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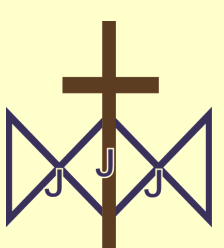

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"A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding 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."

**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.




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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
4:30pm—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 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:

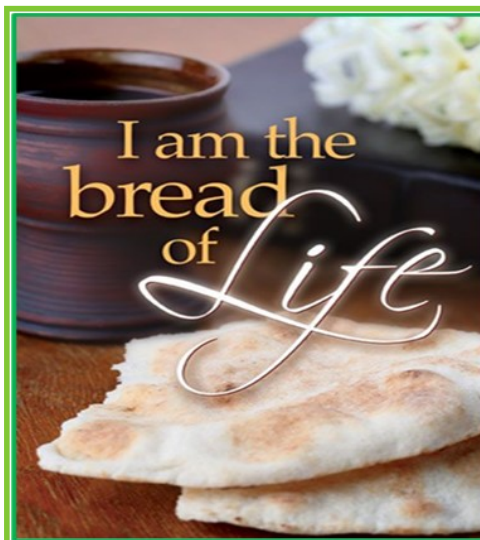
7:00 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesday after Mass

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

31 July 2022



Welcome into our Parish

Henry James Knight, Santina Osorio
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 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

Lorenzina Favotto Kevin Dicconson,
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

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

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

*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)

pssso@stgertrude.org.au (Parish Safeguarding
Support Officers)

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 6 August

**St Benedict: Group A—Frances
Therese's: Group C Spanish**

Parish Office Hours:

10:00 am—2:00 pm Tuesday, Thursday,

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay

FIRST READING

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skillfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Col 3:1-5, 9-11

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.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit.
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk. 12: 13—21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
Endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste



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 St. 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.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday 15th August

Mass Times:

St Therese Church

7:00 am

St Benedict's Shrine

9:15 am

7:00 pm

Next Week: 19h Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. C
Scripture: Wisdom: 18:6-9; Hebrews:11: 1-2, 8-19
Gospel: Lk 12: 32-48.

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Liturgical Celebrations for coming week.

1 August: St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor

3 August: St Dominic, Priest

4 August: St John Vianney, Patron of Priests

6 August: Transfiguration of the Lord, Solemnity

8 August: St Mary of the Cross, Virgin, Solemnity



FIRST FRIDAY— 5TH AUGUST 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— 6TH AUGUST 2022

Mass times as follows:

St Therese's Church: 7:00 am exposition and confession

8:00 am Mass

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

On Friday 12 August



We would like to make available the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Eucharist to the sick of our parish who are home bound and are unable to attend Mass on 15th August which is a Holy Day of Obligation

If you know someone please contact the Parish Office on 9604 1199 on Tuesdays/Thursdays/ Fridays from 10:00 am—2:00 pm to arrange a time suitable for on of the Priests to call in.



Last year 2021 during the period of lockdown Parishioners decorated the front fence of the Shrine of St Benedict with images of Our Blessed Mother on her Feast of Assumption.

This year we would like to invite parishioners to decorate their homes, a window /front garden in a similar way to show our love to Our Mother and in thanksgiving for her protection.



Youth Group Meeting 21 August

All Youth invited to join the Youth Group in the demountable every 3rd Sunday of the Month after 6:00 pm evening 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:

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.



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**



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.



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