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## 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:** 10:00am

### 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 Priest

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:

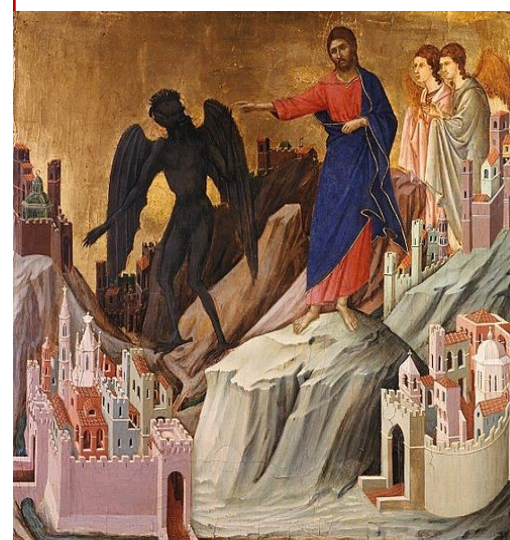
7:00 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

### Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesday after Mass

**1st Sunday of Lent  
Year A**

**26 February 2023**



### We pray for the sick of this Parish

Fr. Anthony David, OSPPE,  
Fr. Gabriel Taylor, OSPPE

Alyssa Ferreri, Ray Wilson, Giuseppina Pignataro,  
Gino Mifsud, Helen Maric, 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

Angelina Vaccari, Antonius Haakman,  
Elizabeth Ebejer, Mike Erak,  
Regina De Biasi, Angelo Vit,  
Marlene Pace, Robyn Hankinson.

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

Rosa Gravante, Pietro Anastasi,  
Giuseppe D'Elia, Carmen Rosa Diaz.

### 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:

*Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation*

Contact: Jodie Micallef

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

**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 - Saturday 4:30 — 5:30 pm  
Sunday 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:** [psso@stgertrude.org.au](mailto: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: 9609-4144  
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@mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au)  
[mmcwakeley.syd.catholic.edu.au](http://mmcwakeley.syd.catholic.edu.au)

### PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE FAIRFIELD



Boys: 7-12: Ph: 9728-4488  
Principal: Mr Peter Wade  
268 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield NSW  
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[info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au)  
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## THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the  
centre, may increasingly become communities of  
faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in  
need.

## 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 4th March

St Benedict: Group A: Frances  
St. Therese: Group B: Vietnamese

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



## 1st Sunday in Lent Year A

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

### FIRST READING Rom. 5: 12-19

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. My offences truly I know them;  
my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;  
what is evil in your sight I have done. **(R.)**
3. A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
4. Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.  
O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING Rom. 5: 12-19

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of

condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

### GOSPEL Mt 4: 1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,  
and they will support you on their hands  
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,  
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**or**  
The Lord will conceal you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will trust.

### PARISH YOUTH GROUPS MEETING

Our Parish High Schooler and Young Adult Group are invited to a Pizza Night Gathering this Sunday 26th February following the 6pm Mass in the St. Augustin's Catechesis Centre.

**Next Week: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, Year A**

**Scripture:** Gen 12: 1-4; 2 Tim 1: 8-10.

**Gospel:** Mt 17: 1-9.

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## Lent

### LENTEN PROGRAM 2023



**SPIRIT AND TRUTH LENTEN COMPANION.** This publication contains Gospel meditations for each Sunday in Lent and Passion Sunday, with some questions to help discussion. There is also the inclusion of the Stations of the Cross and an Examination of Conscience. This is a FREE gift from the Archdiocese of Sydney. Maybe you would like to set up a group or even use this for family prayer!

*Unfortunately we have run out of the printed version of this program, however, you can access an "online version" at [gomakedisciples.org.au](http://gomakedisciples.org.au)*



### MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY OF LENT

**St. Therese's Church**  
7:00 am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

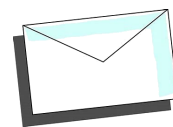
**St. Benedict's Shrine**  
7:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass



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### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new set of planned giving envelopes are ready for collection. These are available this week at St. Therese's Church.

The Giving envelopes are a vital way that the Parish can plan for future expenses. Your weekly contributions allow us to calculate and forecast income to pay for expenses such as Parish loans, utilities, maintenance, etc. If you would like to join our Planned Giving System, please complete contact the Parish Office. There is also the option of direct debit. Thank you for your continued support of the Parish!



### PARISH PLAYGROUP

**When:** Thursday 2nd March 2023

**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!

### PARISH DONATIONS

**First Collection** (Priests) Account : Smithfield House –

Order of St Paul the First Hermit

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**Second Collection** (Parish) Account : Smithfield Catholic Church

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**Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God Bless.**

### SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

### RECONCILIATION LESSONS BEGIN IN TWO WEEKS

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

**Lesson 1 – Sunday, 5th March**

**Lesson 2 – Sunday, 12th March**

**Lesson 3 – Sunday, 19th March**

**Lesson 4 – Sunday, 26th March**



We ask the St Gertrude's parish family to continue to pray for our candidates as they prepare to receive the love and mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



For all 2023 Sacramental Preparation Program dates and further information please visit the Parish Website.

<https://www.stgertrude.org.au/ministries/sacramental-program/>

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

## PARISH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN DAYS!

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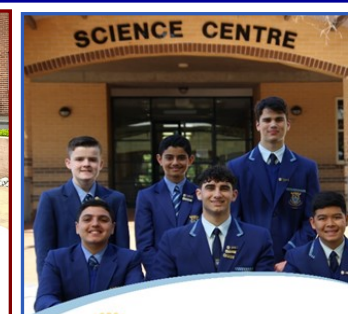
## OPEN DAY

**21 March 2023**

**4.00pm-7.00pm**

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Patrician Brothers'  
College Fairfield

## OPEN DAY

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**3-6pm**

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