainment, music, lucky door prize,**

**Cost: Adults \$60. Children: U/12 Yrs. \$30**

**RSVP: 17 July 2022**  
**Tony Coiera: 0409 908 424**



#### PARISH PLAYGROUP

Our Parish Playgroup will be on this week

**When:** Thursday 30th 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

Annually (No Easter Ads): \$990

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

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# ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

## St Benedict's Shrine

Corner Justin & Neville Street  
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### 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

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**26 June 2022**



### We pray for the sick of this Parish

Alyssa Ferreri, Giuseppina Pignataro,  
Fr Anthony David OSPPE, Fr. Francis Tuyet Van  
Nguyen (Vietnamese chaplain), 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

Johnny Portelli, Vince Italiano, Tania ElKhouri,  
Jim Vassallo, Antonia Brozzesi,  
Vincenzo Orlando, Giuseppina Ronzini,  
Rosemary Henries, Stefano Casamento,  
Angelo Sinicropi, Domenic John Pavis, Rose Rogers, Maria Pito.

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

Richard Soulie, Giuseppe De Ciccio, Mary Doran,  
Silvestro Sganga, Raffael Trimarco,  
William Mascarenhas, Gabrielle Palozzo.

### 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 Families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

### 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 2 July**  
**St Benedict: Group A: Frances**  
**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



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

## FIRST READING

**1 Kgs 19:16, 19-21**

*A reading from the first book of the Kings*

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.  
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'  
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize. (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

## SECOND READING

**1 Gal. 5:1, 13-18**

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

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**Lk. 9: 51-62**

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

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John

said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all within me, his holy name.

## WILSON FAMILY HOMELESS DUE TO HOUSE FIRE



Beloved parishioners, the Wilson Family lost their home in a house fire in the early hours on Monday, 20 June 2022. In a matter of minutes all their possessions were completely destroyed.

The Wilson Family are a humble and hardworking family, who give generously of their time and talents for the Church as Acolyte, Altar serve, Music Ministry

A **GoFundMe** page has been set up to support the Wilson family to pay for rental accommodation to fit their family of eleven, to purchase furniture, appliances, clothing and anything else they need. Any donation no matter how small will make an enormous difference.

Thank you so much for your support and for all the donations that have come through already. May the Lord bless you for your generosity.

Please continue to keep the Wilson family in your prayers during this difficult time.

To donate to the Wilson family, please visit:

[www.gofundme.com/large-family-homeless-due-to-house-fire](http://www.gofundme.com/large-family-homeless-due-to-house-fire)



*\*Pictures of the Wilson Family home after the fire*

## MEN'S ROSARY GROUP: 30 JUNE 2022

Our Men's Rosary Group will be meeting at 7pm, Thursday 30 June 2022 at St Benedict's Shrine.

**Next Week:** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. C  
**Scripture: Is 66:10-14; Gal 6:14-18**  
**Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20**

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## FIRST EUCHARIST SUNDAY

### CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU



Congratulations to the 71 children who received their First Eucharist recently. May you continue to grow in love with Jesus and the Eucharist.

A big thank you to all who were involved in preparing the children. Also a thank you to the staff of St. Gertrude's Catholic Primary School for their continued and enthusiastic support of the Parish.

The Parish would also like to extend our word of thanks and appreciation to those who helped during our liturgy, to the acolytes and especially the Parish Choir who are always willing to uplift the celebration with music and song.

So thank you to Anna and the choir for their time.

Please continue to keep these children in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.



## HOLY FATHER APPEAL : THIS WEEKEND

Our Parish, in union with all the parishes around the world, will hold the annual **Holy Father's Appeal** next weekend the 25th & 26th of June. Through your gift, you can help Pope Francis bring hope, faith, and the spirit of Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world.

## SAVE THE DATE: ST. BENEDICT'S FEAST DAY PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY 17TH JULY 2022

To celebrate the Feast of St. Benedict, Patron of our Parish and Shrine, the Parish will celebrate the Sunday 17th July 10.30am Mass as a Solemn Mass.



Following the Mass the celebrations will continue in the Parish Paddock with a Parish Picnic. Bring your Picnic Blanket, Picnic table and chairs, your own food, or purchase some food from the food stalls available. Kids' games will be hosted on the day with egg & spoon races, sack races, 3 legged races.

Please note that because we will be using the Upper Parish Carpark, the carpark will be unavailable on this Sunday.

Hope to see you all there to celebrate St. Benedict and to enjoy some community spirit!

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

Our Young Adult Group meeting has been re-scheduled for 7:00 pm, **Sunday 26th June**, 2022 in the demountable.

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



## FIRST FRIDAY- 1ST JULY 2022

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- 2ND JULY 2022

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

## SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

### CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS 2022

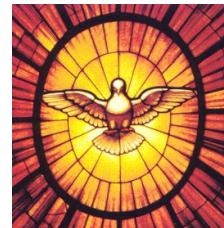
Confirmation enrolments for 2022 have now closed.

Thank you to those parents who have enrolled their children for this Sacrament. There are approximately 30 children enrolled for the Sacrament this year.

**Late enrolments will not be accepted.**

Details for classes and the Parent Information Evening will be given in the next few weeks.

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.



## CHANGE TO CONFESSION TIMES

Please note that beginning July there will be a slight change to our Confession times on the weekend.

Saturday Confessions: 4.30pm-5.30pm. This will also be the time for exposition. With the added demands on Sunday, confession will no longer take place on Sunday morning. Sunday evening will be as normal. Confessions will still also remain on Wednesday during the Novena. Thank you for your understanding.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING COURSE



The Archdiocese of Sydney is conducting training for those interested in serving our community as **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Acolytes**. Training courses will be held in the Parish Centre of St. Christopher's Parish, Panania and OLMC Mt. Pritchard.

**Training dates are:**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

**Panania:** Wed. 3rd & 10th August 6:00 -9:00 pm

**Mt. Pritchard:** Sat. 30th July & 6th August 9am-12 noon

Acolytes

**Panania:** Wed. 17th & 24th August 6:00 -9:00 pm

*Those who wish to be acolytes must also attend the Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion course as a pre-requisite.*

Registrations forms are available at the doors of the church and must be endorsed by the Parish Priest prior to submitting the forms. If you feel called to this ministry in our Parish, please take a form and speak to one of the priests after Mass.



## 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  
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**Second Collection** (Parish) Account : Smithfield Catholic Church  
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Thank you for your continued support and generosity .God Bless.