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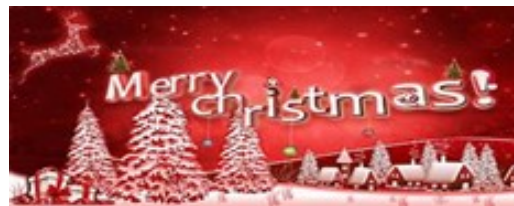


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SMITHFIELD

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: 10:00am

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

The EPIPHANY of the LORD Year A

8 January 2023



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

Robyn Hankinson, Walter Schranz, Dora Gabriel,
Sylvia Muscat, Carmen Bugeja, Michael Muscat,
Ernesto Campolongo.

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Silvana Fenech, Maria Fernandes, Mihaly Puskas,
Angelo Sinocropi, Carmen Rosa Diaz.

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 - Saturday 4:30 — 5:30 pm
Sunday 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: psso@stgertrude.org.au

(Parish Safeguarding Support Officers and
all WWCC renewals)

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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Principal: Ms Gilda Pussich
5 Carnarvon St, Wakeley NSW 2176
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PATRICIAN BROTHER'S COLLEGE FAIRFIELD

Boys: 7-12: Ph: 9728-4488
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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER For educators

We pray that educators may be credible
witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than
competition and helping the youngest and
most vulnerable above all.

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 14 January

St Benedict: Group D: Grace
St. Therese: Group A: Frances

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

The EPIPHANY of the LORD Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

FIRST READING Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. (R.)
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by
God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a
revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery.
This mystery that has now been revealed through the
Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to
any men in past generations; it means that pagans now
share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the
same body, and that the same promise has been made to
them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during
the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem
from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they
asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him
homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed,
and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all
the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired
of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in
Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately.
He asked them the exact date on which the star had
appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out
all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him,
let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.'
Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And
there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it
went forward and halted over the place where the child was.
The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into
the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and
falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening
their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and
frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream
not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by
a different way.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

NOVENA TO ST. PAUL THE FIRST HERMIT 6TH-15TH JANUARY 2023



In preparation for the Solemnity of St. Paul,
the First Hermit on the 15th January we will
pray the Novena to St. Paul beginning Friday
6th, January 2023.

Patriarch of the Pauline Order

St. Paul the First Hermit or Paul of Thebes is
the Patriarch of the Pauline Order.

As a parish community, this important Solemnity of the Pauline
Fathers will be celebrated at the 10:30 am Mass, Sunday 15th
January 2023 with readings of St. Paul.

As is the custom for the Pauline Order, there will be a special
blessing for all children on the Solemnity.



OUR LADY QUEEN OF HERMITS MONDAY 16TH JANUARY 2023

Patroness of the Order of St. Paul the First
Hermit and yearly consecration to our Lady of the
Pauline Fathers and brothers.

Next Week: St. Paul the First Hermit, Year A
Scripture: Kings 17:2-6; Gal 2:19-20; 5:24-25; 6:14-17
Gospel: Mt 11:25-30

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EPIPHANY CHALK

Chalk, which has been blessed, is available for you to take
and bless your homes. The prayer of blessing of chalk is as
follows

Blessing of Homes on Epiphany 20 C + M + B 23

(Sing a Christmas Hymn as you gather as a
family.)

Leader: Peace be upon this house and all of us
who live here

ALL: AMEN.

(Choose a reader to proclaim the Gospel)

A reading from the Gospel according to St.
Matthew

The wise men from the East came to Jerusalem
asking: *where is the child who has been born king
of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising
and have come to pay him homage.* When they
saw that the star had stopped, they were
overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house,
they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they
knelt down and paid him homage.
The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

*All gather at the front door of the house. Then the
leader holding the chalk writes as he says:*

The three wise men

C Caspar
M Melchior
B Balthasar

Followed the light of the star to find Jesus, the son
of God, who came to live among us,

20 Two Thousand
23 and twenty three years ago
+ May Christ bless our home today

and

+ remain with us throughout the year.

*(then all move to the desired doors of the house
and repeat the above, signing as they move from
room to room. Once completed the leader says:)*

Leader: Let us pray

God of mercy, fill our home with the light and love
of Christ that it may be a place of hospitality and
welcome. May Christ be our shelter when we are
at home, our companion when we are away, and
our welcome guest when we return.
Through Christ our Lord

ALL: AMEN

Leader: Let us bless the Lord

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON,
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.**

*(Another Christmas hymn may be sung at the
end.)*

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

2023 FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Thank you to those families who have enrolled into the Parish
First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Sacramental
Program for 2023. Enrolments are **NOW CLOSED**.

IMPORTANT DATES

The **Parent Information Night** for the First Reconciliation and
First Holy Communion will be from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the
Montefano Hall on **Thursday, 16th February 2023**.

Only one adult per family to attend.

Please do not bring the children to the meeting.

RECONCILIATION LESSONS

From 8:45 am to 10:15 am in the Montefano Hall.

Lesson 1 – Sunday, 5th March

Lesson 2 – Sunday, 12th March

Lesson 3 – Sunday, 19th March

Lesson 4 – Sunday, 26th March



For all 2023 Sacramental Preparation Program dates and
further information please visit the Parish Website. [https://
www.stgertrude.org.au/ministries/sacramental-program/](https://www.stgertrude.org.au/ministries/sacramental-program/)

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



REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

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

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the Parish Office will **close on Monday 26th**
December and re-open on Monday 9th January 2023.

2023 PARISH FACILITY BOOKINGS

(Smithfield & Fairfield West Church & Hall)

Any groups wanting to use these facilities on a regular basis,
please book your dates and times in writing/email to the Parish
Office (office@stgertrude.org.au).

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Christmas Offering envelopes will be available in the church
over the Christmas Season. Please take an envelope home
and return it with your offering in the first collection.
These offerings support the priests of the Parish.
Thank you for your constant support and generosity.

PARISH DONATIONS

First Collection (Priests) Account : Smithfield House –

Order of St Paul the First Hermit
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Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God Bless.