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# ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

## St Benedict's Shrine

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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 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

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

23 October 2022



## PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Office:

6 Justin St, Smithfield

Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585

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)

[psso@stgertrude.org.au](mailto: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  
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 NSW 2176  
[info@mmwakeley.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@mmwakeley.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 NSW 2165  
[info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au)  
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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 29 October

St Benedict: Group C: Wilson Family  
St. Therese: Group B: Vietnamese

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



## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

### FIRST READING Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus  
The Lord is a judge  
who is no respecter of personages.  
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party.  
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,  
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.  
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,  
his petitions will carry to the clouds.  
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,  
until it arrives he is inconsolable  
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,  
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.  
And the Lord will not be slow,  
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) **The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The just call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

### SECOND READING 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy  
My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be 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 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke  
Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help  
and exult in the name of our God.

or

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,  
as a fragrant offering to God.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR FR. GABRIEL TAYLOR, OSPPE



Fr. Gabriel Taylor for some time has been treated for skin cancer.

### PARISH PLAYGROUP



**When:** Thursday 27th 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!

### MALTESE SENIORS - ALL WELCOME

Next Meeting - **Tuesday 25th October @ 10am:** St Theresa's Hall,  
For more info please Contact: **Miriam on 0419 476924**



**REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES** Please remember to turn off your mobile phones – or switch to silent – when entering the Church.

**Next Week:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. C

**Scripture:** Wis 11:22 - 12:2; 2 Thess 1:11- 2:2

**Gospel:** Lk 19:1- 10

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### 2022 HSC

Please keep our 2022 HSC cohort in your prayers  
as they continue their HSC Exams this week.



### CATECHIST NEWS

A Catechist meeting: Christmas Resources,  
will be held at 10 -11am, Wednesday 26th October 2022 in the Montefano Hall.

### NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

November is the month that we traditionally pray for all our deceased relatives and friends. November Mass Offering Envelopes are available in the pews of the church and at the doors of the church for those wishing to have their loved ones included in the November Masses. These offerings for the deceased will be offered as a collective Gregorian Mass.

### REMINDER - SAFEGUARDING REFRESHER TRAINING

It is an Archdiocese requirement that every **three** years Volunteers (Readers, Acolytes, Senior Altar Servers, Collectors, Catechist, Children's Liturgy) are required to complete Refresher Safeguarding Training. Volunteers can complete this using any one of the following options:

#### 1. Register online

Volunteers can register for the new Refresher Training via this link and complete training in their own time <https://forms.gle/XQTnkQwfWQ4Rfwxx9>.

#### 2. ZOOM

The Safeguarding Office is also offering Refresher training via ZOOM, on the following dates:

*Tuesday 18 October, 9am - 10am*  
*Wednesday 26 October, 4pm - 5pm*  
*Thursday 17 November, 9am - 10am*

Volunteers can register their attendance by emailing [safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org)

#### 3. Refresher sessions

Refresher training is also available in  
The St. Augustine Catechesis Centre on the following dates:

*Tuesday 25th October, 7pm - 8pm*  
*Friday 28th October, 10 am - 11am*  
*Tuesday 8th November, 7pm - 8pm*



### 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 PHOTOS

If you ordered Confirmation photos, the collection date is **Thursday, 24 November** between 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Montefano Hall. If you would like to purchase the photo of your child's anointing or the group photo, please visit the hall on this day also. Both eftpos and cash will be accepted.



#### 2023 SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND FIRST HOLY



#### COMMUNION

Is your child in Year 3 or beyond? Join us in 2023 for our Parish Sacrament Programs. Information regarding enrolment into the 2023 Sacrament of Penance and First Holy Communion preparation program will be available soon. Please keep an eye out in the Parish Bulletin, the Parish Website, our Facebook Page and your local school communications.

*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*

### 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.

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