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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 to Our Lady of Jasna Gora Black Madonna

17<sup>th</sup> August—25<sup>th</sup> 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, Recommend us to your Son, Bring us to Your Son. Amen



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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  
4:30pm—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:

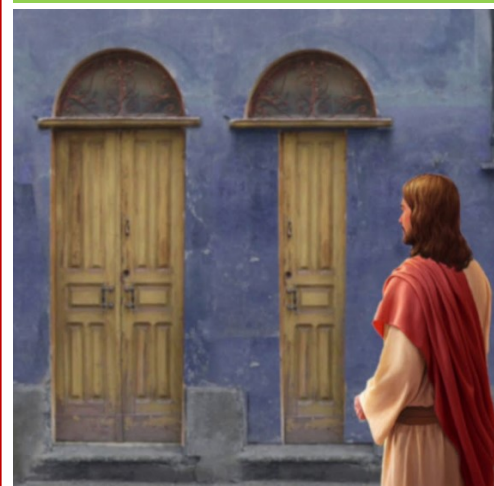
7:00 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

#### Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesday after Mass

## Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 August 2022



#### Welcome into our Parish

Pia Oliva, Hazel Chandra,  
Domenic & Sienna Buttigieg,  
*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 Kodys,  
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

Fr Benjamin Bezzina, Christina Gangemi,  
Martino Trapletti, Charlie Penza, Charles Xuereb,  
Rocco Vaccari, Olinda Yarza, Renzo Magro,  
Nicola Lungo, Lorenzina Favotto,  
Kevin Dicconson, 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

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

#### 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)

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 Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized  
businesses; in the midst of economic and  
social crisis, may they find ways to continue  
operating, and serving their communities.

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> August**  
**St Benedict: Group D Grace & Pina**  
**Therese's: Group D Syriacs**

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



## Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me.  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

### FIRST READING Is 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*They will gather all of your people from all nations.*  
The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations.  
As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

( R.) Go out tall the world  
and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
acclaim him all you peoples! ( R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;  
he is faithful for ever. ( R.)

### SECOND READING Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*  
Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Lk.13: 22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.*  
Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.  
'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"  
'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.  
'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
has eternal life, says the Lord,  
and I will raise him up on the last day.

**Next Week:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. C  
**Scripture:** Eccl: 3:17-20, 28-29 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24  
**Gospel:** Lk: 14:1. 7-14

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### Liturgical Celebrations for the coming week.

**22 August:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**24 August:** St Bartholomew, Apostle  
**26 August:** Black Madonna, Our Lady of Jasna Gora  
**27 August:** St Monica



*Solemnity of Black Madonna  
Our Blessed Mother of Jasna Gora*

Friday 26 August 2022

Mass Times:

St Therese Church: 7:00 am

St Benedict's Shrine: 9:15 am & 7:00 pm



Pope Francis prays for Mary to guide the destiny of Europe and the world, help us put Christ and the Gospel first, and reiterates that his thoughts are always with war-torn Ukraine and its suffering people.

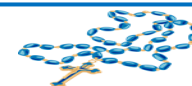
**"May the Black Madonna help guide the destiny of Europe and the world."**

The Holy Father expressed this prayer during his Wednesday General Audience in the Vatican when addressing the pilgrims present. The Pope remembered the thousands of pilgrims making a pilgrimage to the shrine of Jasna Góra in recent days, praying for peace and reconciliation in the world. He recalled that among them are many Ukrainians "who have found in your country a hospitable home."

The Pope prayed that young people, elderly and newlyweds, let Mary actively work in their lives just days after the recently celebrated Solemnity of the Assumption.

**The Pope said Our Lady's Feast Day "invites us to live our worldly journey, with dedication, constantly oriented toward eternal goods."**

**Men's Rosary Group**  
St Benedict's Shrine  
Thursday 25 August at 7:00 pm



### 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!

### OVER 18 yrs - YOUTH GROUP:

Our over 18 years old Youth Group will be meeting at 7:00 pm Sunday 28 August 2022, in the Demountables

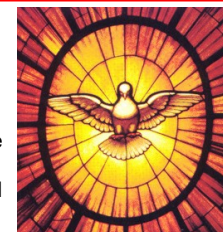


### MALTESE SENIORS - ALL WELCOME

Next Meeting - **Tuesday 30 August @ 10:00 am:** St Theresa's Hall, Cnr The Boulevard & Stella Street Fairfield Heights.  
For more info please **Contact: Marisa Previtera 0414 863 123**

### 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 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](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au) or phone 9725 4317 to leave a message.

### Holy Communion Photo Collection

*If your child celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion this year, you can collect your pre-ordered photos this Wednesday, 24 August in the Parish Centre Demountables between 6.30pm and 8.30pm. Photos taken inside the Church by the professional photographer during the ceremony, and the group photo taken on the altar, can be bought on this collection night at \$10 a photo.*



*Rest In Peace*

Fr Benjamin Bezzina passed away aged 80 after 45 years as a Priest in New Mexico, USA; Westminster, England and since 1989 in the Archdiocese of Sydney. Funeral will be at Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield on Friday 26 August at 11:00 am Eternal rest grant to him O Lord. Please keep Fr Benjamin in your prayers.

### St Benedict's Shrine ROOF APPEAL

*Thank you* to all parishioners for your generosity towards the Roof Appeal. We raised \$9,245.70.

May God bless you for all you do for our Parish.

*\*Envelopes are still available in the foyer of the Church*



### 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*

### FCI SPECIAL Father's Day Bingo Friday 2 September 2022

@ 10:00 am in Montefano Hall  
Booking essential for this special day.  
Contact Gina Morosin on 9604-2458



### 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.

### PARISH DONATIONS

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