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**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  
Gina Morosin: 9604-2458**



## ST BENEDICT'S FEAST DAY

**SUNDAY 17 JULY 2022**

**Mass at 10.30 am**

**Followed by  
Festivities in the Parish Car Park and Oval**



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## St Benedict's Shrine

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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

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**17 July 2022**



### Welcome into our Parish

Robert Righetto  
Baptised this weekend

### 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

Francesca Carbone, Johnny Portelli,  
Vince Italiano, Tania Elkhouri, Jim Vassallo,  
Antonia Brozzesi, Vincenzo Orlando,  
Giuseppina Ronzini, Rosemary Henries.

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

Antonino Franco, Giovanni Moretti, Allen Wong,  
Pauline Sammut, Mary Portelli,  
Hamid & Youssef Tawil, Alvaro Arriguetti.

### PARISH INFORMATION

#### Parish Office:

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Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585

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

**Baptism and Marriage contact the Parish Office.**

**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 4:30 pm — 5:30 pm

Sunday 5:45 pm

Wednesday: during Novena

(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)

[pssso@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:pssso@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 The Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who  
represent the roots and memory of a  
people; may their experience and  
wisdom help young people to look  
towards the future with hope and  
responsibility.

### 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 July  
St Benedict: Group D Grace & Pina  
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



## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good. .

### FIRST READING

**Gen.18: 1-10.**

*A reading from the Book of Genesis*

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son. '

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R.)**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

**Col. 1: 24-28.**

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

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart  
Abd yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

**Lk. 10: 38-42**

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

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her. '

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him..

OR

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord  
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,  
I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

### PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 19TH



The Parish Finance Committee will meet this Tuesday at 7pm in the Parish Demountables. All PFC members are asked to attend. If you are unable to attend, please let Tan Do know as soon as possible.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

There have been some wonderful works in our Parish lately. On behalf of Fr. Wojtek and myself I would like to thank all of our Parishioners who have "rolled up their sleeves" to make our Parish environment one that is inviting and prayerful. Sometimes we take for granted the amazing and unselfish efforts of those in our Parish who do things quietly and without recognition. I am especially grateful to those who have cleaned our gardens, particularly around the Parish Hall. I would also like to acknowledge our chaplaincies who have contributed to our Parish. The Vietnamese Community recently installed a camera link in St. Therese Church to cater for Mass overflow and our Syriac Community who have contributed to the air conditioning repairs at St. Therese. I am also grateful to the FCI who continue to support the Parish in any way they can. But to everyone who contributes in any way to our Parish I would like to offer my sincere thanks. Together we can do great things for the Glory of God! God bless you always for your efforts. Fr. Peter James.

**Next Week:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. C  
**Scripture:** Gen. 18: 20-32; Col 2: 12-14  
**Gospel:** Lk 11:1-13.

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### ST. BENEDICT'S FEAST DAY PARISH PICNIC THIS 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.

This will be also an opportunity for us to officially bless and open the renovated Parish Demountables which was made possible by the generous grant from the NSW Government.

We will have present the State Member for Prospect, The Honourable Hugh McDermott MP. It is a pleasure and honour to have Mr. McDermott present with us to celebrate our feast day and to open our Demountables.

Please note that because we will be using the Parish Carpark, **the whole carpark will be unavailable this Sunday morning.**

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

### 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 Minsters of Holy Communion

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

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

Acolytes

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

*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.



### Please Note:

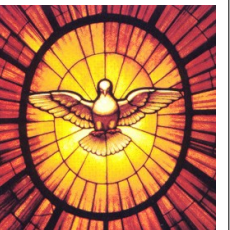
No Youth Group Meeting  
on 17 July

Everyone is invited to celebrate our Parish Picnic for the Feast of St Benedict in the Parish Paddock.

### SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

#### NEW SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

It is with great pleasure that the Parish announces the commencement of the new Sacramental Coordinator. Mrs. Jodie Micallef is a highly qualified teacher and currently holds a leadership role in Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS). Her appointment comes with the approval of the Parish Pastoral Council. We are excited to have Jodie on board with us.



This also means that we send our thanks to Helena who has so diligently run the sacramental program for many years in the Parish and we wish her and the family every success in their new ventures.

### 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.

#### Some dates for the Calendar:

**Parent Information Evening: Thursday 28th July  
7pm: Parish Hall**

**Lesson 1: Sunday 7th August**

**8.45am: Parish Hall**

**Lesson 2: Sunday 14th August**

**8.45am: Parish Hall**

**Lesson 3: Sunday 21st August**

**8.45am: Parish Hall**

**Lesson 4: Sunday 28th August**

**8.45am: Parish Hall**

**Celebration of Confirmation: Sunday 18th September**

***Those enrolled in Confirmation are expected to be at all lessons with at least one parent/guardian/carer. There is then the opportunity to attend 10.30am Mass with the Parish community.***

Please continue to pray for these Candidates and their families as they prepare for this important Sacrament of Initiation

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

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