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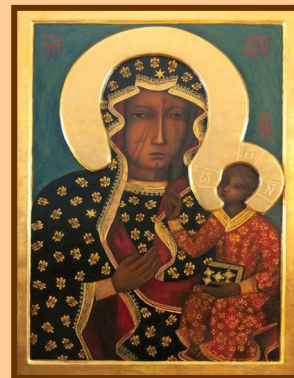
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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

"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 to Our Lady of Jasna Gora Black Madonna 17th August—25th August

O Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, we believe in your triumphant Assumption into heaven where angels and saints acclaim you as Queen. Through your Holy Icon, O Our Lady of Mercy, flow healing and wholeness in abundance to all who draw near to it in faith and love.

Queen of Mercy, we turn to you for protection. Listen to our prayers and help us in our needs. Do not cease to shine before the pilgrim people of God as a sign of sure hope and consolation. We entrust to you all troubled families, the innocent and unborn children, the elderly with no one to help them, and all who are alone and without hope. Guide and sustain us, O Virgin Mary, on our journey of faith so that we might always live as true sons and daughters of the Church and obtain for us the grace of eternal salvation.

Enable all to meet Christ, the light of the World and its only Saviour, The Way, the Truth and the Life, who reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen

1 Hail Mary

WE FLY TO Your Patronage, O Holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. We humbly ask you to be our Lady, our Intercessor and our Advocate. Reconcile us to your Son, Recommended us to your Son, Bring us to Your Son. Amen



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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 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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 August 2022



We pray for the sick of this Parish

Ray Wilson, Gloria Wilson, Carmel Donaghue,
Kate Scerri, Maria Hartley, Pamela Martin, Noel &
Remy Clarke, Dorothy Danoczek, Maria Favotto,
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

Renzo Magro, Olinda Yarza, Nicola Lungo,
Lorenzina Favotto Kevin Dicconson,
Johnny Portelli, Vince Italiano, Tania ElKhouri,
Jim Vassallo, Antonia Brozzesi,
Vincenzo Orlando, Giuseppina Ronzini,
Rosemary Henriess.

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

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

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Solemnity of The Assumption 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



Novena to St Benedict

Wednesday after the 7:00 pm Mass with
Rosary & Exposition

of the Blessed Sacrament.

Reconciliation is available during this time.

Church Cleaners

W/E 13th August

St Benedict: Group C Wilson Family
Therese's: Group C Spanish

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
And look on the face of your anointed one;
One day within your courts
Is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING
JER: 38: 4-6, 8-10

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. “Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of his people at heart so much as its ruin.” “He is in your hands as you know,” King Zedekiah answered, “for the king is powerless against you.” So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. “My lord king,” he said “these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.” At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: “Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
(R.) Lord come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
He heard my cry. (R.)
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
From the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
3. He put a new song into my mouth,
Praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord (R.)
4. As for me, wretched and poor,
The Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay (R.)

SECOND READING
HEB 12: 1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful-ness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God’s throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. I the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL
Lk.12: 49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!
‘Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law’

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
With the Lord there is mercy;
In him is plentiful redemption.

Next Week: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. C
Scripture: - Is. 66:18-21; Heb. 12: 5-7,11-13
Gospel: - Lk.13:22-30

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Liturgical Celebrations for the coming weeks.

15 August: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
20 August: St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor



On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined through an Apostolic Constitution, titled Munificentissimus Deus, on Mary’s bodily Assumption into heaven:

Pope Pius XII stated:
“*We proclaim and define it to be a dogma revealed by God that the immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever Virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven.*”
This is a great honour that is bestowed on Mary. She is truly and without doubt:

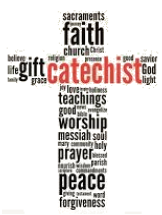
The Mother of the Son, Daughter of the Father, Spouse of the Holy Spirit.

Mary is the fulfillment of the Triune God. For God created Her with special gifts, endowed her with blessings and sanctified Her with His Grace – She is Full of Grace and the fulfillment of the Woman as spoken about in Genesis 3:15. Since Mary is all these, why would God allow the His Mother, who denied Him nothing and is the humble servant of the Lord, who through Her ‘fiat’ (her ‘YES’) brought forth the Saviour and Redeemer, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the God made Man (Incarnate), allow Her body to be corrupted?

Catechist Meeting

10:00 am Wednesday 17 August in Montefano Hall. God Bless you in all you do in bringing God’s Word to our children in the State Schools.

All Catechists invited to attend.



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. Please email an image of your decoration.

Thank you to all who emailed their window decoration.

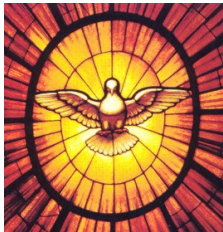


Our Parish would like to wish Fr Peter James a Happy Birthday for Sunday 14 August. We pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be upon you, for good health and may our Blessed Mother of Jasna Gora intercede for your every need.

FCI Bingo—19 August @ 10:00 am in Montefano Hall
Cost: \$15 include morning tea, coffee & light lunch



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:Completed
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.

PRIMARY/HIGH SCHOOLERS YOUTH GROUP:

Our Primary/Highschoolers Youth Group will be meeting at 7:00 pm Sunday 21st August 2022, in the Montefano hall. Please join us as we meet, have fun and pray together!

Father’s Day Raffle

10:30 am Mass Sunday 4th September
1st, 2nd, 3rd Prizes
Tickets on sale now at Piety Stall
\$2 each or 6 for \$10
Happy Father’s Day to all the Fathers, Grandfathers and Godfathers



St Benedict’s Shrine
ROOF APPEAL

Thank you to all parishioners for your generosity towards the Roof Appeal. We raised \$8,033.70. May God bless you for all you do for our Parish.
*Envelopes are still available in the foyer of the Church



CWF Appeal this weekend.
(3rd Collection)

The Charitable Works fund (a centralized fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of Sydney. The CWF funds supports six (6) agencies which includes support for Seminarians and Catechists. This donation is Tax Deductible. Thank you for your generosity in supporting these Catholic Agencies of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED

Parents/carers/guardians are reminded that children need to be accompanied by an adult at all times, especially when using the Parish toilets. There have been some incidents of late of children wandering the church grounds without an adult. This causes concern in areas of WHS and Child Protection protocols. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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