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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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time C

**2 October 2022**



### Welcome into our Parish

Xavier BALDACCHINO, Wesley Frankie PACE,  
Sofia SCUDERI, Maia Ruby WRIGHTMAN

*Baptised this weekend*

### 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.

**And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time**

John Gissane, Hugo Nieva, Frank Walsh

## PARISH INFORMATION

**Parish Office:**

6 Justin St, Smithfield  
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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)  
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](mailto:catechist@stgertrude.org.au)

**Sacraments:** Contact: Jodie Micallef  
Mob: 0412-804-465 (*to leave a message*)  
[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 4:30 — 5:30 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)

[pssso@stgertrude.org.au](mailto: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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Principal: Ms Gilda Pussich

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Boys: 7-12: Ph: 9728-4488

Principal: Mr Peter Wade

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## THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

**For a Church open to everyone**

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 8 October

St Benedict: Group E: Neo-Cats  
St. Therese's: Group A: Frances

**Parish Office Hours:** 9:00 am—4:00 pm  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday  
(closed Wednesday)



## Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

### FIRST READING Am 6:1. 4-7

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

### SECOND READING 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Alleluia, Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Lk 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

or

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

### PUBLIC HOLIDAY MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER

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



### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME—THIS WEEKEND: SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER

A reminder that daylight saving or summer time (AEDST) begins this weekend (2nd October) in NSW! Clocks are turned forward one hour at 2am on Sunday morning.

### PLEASE ADVISE THE PARISH OFFICE

There are many groups in our Parish who are doing great work and sharing prayer time. These are usually published in the bulletin. However, if any group who has booked a facility changes their plans, then the Parish Office needs to be notified IMMEDIATELY. This is for reasons of OH&S and as a courtesy to the priests in the Parish. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Next Week:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. C

**Scripture:** 2 Kg 5:14-17; Ps 97:1-4:R. 2 Tim 2:8-13

**Gospel:** Lk 17:11-19

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## St Thérèse Lisieux: "The Little Flower"



### Prayer in honour of St. Thérèse

O Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, seeing what confidence I have in God, kindly present my intentions before the merciful Lord, whom you behold face to face. Intercede for me with the Blessed Virgin Mary, who came to smile on you when you were suffering. Looking on those who pray to you, and on all those undergoing distress and trials, I unite myself to them as my brothers and sisters. Show yourself to be our sister, and pour on us a shower of roses. Ask the Lord to grant the graces we desire, if it be his will, and make us stronger in faith, hope and love on the road to life. Help us to follow your "Little Way of Spiritual Childhood", trusting in the mercy and love of God like a little child, as you learned from Jesus himself. Give us a thirst for Holy Scripture, a hunger for the Sacraments of the Church, and passionate self-giving love for our neighbours, that like you we may be love in the heart of the Church. May we be assisted at the moment of death so that we pass from this world into the peace of God our Father, and know the eternal joy of the children of God. Amen.

### 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



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](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au) or phone 0412-804-465 to leave a message.

Thank you.

God bless

Jodie

### FIRST FRIDAY – 7TH OCTOBER 2022

Mass times as follows:

**St Therese's Church:** 6:30 am exposition and confession

7:00 am Mass

**St Benedict's Shrine:** 9:15 am Mass followed by devotions. 7:00 pm Mass followed by devotions.



### 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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