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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."

The Parish does not imply any endorsement for advertisements listed in this bulletin.

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 Strohmayer OSPPE

Assistant Priest
Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE

St Therese's Church
Corner The Boulevarde & 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

4th Sunday of Easter, Year A

30 April 2023

We pray for the sick of this Parish
Fr. Anthony David, OSPPE,
Fr. Gabriel Taylor, OSPPE
Alyssa Ferreri, Ray Wilson, 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
Thomas Zammit, Dino Di Federico, Salvatore Magieri, Sharron Kassoutas, Salvatore Ripepi.

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time
Rose Rogers, Giuseppina Ronzini, Steven Casamento.

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: 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
1-11 Justin, Street, Smithfield NSW 2164
www.stgsmithfield.syd.catholic.edu.au
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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
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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
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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER
For Church Movements And Groups
We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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 6th May
St Benedict: Group E: Neo-Cats
St. Therese: Group A: Frances

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

4th Sunday of Easter, Year A

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 2:14,36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.
This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. John

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

St Gertrude's Parish Fundraiser
Plant Sale
All proceeds to restoration of church roof

Over 5000 plants for sale! There will be many varieties including orchids, succulents, Madonna lily's, palms, cordylines, yuccas and many more.

When: **Saturday, 6th May from 7am to 6pm**

Where: **25 Kihilla St. Fairfield Heights**

Contact: Rita or John
96043630 or 0487778379

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held at **7:00 pm, Tuesday 2nd May at the St. Augustine Catechesis Centre**.

REMINDER ~ Please Turn Off Mobile Phones

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

Next Week: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Scripture: Acts 6:1-7, 1 Pet 2:4-9
Gospel: Jn 14:1-12.

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Regina Caeli

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.
Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
He risen, as he said. aleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.
O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

First Friday – 5th May 2023

Mass times as follows:

St Therese's Church:
6:30 am exposition and confession
7:00 am Mass

St. Benedict's Shrine:
9:15 am Mass followed by devotions.
7:00 pm Mass followed by devotions.

First Saturday– 6th May 2023

Mass times as follows:

St Therese's Church: 7:00 am exposition and confession
8:00 am Mass

St. Benedict's Shrine: 10:00 am Rosary

Church Retaining Wall: Work in Progress

Please be aware that works on the retaining wall on the corner of Justin St. & Neville St. has begun.

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.

CWF Appeal— 6th –7th May

There will be a special collection next weekend, 6th and 7th May for CWF Appeal.
The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) supports multiple works and agencies in the Archdiocese of Sydney.

St. Gertrude's has a Parish quota of $8,600.

Donations $2 or more are tax deductible

Thank you for your generosity in supporting these Catholic Agencies of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Parish Playgroup

When: Thursday 4th May 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!

Sacramental News!

ENROLEMENT FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS NOW OPEN

Enrolments for the 2023 Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Program is now open. Children in 2023 who are enrolled in Year 6 and above, who have been Baptised in the Catholic Church, and have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion may be eligible to enrol.

To enrol please complete the online form by scanning the following QR code or logging onto https://tinyurl.com/5f7rsxnb . Enrolments are due by no later than ***Sunday, 11th June***. Late enrolments will not be accepted.

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

For 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

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 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!
The Parish Youth Group will resume in May.

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.