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St Benedict's Shrine

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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 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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

11 September 2022



Congratulations to

Michael GIANCOTTI & Emma HILL
Married in our Parish

We pray for the sick of this Parish

Alyssa Ferreri, Giuseppina Pignataro, Gino Mifsud
Fr Anthony David OSPPE, Adam Westwood,
Emile & Mary Kodosy, Kartia Grace Russell,
& 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

George Diacono, Venice Bianchi, Fr Benjamin Bezzina, Christina Gangemi, Martino Trapletti, Charlie Penza, Charles Xuereb, Rocco Vaccari, Olinda Yarza, Renzo Magro, Nicola Lungo, Lorenzina Favotto

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Luciano Marson, Antonio Tigano

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)
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Parish Council: Denise Namroud

Finance Committee: Tan Do

Andrew Maia: Work Health & Safety

Catechists: 9725 4317

Mimi Romeo: catechist@stgertrude.org.au

Sacraments: Contact: Jodie Micallef

Mob: 0412-804-465 (to leave a message)

sacraments@stgertrude.org.au

Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

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 4:45 — 5:45 pm

Sunday 10:15 am & 5:45 pm

(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.

Our Schools



ST GERTRUDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SMITHFIELD

Boys & Girls: K-6: Ph:9609-4404

Principal: Mrs Linda Katsibras

info@stgsmithfield.catholic.edu.au

www.stgsmithfield.syd.catholic.edu.au



MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE WAKELEY

Girls: 7-12: Ph: 9725 4322

Principal: Ms Gilda Pussich

info@mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au

www.mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au



PATRICIAN BROTHER'S COLLEGE FAIRFIELD

Boys: 7-12: Ph: 9728-4488

Principal: Mr Peter Wade

info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au

www.pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

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 17 September

St Benedict: Group B PPC/Teachers
Therese's: Group D: Syriacs

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
(closed Wednesday)

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."

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Sir 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, ‘Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. “Here is your God, Israel,” they have cried, “who brought you up from the land of Egypt!” I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.’ But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. ‘Lord,’ he said, ‘why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.’ So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

- Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
- A pure heart, create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
- Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit.
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Tm 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on, and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself, am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself.
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk. 15: 1-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said, ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them: ‘What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” he would say “I have found my sheep that was lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance..’ Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” she would say “I have found the drachma I lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.’ He also said, ‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So, the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. ‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So, he left the place and went back to his father. ‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate. ‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant, “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.” ‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”’

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ. and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

Exaltation of The Holy Cross

Wednesday
14 September

Mass Times:
7:00 am St Therese Church
7:00 pm St Benedict’s Shrine



Congratulations Brother Paul

The Parish wishes to congratulate Br Paul who on the Feast of Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary in Lesniow Poland celebrated his first Profession of Simple Vows. Please keep Br Paul and our other Seminarians and novices in your prayers as they continue their vocation in the Pauline Order.



Fr Wojtek has arrived in Poland safe and well and he is praying for the Parish. During his absence there will be a number of Priests supplying in our Parish. *Please make them feel welcome*



After a long search our Parish is employing a new Secretary Ms Valentina Hrmic. Please join me in congratulating Valentina and making her welcome in our Parish family.



NEW Parish Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9:00 am—4:00 pm
Closed Wednesdays.

Congratulations to the winners of the Father’s Day Raffle

1st Prize: P Vanolini:
2nd Prize: Delfina
3rd Prize: Frank Micallef

Thank you for your generous contribution for the
Father’s Day Appeal for the retired and ill Priests.
We raised \$1,681.10

Parish Finance Committee Meeting

7:00 pm Tuesday 13 September.

In Parish demountable. Parishioners welcome to attend.

Church cleaners desperately needed.

If you can spare a few hours every few weeks, we would really appreciate your helping hand to keep our Churches clean.

Please contact Parish Office: 9604 -1199



Next Week: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. C

Scripture: Am 8:4-7 : Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. 1 Tm 2:1-8

Gospel: Lk 16:1-13

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SACRAMENTAL NEWS! CONFIRMATION 2022



On behalf of Fr. Peter James, I take the opportunity to thank our Confirmation Candidates, and their parents, for their commitment to the Parish Sacramental Preparation Program. Together, as the first educators of the faith, we have walked with the Candidates to explore how the Holy Spirit will be sent upon them again at Confirmation, as in their Baptism, to give them gifts to go forth as true witnesses of Christ in word and example.

Important Dates:

Sacramental Craft:

Has been postponed. A new date will be shared when available.

Sacrament of Penance:

Thursday, 13 October at 6.00 pm-7.00 pm in St Benedict’s Shrine Church.

Confirmation Rehearsal:

Thursday, 13 October at 7.00 pm-8.00 pm in St Benedict’s Shrine Church

Confirmation Mass:

Saturday, 15 October at 1.00pm in St Benedict’s Shrine Church

Thank you.

God bless

Jodie

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 0412-804-465 to leave a message.



PARISH PLAYGROUP

When: Thursday 15 September 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 16th September

Montefano Hall \$15 entry includes

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