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# 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

### 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

## 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

25 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 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

Carmela Zumbo, 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

#### Parish Office:

22 Neville 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: Parish Office

**Children's Liturgy:** Currently not available at this time

#### Reconciliation:

Smithfield - Saturday 4:30 — 5:30 pm

**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)

**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  
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@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 2165  
[info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au)  
[www.pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au](http://www.pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au)

### 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 1st July

St Benedict: Group C: Wilson Family  
St. Therese: Group C: Spanish

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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](mailto: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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Annually (No Easter Ads): \$990

• 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



## 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord is the strength of his people,  
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.  
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,  
and govern them for ever.

### FIRST READING Jer 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said:

‘I hear so many disparaging me,  
“Terror from every side!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”  
All those who used to be my friends  
watched for my downfall,  
“Perhaps he will be seduced into error.  
Then we will master him  
and take our revenge!”  
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;  
my opponents will stumble, mastered,  
confounded by their failure;  
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.  
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,  
who scrutinise the loins and heart,  
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,  
for I have committed my cause to you.  
Sing to the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
for he has delivered the soul of the needy  
from the hands of evil men.’

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.)** Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,  
an alien to my own mother's sons.  
I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me. **(R.)**
2. This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,  
the sea and all its living creatures. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING Rom 5:12-15

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.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,  
and you also will be my witnesses.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Mt 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For  
everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and  
everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in  
the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers,  
proclaim from the house-tops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the  
soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in  
hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not  
one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why,  
every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need  
to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I  
will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in  
heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I  
will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.

or

I am the Good Shepherd,  
and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.

**Next Week: 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Scripture:** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16, Rom 6:3-4, 8-11,  
**Gospel:** Mt 10:37-42.

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### FIRST EUCHARIST SUNDAY CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU

Congratulations to all children who received their  
First Holy Communion this year. May you continue  
to grow in love with Jesus and the Eucharist.

The parish will also like to thank the teachers,  
parents, Jodie and all who prepared the children.

Please continue to keep these children and their families in your  
prayers.



### FIRST SATURDAY – 1ST JULY 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

### HAPPY NAME DAY FR PETER—29TH JUNE

We pray special blessing upon Fr Peter who celebrates his  
Name Day on the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul this Thursday  
29<sup>th</sup> June.



### HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL

#### 1ST AND 2ND JULY

Our parish, in union with all parishes  
around the world, will hold the annual  
**Holy Father's Appeal**

**next weekend – 1st and 2nd July**

for which we ask your support.

Through your gift, you can help Pope Francis bring hope, faith,  
and the spirit of Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters  
around the world. Thank you.

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phone **1800 753 959** or through our parish collection.



### YOUNG ADULT'S 18+ GROUP

Our Young Adult Group will be meeting  
**after 6 pm Mass on Sunday 25th June**  
in the St Augustine Catechesis Centre.

Please join us as we meet, have fun and pray together!



### PARISH PLAYGROUP

**When:** Thursday 29th June 2023

**Where:** St. Augustine Catechesis Centre

**Time:** 9:30 am—11:30 am

Playgroup will meet every Thursday during the school term. New  
and existing families are invited to attend.  
Hope to see you all there!

### 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.  
Babysitting available.

For information please contact **Louisa on 0413 231 531**



### REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

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

### SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO CELEBRATED THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Twenty-seven children from our Parish  
community celebrated the Sacrament  
of First Holy Communion this weekend  
on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Casimir 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, 20<sup>th</sup> 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, 30<sup>th</sup> July
- **Lesson 2:** Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> August
- **Lesson 3:** Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> August
- **Lesson 4:** Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> August

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

Thank you.  
God bless  
Jodie

### \*\*\*\* FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA \*\*\*\*

Annuncia le Attività' del Mese di luglio 2023

**\*\*\*TESSERAMENTO RINNUOVO\*\*\***

La cerimonia dei Membri Verra' Celebrata **Domenica 9 luglio**  
durante La Santa Messa Italiana 9am. Tutti Siete Benvenuti,  
Seguito con Rinfresco nella sala Montefano .

**BINGO for Month of July 7th and 21st**



### CHURCH WORKS

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

### PARISH DONATIONS

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