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ALL Nationalities are welcome.

Bingo Numbers called out in English & Italian

Next Bingo 10:00 am Friday 14th April 2023

Montefano Hall \$15 entry includes

Bingo Games, prizes; Morning Tea/Coffee and light lunch.

Come join us, united as a Parish.



PARISH PLAYGROUP

When: Thursday 16th 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!



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**Advertising Space Available - Beginning New
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•10% discount for parishioners who are
actively donating via the St Gertrude's Fund.

Contact Parish Office - 9604 1199
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 am—4:00 pm

ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

St Benedict's Shrine

Corner Justin & Neville Street
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 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:

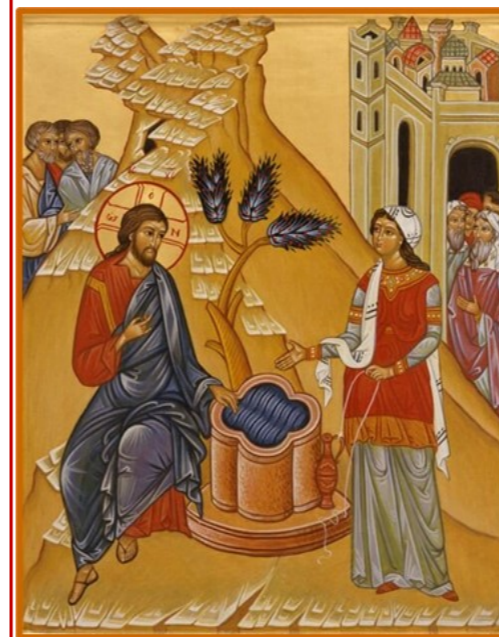
7:00 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesday after Mass

3rd Sunday of Lent Year A

12 March 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 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

Maria Chiavaroli, Cornelia Boswenger,
Angelina Vaccari, Antonius Haakman,
Elizabeth Ebejer, Mike Erak, Regina De Biasi.

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

Vera Anne Winter, Emma Zuleni, Emma Bertoldi,
John Francis Cini, Paul Cilia, Antonia Giannini,
Alma Elizabeth Gordon, Peter Forner,
Gaetano Vaccari, Bernadette Patricia McCormick,
Rocco Cavallaro.

PARISH INFORMATION

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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:

Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

Contact: Jodie Micallef

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

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: 9609-4144

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Boys: 7-12: Ph: 9728-4488

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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm
from members of the Church; may they find
within the Church herself a concrete
response to their pain and suffering.

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 18th March

St Benedict: Group C: Wilson Family

St. Therese: Group C: Spanish

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."

3rd Sunday Of Lent Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

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 Rom 5:1. 5-8

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ

GOSPEL Jn 4:5-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. John

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:
Give me a drink,
you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water
will get thirsty again;
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give
will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You worship what you do not know;
we worship what we do know;
for salvation comes from the Jews.
But the hour will come – in fact it is here already –
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:
that is the kind of worshipper
the Father wants.
God is spirit,
and those who worship
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him. Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat'; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said:

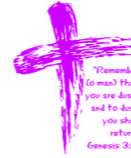
'My food
is to do the will of the one who sent me,
and to complete his work.
Have you not got a saying:
Four months and then the harvest?
Well, I tell you:
Look around you, look at the fields;
already they are white, ready for harvest!
Already the reaper is being paid his wages,
already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life,
and thus sower and reaper rejoice together.
For here the proverb holds good:
one sows, another reaps;
I sent you to reap
a harvest you had not worked for.
Others worked for it;
and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

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



MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY OF LENT

St. Therese's Church
7am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross
St. Benedict's Shrine
7pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass



EASTER COOKIES ARE BACK !

By popular demand, our homemade Easter Cookies are for sale this year. Grab your Cookies from the Piety Stall before they run out!

**\$4 each OR 3 for \$10
Gift box \$15
Until stocks last**

All PROCEEDS from this year's cookies will go towards stage 2 of our Roof replacement for St. Benedict's Shrine

EASTER EGG GUESSING COMPETITION

Can you guess how many eggs are in the jar?
2 chances to win !

\$1 a guess or 3 for \$2

Available at the church foyer.



EASTER RAFFLE

Raffle tickets for children's Easter basket
are on sale after Mass.
\$2 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.



CHOIR REHEARSALS

Parish choir rehearsals will be held on
Monday evenings in the Church
starting 7:30pm. All welcome.

UPCOMING SOLEMNITY CELEBRATIONS

17 March, Friday : St. Patrick - Bishop - Mass as normal
**20 March, Monday : St. Joseph, - Spouse of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**—Whole School Mass at 9:30 am

Next Week: FORTH SUNDAY OF LENT, Year A
Scripture: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14.
Gospel: Jn 9:1-41

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION CLASS NOW FULL

Please be advised that our First Reconciliation and Holy Communion class is now full. Enrolment for 2024 will open in October.

RECONCILIATION LESSON DATES

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

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.



2023 CONFIRMATION DATE NOW AVAILABLE

Please be advised that the Sacrament of
Confirmation will take place on **Saturday,
14 October 2023.**

Enrolments will open on Sunday, 30th April 2023.



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 or phone 0412-804-465 to leave a message.

Thank you.

God bless

Jodie

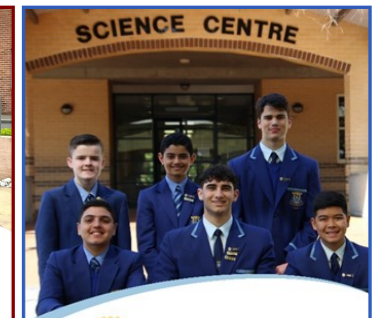


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4.00pm-7.00pm

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OPEN DAY

14 March 2023
3-6pm

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