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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

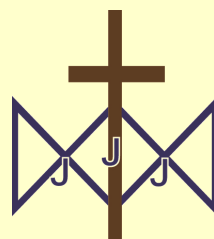
"A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 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."

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Novena Prayer to St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop



Ever Generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
to live her life faithful to the Gospel
of Jesus Christ,
and to be constant in bringing hope
and encouragement
to those who were disheartened,
lonely, sick or needy.
With confidence in Your generous
providence
we join with Mary MacKillop
and ask that
You grant our request for
(make request here)



May our faith and hope be fired
afresh
by the holy Spirit so that we too, like
Mary MacKillop,
may live with courage, trust and
openness.
Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

BINGO

FCI – Italian Catholic Federation

ALL Nationalities are welcome.

**Bingo Numbers called out in
ENGLISH**

**Next Bingo 10:00 am
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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
4:30pm—5:30pm; & Friday 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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 July 2022



LUKE 11:1-13

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),
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

Kevin Dicconson, Francesca Carbone,
Johnny Portelli, Vince Italiano, Tania ElKhoury,
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

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

*Baptism and Marriage contact the Parish
Office.*

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 4:30 pm — 5:30 pm

Sunday 5:45 pm

Wednesday: during Novena

(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 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 30th July
St Benedict: Group E Neo-Cats
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

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING **Gen. 18: 20-32.**

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord said, ‘How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.’

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, ‘Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?’ The Lord replied, ‘If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.’

Abraham replied, ‘I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?’ ‘No’, he replied ‘I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.’ Again Abraham said to him, ‘Perhaps there will only be forty there.’ ‘I will not do it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the forty.’

Abraham said, ‘I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.’ ‘I will not do it’ he replied ‘if I find thirty there.’ He said, ‘I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.’ ‘I will not destroy it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the twenty.’ He said, ‘I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.’ ‘I will not destroy it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the ten.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **(R.)**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

SECOND READING **Col. 2: 12-14.**

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

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God’s children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Lk. 11: 1-13.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘Say this when you pray:

“Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test.”

He also said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, “My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him”; and the man answers from inside the house, “Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you.” I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship’s sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

‘So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

or

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

FR. PETER JAMES : ANNUAL LEAVE

26/7—24/08



Please note that Fr. Peter James will be taking well deserved annual leave with a retreat beginning this Monday 25th July.
We wish him a restful, prayerful and relaxing time.

Next Week: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. C
Scripture: Eccl.1:2, 2: 21-23; Col. 3: 1-5, 9-11
Gospel: Lk 12: 13-21.

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**NOVENA TO ST. MARY OF THE CROSS, MACKILLOP
31ST JULY—8TH AUGUST**

In preparation for the Solemnity of St. Mary of the Cross, MacKillop, we will pray the Novena to St. Mary MacKillop each day after Mass commencing 31st July and concluding 8th August.

This year is a special year as we celebrate **150 years of the arrival of the Sisters of S.t Joseph in NSW and the 70th Anniversary of St. Gertrude’s Catholic Primary School.**

The Novena prayer can be found on the back of the Parish Bulletin.

!!! THANK YOU !!!

The Parish would like to extend our sincere thanks to all who made the St. Benedict’s Parish Picnic Day such a success last Sunday. It was a wonderful Parish Celebration which encapsulates the Charism of St. Benedict, **“Promoter of Unity”**.

A special thank you to our PPC and St. Gertrude’s Catholic Primary School for your organisation and running of the day. Special thanks to Denise Namroud and Jodie Huxtable for your coordination. A big thank you to Linda Katsibras our School Principal and Alida Bila our Family Educator for your ongoing and enthusiastic support of the Parish and to all the staff who helped in any way. To all our volunteers who set up and packed up, cooked, cleaned, supervised and led the entertainment the Parish is very appreciative of all your efforts. The Parish would also like to extend our thanks to The Honorable Mr. Hugh McDermott for celebrating Eucharist with us and opening the Parish Catechesis Centre.



**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.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

CONFIRMATION 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: Saturday 15th October
Please note the change of date for Celebration**

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 or phone 9725 4317 to leave a message.

MEN’S ROSARY GROUP: 28 JULY 2022

Our Men’s Rosary Group will be meeting at 7pm, Thursday 28th July 2022 at St Benedict’s Shrine.

**St Benedict’s Shrine
ROOF APPEAL**

The Parish has received a quote for some maintenance of the Shrine Roof to prepare for the inside insurance repairs due to the recent water damage. The Parish will need a minimum of **\$13,000** for the repair to the roof and guttering of the Shrine. I appreciate that our Parishioners are under financial strain at the moment but ask that if you would like to contribute to the maintenance work, there are some envelopes for a special **Roof Appeal** in the pews of the church, which can be placed in the collection plate. Thank you for your continued generous support.

MALTESE SENIORS - ALL WELCOME

Next Meeting - **Tuesday 30 August @ 10am:** St Theresa’s Hall, Cnr The Blared & Stella Street Fairfield Heights. For more info please **Contact: Marisa Previtera 0414 863 123**



REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

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

PARISH DONATIONS

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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.