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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."

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CHURCH RETAINING WALL: WORK BEGINS THIS WEEK

Please be aware that works on the retaining wall on the corner of Justin St. & Neville St. will commence this week.

This will mean that there will be changed conditions for entry to St. Benedict's Shrine with restricted access to some areas. There will also be workmen and machinery so we ask that you use extra caution when moving around the Shrine.

This work is necessary for the safety of our Parishioners and should be completed within 3 weeks.

We apologise for the inconvenience.

PARISH YOUTH

Our Parish Youth Groups have recommenced for 2023.

Our youth meet:

- **Over 18s:** 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month following the 6pm Mass
- **High Schoolers/Teenagers:** 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month following the 6pm Mass

Stay tuned for more information for our Primary Schoolers!



**OUR LADY OF FATIMA DAY
PILGRIMAGE TO PENROSE PARK
SATURDAY 13th MAY**



The Parish is organising a Pilgrimage to Penrose Park to celebrate Fatima Day on Saturday 13th May.

The bus will depart St. Benedict's Shrine, Smithfield at 8:30 am and will return approximately at 5:00 pm. Please bring your own lunch.

Cost: \$25.

To book, please see volunteer in Church Foyer to add your name to the list or contact the Parish Office.

Space is limited.

PARISH DONATIONS

First Collection (Priests) Account : Smithfield House –
Order of St Paul the First Hermit
BSB 066711 Acct. No. 007392

Second Collection (Parish) Account : Smithfield Catholic Church
BSB: 062784 Acct. No. 100001084

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

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year A

2 April 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

Sharron Kassoutas, Salvatore Ripepi,
Maria Chiavaroli, Cornelia Boswerger,
Angelina Vaccari, Antonius Haakman.

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Natala Limonelli, Lucy Sophia Ziober,
Nicola Giampaolo, Domenic John Pavisa,
Agatino Sacca, Santo Zoccoli.

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:

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: Parish Office

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: pssso@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
1-11 Justin, Street, Smithfield NSW 2164
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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
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PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE FAIRFIELD



Boys: 7-12; Ph: 9728-4488
Principal: Mr Peter Wade
268 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield NSW 2165
info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au
www.pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

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 8th April

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

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year A

GOSPEL Mt 21:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'. This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass'. The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

FIRST READING Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

- All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**
- Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
- They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**

- I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

SECOND READING Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST MATTHEW Mt 26:14 – 27:66

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

HOLY WEEK

REHEARSALS: TUESDAY 6:30 PM AT ST. BENEDICT'S SHRINE CHURCH

Those involved in Triduum celebrations are asked to attend rehearsal this Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm at St. Benedict's Shrine.

HOLY THURSDAY— SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS OF TURKEY AND SYRIA

At Mass of the Lord's Supper there will be a special collection which will be given to support those affected by devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

EASTER VIGIL MASS

At the Easter Vigil this year we will receive Nathan Kohutek into full Communion with the Church with sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist and Joseph Franco will be confirmed.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Next Week: SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION

Scripture: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Cor 5:6-8

Gospel: Mt 28:1-10

EASTER MASS TIMETABLE

HOLY WEEK

Saturday 1st April: Vigil of Palm Sunday
St. Therese's Church 5:00 pm Vietnamese
St. Benedicts Shrine 6:00 pm English

Sunday 2nd April: Palm Sunday
St. Therese's Church 7:30 am English
12:00 pm Spanish
5:30 pm Syriac Rite
St. Benedicts Shrine 9:00 am Italian
10:30 am English
6:00 pm English

Monday 3rd April
St. Therese's Church 7:00 am Mass of the Day
St. Benedicts Shrine 9:15 am Mass of the Day

Tuesday 4th April
St. Therese's Church 7:00 am Mass of the Day
St. Benedicts Shrine 9:15 am Mass of the Day
6:30 pm *Rehearsals*

Wednesday 5th April
St. Therese's Church 7:00 am Mass of the Day
10:00 am Vietnamese
5:30 pm Syriac
St. Benedicts Shrine 7:00 pm Mass of the Day

Thursday 6th April - No MORNING MASS
St. Mary's Cathedral 10:00 am Chrism Mass
St. Therese's Church 5:30 pm Syriac Rite Mass

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

St. Benedicts Shrine 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with adoration at the Altar of Repose until Midnight.

Friday 7th April: Good Friday

St Therese's Church **No morning Mass**
1:00 pm Vietnamese

St. Benedict's Shrine **No morning Mass**
Adoration at the Altar of Repose from 8:00 am - 9:00 pm.
10:00 am Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm Commemoration of The Lord's Passion followed by Divine Mercy Novena

Saturday 8th April Holy Saturday

St Therese's Church **No morning Mass**
3:00 pm Vietnamese Vigil

St. Benedict's Shrine 6:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena
6:30 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday 9th April Easter Sunday

St. Therese's Church 7:30 am English
12:00 pm Spanish
2:30 pm Vietnamese
5:30 pm Syriac Rite

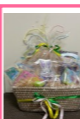
St. Benedict's Shrine 9:00 am Italian
10:30 am English

Monday 10th April Easter Monday

St. Therese's Church 8:00 am English
6:00 pm Vietnamese

St. Benedict's Shrine 10:00 am English

Please note that there are no confessions in the Parish during the Sacred Triduum or Easter Sunday.



EASTER RAFFLE

The Easter basket raffle will be drawn at 10:30 am Mass this Sunday.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION DATE

A reminder that the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be held on **Thursday, 8th June** from **6.30pm to 7.30pm** in St Benedict's Shrine.

PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYERS

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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION LESSON DATES

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

- Lesson 1 – Sunday, 30th April
- Lesson 2 – Sunday, 7th May
- Lesson 3 – Sunday, 21st May
- Lesson 4 – Sunday, 28th May
- Lesson 5 – Sunday, 4th June



2023 CONFIRMATION DATE

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



CHOIR REHEARSALS

Parish choir rehearsals will be held at 7:30pm this Monday . All welcome.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR FR. WOJTEK

SUNDAY, 23RD APRIL 10:30 AM

A Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Wojtek will be celebrated on Sunday 23rd April at 10:30am.

This is an opportunity for our community to celebrate and thank Fr. Wojtek for his dedicated service to St. Gertrude's Parish and to pray for his future Pastoral Service as Parish Priest at St. Margaret Mary's Merrylands.

Refreshments will be served after Mass in the Montefano Hall. Please bring a plate of food to share.



EASTER COOKIES!

\$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?

Two chances to win! **\$1 a guess or 3 for \$2**

Available at the church foyer. Last opportunity this weekend. The winner will be announced at the 6:00 pm Mass this Sunday.

