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Situated in North Sydney and conveniently accessible by public transport, MMP is currently in search of enthusiastic volunteers who will warmly welcome and assist visitors to the MMP Museum.

If you enjoy interacting with people and have some spare time, please get it touch! Whether it's for a couple of hours, a day or two a week, fortnightly or month, we would love to have you on board! Rest assured, all necessary training and support will be provided.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact Sr Annie Bond, Ministry & Mission Manager, or send an email to annie.bond@mmp.org.au.

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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 Strohmayer OSPPE

Assitant Priest

Fr Casimir Zielinski 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

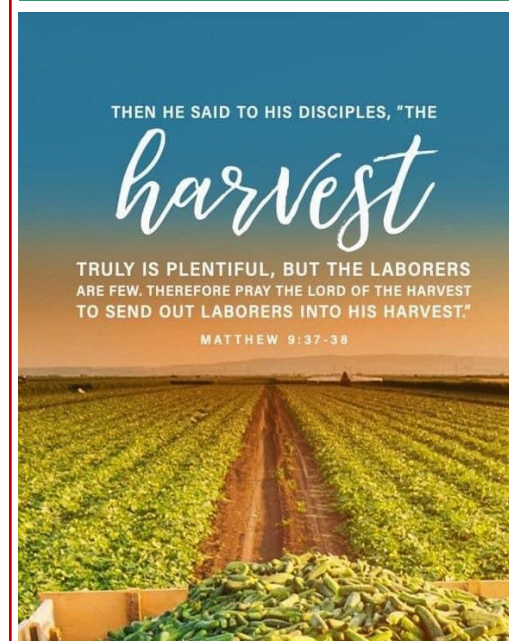
First Friday of the Month:
6.30 am Exposition & Confession; 7:00 am Mass

First Saturday of the Month:
7:00 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Tuesday after Mass

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

18 June 2023



We pray for the sick of this Parish

Fr. Anthony David, 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

Michele Faga, Fr Gabriel Taylor,
Kennia Yolanda Navarro,
Robert Wasniowski, Thomas Zammit.

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Antonia Brozzesi, Vince Orlando, Tania Elkhouri,
Raymond Rawson, Francesca Carbone.

PARISH INFORMATION

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Liturgy: 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert
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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)
Parish Youth: High Schoolers/Teenagers:
1st and 3rd Sunday of the month following the 6pm Mass.
Over 18s: 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month following the 6 pm Mass.
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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PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE FAIRFIELD



Boys: 7-12: Ph: 9728-4488
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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

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 24th June

St Benedict: Group B: PPC/Teachers
St. Therese: Group B: Vietnamese

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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

FIRST READING Ex 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) We are his people:
the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING Rom 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 9:36-10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

or

Holy Father, keep in your name those you have given me,
that they may be one as we are one, says the Lord.

9:15 AM MASS, TUESDAY 20TH—CANCELLED
Please note that on Tuesday 20th June the 9:15 am Mass at St. Benedict's Shrine will be cancelled due to Fr Gabriel's funeral at Penrose Park.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAYS
Children in our Parish community will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on the **18th and 25th June**. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

FR CASIMIR: ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION
Congratulations to Fr Casimir who celebrated his ordination anniversary during the week.
May the Lord bless him in His abundance.

Next Week: 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Scripture: Jer 20:10-13, Rom 5:12-15
Gospel: Mt 10:26-33.

REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES
Please remember to turn off your mobile phones – or switch to silent – when entering the Church.

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FUNERAL DETAILS FOR THE FUNERAL OF FR GABRIEL TAYLOR

VIGIL & VIEWING OF FR GABRIEL

The Solemn Reception of the Body of Fr Gabriel and Vigil Liturgy will be on **Monday, 19th June, at the Old Monastery at Penrose Park.**

The Order of Service will be the following:

- 3:00 pm:** Reception of the Body, procession into the Old Monastery Chapel and opening of the coffin along with the Funeral Vigil Liturgy.
- 4:00 pm:** Rosary (Joyful Mysteries)
- 5:00 pm:** Rosary (Sorrowful Mysteries)
- 6:00 pm:** Solemn Vespers and closing of the coffin.

Refreshments will be available in the conference room in the Old Monastery

SOLEMN REQUIEM FOR FR GABRIEL

The Solemn Pontifical Funeral Mass for Fr Gabriel will be in the Shrine Church on **Tuesday, 20th June.**

The Order of the day is as follows:

- 8:00 am:** Reception of the Body and procession into the Shrine Church
- 8:30 am:** Solemn Morning Prayer of the Church
- 9:00 am:** Viewing in the Shrine Church
- 9:30 am:** Rosary (Luminous Mysteries)
- 10:15 am:** Closing of the coffin and Rosary (Glorious Mysteries)
- 10:40 am:** Singing of the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 11:00 am:** Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass

Burial will follow the Mass and will take place at St Patrick's Cemetery, Sutton Forest.

Wake and Refreshments to follow at St Paul's Parish Hall (24 Garrett Street, Moss Vale).

Please continue to keep Fr. Gabriel in your prayers.

CHURCH WORKS

The Church works are almost completed.
Thank you for your prayers and patience during this time.

PRIMARY/HIGH SCHOOLERS YOUTH GROUP
Our Primary/High Schoolers Youth Group will be meeting **after 6 pm Mass on Sunday 18th June**, 2023 in the St Augustine Catechesis Centre.
Please join us as we meet, have fun and pray together!

PARISH PLAYGROUP
When: Thursday 22nd June 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!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO CELEBRATED THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Thirty children from our Parish community celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend on Sunday, 18th June.

We pray that they will treasure the gift of Jesus' sacrifice, the mercy of his Blood, and the nourishment of his Body.

We thank Fr Peter James and Fr Casmir for their support of these children, as through their ministry they have united them with Jesus as the Body of Christ.



IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION DATES

The Parents Only Information Night will be on **Thursday, 20th July at 7.00pm-8.00pm** in the Parish Montefano Hall.



Confirmation lessons will take place from 8.45am to 10.15am in the Parish Montefano Hall on the following dates:

- **Lesson 1:** Sunday, 30th July
- **Lesson 2:** Sunday, 6th August
- **Lesson 3:** Sunday, 13th August
- **Lesson 4:** Sunday, 20th August

For all enquiries, please contact the Sacramental Office by emailing sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or text/phone 0412-804-465 to leave a message.

Thank you.
God bless
Jodie

FCI BINGO IS BACK
Parishioners, come and join us at **10 am on Friday 23rd June in the Montefano Hall.**
Entry only \$15—includes prizes, morning tea/coffee and light lunch.

ALL NATIONALITIES WELCOME!



PARISH CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE
Come and listen to a series of catechesis **every Monday and Thursday at 7:30pm**. Meeting in St Gertrude's Chapel, Justin St Smithfield, corner of St Gertrude's Primary School.
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