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Corner Justin & Neville Street
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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 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

16 October 2022



Welcome into our Parish

Franco Roman MELLUSO, Luna Faith SACCARO
Baptised this weekend

We pray for the sick of this Parish

Alyssa Ferreri, Giuseppina Pignataro, Gino Mifsud
Fr. Anthony David, OSPPE, Fr. Gabriel Taylor,
OSPPE, Adam Westwood,
Emile & Mary Kodsy, 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

Paul Bradbury, Salvatore Annetta, Fr. Juraj
Domšić, OSPPE, George Diacono, Venice Bianchi

And for those whose Anniversary occur

at this time

John Gissane, Hugo Nieva, Frank Walsh,
Gaetano Zahra

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)

pssso@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
Principal: Mrs Linda Katsibras
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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
mmcwakeley.syd.catholic.edu.au

PATRICIAN BROTHER'S COLLEGE FAIRFIELD

Boys: 7-12: Ph: 9728-4488
Principal: Mr Peter Wade
268 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield
info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au
www.pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au

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We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and
courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the
Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity
and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of
synodality.

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 22 October

St Benedict: Group B: PPC/Teachers
St. Therese: Group B: Vietnamese

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 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. (R.)
2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. (R.)
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. (R.)
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING 2 Tim 3:14-4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

or

The Son of Man has come
to give his life as a ransom for many.



REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

Please remember to turn off your mobile phones – or switch to silent – when entering the Church.

Next Week: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. C

Scripture: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Lk 18:9-14

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2022 HSC

Please keep our 2022 HSC cohort in your prayers as they continue their HSC Exams this week. This can be a stressful time for our school communities, particularly the students sitting their HSC exams. We wish all our HSC students from our local Catholic and State Schools every success in your exams.



PROVINCE CHAPTER OF THE PAULINE FATHERS IN AUSTRALIA

7-11 November, 2022

After a two year delay, the Province Chapter of the Pauline Fathers will take place from November 7-11 this year. The Chapter is called to discuss the future vision of the Pauline Order in Australia and to elect the Provincial and his Councilors. Present at the meeting will be all the members of the Australian Province of the Pauline Fathers, as well as Father General—currently Fr. Arnold Chrapkowski—and his delegate from Poland. Fr. General will also make a visitation to St. Gertrude's Parish at the beginning of November. Please pray for the Pauline Fathers and Brothers in Australia as we prepare for this important meeting, that the Holy Spirit may open our hearts and minds to discern correctly the governance of the Order in Australia and to make good decisions for the people we serve.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.



PARISH PLAYGROUP

When: Thursday 20th October 2022

Where: St. Augustine Catechesis Centre

Time: 9:30am—11.30am

Playgroup will meet every Thursday during the school term. New and existing families are invited to attend. Hope to see you all there!

PLEASE PRAY FOR FR. GABRIEL TAYLOR, OSPPE



Fr. Gabriel Taylor for some time has been treated for skin cancer. On a recent routine visit, the doctors found that the cancer has spread and entered the bone of the skull. Fr. Gabriel is awaiting a date for an operation to treat the cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.



OCTOBER—THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

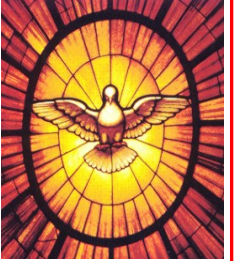
It is a tradition in the Catholic Church to dedicate October to the Most Holy Rosary. October is designated by the Catholic Church as the "Month of the Rosary" because in this month the Church celebrates the Marian advocacy of "Our Lady of the Rosary" on October 7.

The dedication of the month of October to the Holy Rosary became common in the Church thanks to Pope Leo XII, an enthusiastic promoter of encyclicals on the rosary. St. John Paul II called the rosary his favourite prayer, "in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a Mother meditated on in her heart (Lk.2:19.)"

Each family is encouraged to pray the rosary daily, especially in the month of October.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS! CONFIRMATION 2022

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED



This Saturday, 15th October Bishop Terence Brady joined our parish community to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Through the laying on of hands he prayed for the Holy Spirit to send upon the candidates the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. Each candidate was anointed with sacred Chrism and sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Those confirmed at Baptism received a special blessing from the Bishop.

We pray that, planted in faith and grounded in love, the newly confirmed may have the courage to be witnesses to Christ in their lives. We pray for the parents and sponsors, who by their words and example, may continue to encourage the newly confirmed to follow in the footsteps of Christ.

WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE

With gratitude with thank Fr. Peter James and Fr Wojtek for their support and prayers for the candidates. Thank you to our wonderful parishioners who helped with the Liturgy, sang in the choir, decorated our beautiful Shrine and to those who continued to pray for our candidates during their preparation. Thank you to our school community for their presence and time. A final thank you to the priests who joined us in celebrating the Sacrament of Penance.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS

Information will be advertised shortly for when the Confirmation photos can be collected from the Montefano Hall.

2023 SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Information regarding enrolment into the 2023 Sacrament of Penance and First Holy Communion preparation program will be available in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye out in the Parish Bulletin, our Facebook Page and your local school communications.

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

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