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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:

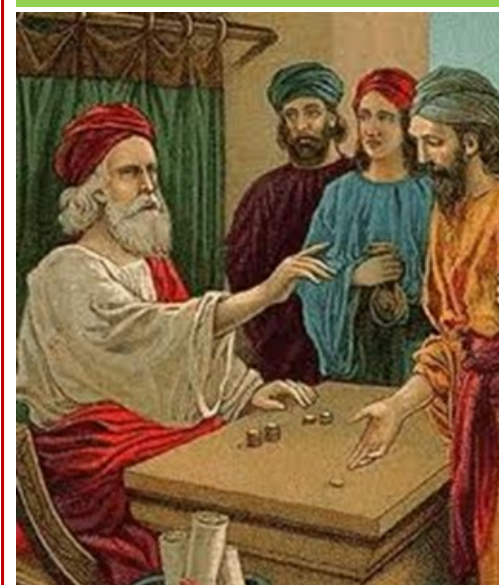
7:00 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesday after Mass

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

18 September 2022



Congratulations to

Malianne NGUYEN & Christian ROMANO

Sarah COULL & Luke DEBATISSTA

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 Kody, 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 4:30 — 5:30 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:9609-4414

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MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE

WAKELEY

Girls: 7-12: Ph: 9725 4322

Principal: Ms Gilda Pussich

5 Carnarvon St, Wakeley

info@mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au

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PATRICIAN BROTHER'S COLLEGE

FAIRFIELD

Boys: 7-12: Ph: 9728-4488

Principal: Mr Peter Wade

268 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield

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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 24 September

St Benedict: Group E Neo-Cats

St. Therese's: Group D: Syriacs

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 am—4:00 pm

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

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING Am 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! (R.)
2. High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dung heap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Tm 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

My advice is that first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions, and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich, but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk. 16:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man, and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes." 'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." 'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Or

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord.
I know my sheep, and mine know me

Public Holiday Thursday 22nd September.

Mass Times : St. Therese Church 8:00 am
St. Benedict's Shrine 10:30 am

Next Week: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. C

Scripture: Am 6:1. 4-7 : Ps 145:6-10 1 Tm 6:11-16

Gospel: Lk 16:19-31

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Parish Pastoral Council Report.

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) met on Tuesday 6th September:

- Thank you to all who attended the 40th Anniversary of the FCI. The celebrations were well attended and enjoyable. Thank you to the organising committee for their efforts.
 - St. Benedict Shrine roof repairs are now complete. Repairs to the interior of the Shrine will begin shortly.
 - St. Therese Church, Fairfield Heights will celebrate a jubilee in 2024. Discussions began on how to celebrate the Jubilee Year. There were also discussions regarding maintenance and beautifying of the Church.
 - St. Gertrude's Primary School will celebrate its belated 70th anniversary on 16th November, 2022. The celebrations were delayed due to Covid. The School will receive the Archbishop's Charter for Catholic Schools and 2021 Recognition Certificate at this Mass. Ex-students and Parishioners are invited to attend the Mass.
 - The PPC discussed and approved changing the name of the "Parish Demountables" to the **St. Augustine Catechesis Centre** to better reflect the use of these buildings. This change comes into effect immediately.
 - The PPC agreed to include the local Catholic Schools on the front page of the Parish Bulletin.
 - The PPC discussed and approved the "Hall Hire Agreement" for both Montefano Hall and St. Therese Hall. This will now be referred to the Parish Finance Committee for discussion.
 - It is also with much regret that the PPC was informed of changes to the Spanish Mass. After nearly 30 years in the Smithfield Parish, it has been decided by the current Spanish Chaplaincy to move the Spanish Mass from St. Therese to Mt. Pritchard. The PPC is very disappointed in this decision and is looking further into the situation. The PPC has assured the Spanish community of our continued support and prayers.
- The PPC wishes to thank the Parishioners of St. Gertrude's Smithfield for their continued prayers and support of the Parish.

Pontifical Requiem Mass for Queen Elizabeth II

To mark the life and reign of

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate a

Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass at St Mary's Cathedral
on **Saturday 24th September 2022 at 10.00am**



NEW Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9:00 am—4:00 pm
Closed Wednesdays.

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



SACRAMENTAL NEWS! CONFIRMATION 2022



Please continue to pray for these Candidates and their families as they prepare for this important Sacrament of Initiation.

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

For all enquiries, please contact the Sacramental Office by emailing sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or phone 0412-804-465 to leave a message.

Thank you.

God bless

Jodie



No PARISH PLAYGROUP

When: Thursday 22 September 2022
(Public Holiday)

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 7th & 21 October

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Bingo Games, prizes; Morning Tea/Coffee and light lunch.



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Second Collection (Parish) Account : Smithfield Catholic Church

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