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PARISH PLAYGROUP

Our Parish Playgroup is on school holiday break

When: Thursday 10 August 2022

Where: Demountable next to the Paddock

Time: 9:30 am—11:30 am

Playgroup will meet every Thursday during the school term. New and existing families are invited to attend.

Hope to see you all there!!

FCI – Italian Catholic Federation

ALL Nationalities are welcome.

Bingo Numbers called out in

English & Italian

Next Bingo 10:00 am

Friday 5th & 19th August

Montefano Hall



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Contact Parish Office - 9604 1199

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10:00 am—2:00 pm

ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

St Benedict's Shrine

Corner Justin & Neville Street
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 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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 August 2022



Welcome into our Parish

Thomas Nagy Montivero, Thalia Mizala Montivero,
Leo Offord, Lucas Xavier Simich

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

Nicola Lungo, Lorenzina Favotto Kevin Dicconson,
Johnny Portelli, Vince Italiano, Tania ElKhoury, 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 Arriguetti,



Saint Mary of the Cross McKillop
Pray for our Parish
Solemnity 8 August
First Australian Saint

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

Church Cleaners
W/E 13th August
St Benedict: Group B PPC/Teachers
Therese's: Group C Spanish

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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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you

FIRST READING

Wis: 18: 6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

SECOND READING

HEB 11: 1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL

Lk.12: 32-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. 'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,

Endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste

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: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. C

Scripture: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews:12: 1-4

Gospel: Lk 12: 49-53.

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Liturgical Celebrations for coming week.

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

10 August: St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

11 August: St Clare, Virgin

15 August: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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 one 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.

Please take a picture of your decoration and send to Parish Office by Wednesday 10 August.

Email: office@stgertrude.org.au



To our Priests, guests, parishioners and members who attended the FCI 40th Anniversary Lunch on Sunday 31st July, a sincere *Thank you. Grazie*

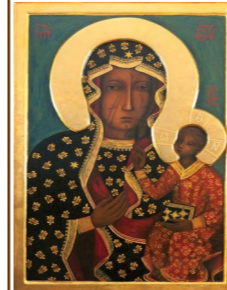
Your participation and help assists us to continue our Charity works for those less fortunate.

✙Cristo Regni

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.



*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.

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

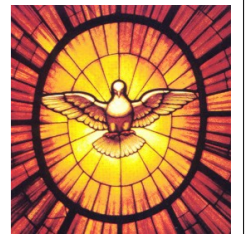
**** Please note the change of date for Celebration**

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.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

CWF Appeal is next 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.

PARISH DONATIONS

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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.