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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 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

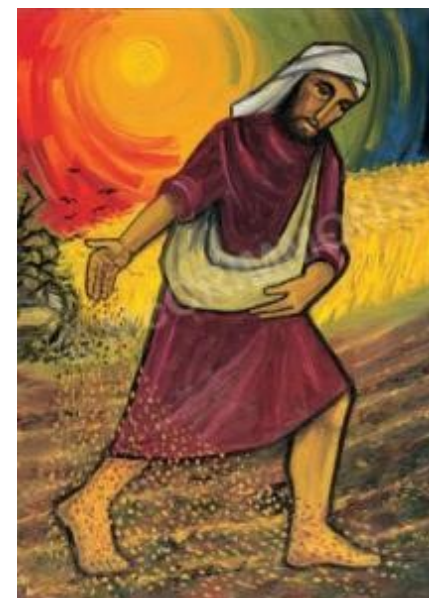
First Friday of the Month:
6.30 am Exposition & Confession; 7:00 am Mass

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

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Tuesday after Mass

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

16 July 2023



Welcome into our Parish

Hudson Paul KINGSMAN

Baptised this weekend

We pray for the sick of this Parish

Fr. Anthony David, OSPPE,
Christina Mastrone, Jordan Collins, Aldo Giradi,
Alfred Muscat, 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.

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Eugen Kleibert, Lorenzina Favottoi, Nicola Loungo.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office:

22 Neville 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

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)

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
www.stgsmithfield.syd.catholic.edu.au
www.facebook.com/stgertrudessmithfield
www.instagram.com/stgsmithfield/

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
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
www.pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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 22nd July

St Benedict: Group A: 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."

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING Is 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

- (R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.
1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. (R.)
 2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. (R.)
 3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)
 4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

SECOND READING Rom 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a Sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.
For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

or

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Next Week: 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Scripture: Wis 12:13, 16-19, Rom 8:26-27,
Gospel: Mt 13:24-30.

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WYD 2023 PILGRIMS' BLESSING THIS SUNDAY, 16TH JULY—6PM

Many Parishioners of ours will travel to Lisbon, Portugal at the end of this month for WYD. They will be representing our Parish in various pilgrim groups.

To pray for their safe pilgrimage and to send them forth there will be a special blessing at the 6pm Mass this Sunday 16th July.

If you know of anyone else who is going and would like a blessing, please invite them also. Let us keep these pilgrims in our prayers.



OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL BROWN SCAPULAR MONDAY, 17TH JULY 2023

Mass times:

St. Therese's Church: 7:00 am

St. Benedict's Shrine: 9:15 am

7:00 pm with Brown
Scapular enrolment

A Mass in honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will be celebrated on Monday 17th July at 7pm at St. Benedict's Shrine
During the Mass you will be invited to enrol in the **Brown Scapular**. These can be purchased at the Piety Stall.

CONFIRMATION — INFORMATION NIGHT



The Parents only information night will be on
Thursday, 20th July at 7:00 pm — 8:00 pm
in the Parish Montefano Hall.



SCHOOL RETURNS THIS WEEK

Just a reminder to our parishioners that school is back this week. This also means a return to increased traffic during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. 40km/hr speed limits are also in effect from Monday 17th July.

Please continue to use the zebra crossing and be aware of no stopping or parking along Justin Street.



PARISH WORKING BEE SATURDAY 29TH JULY 2023—9AM

A Parish Working Bee is being organised for Saturday 29th July 2023 beginning at 9am.

The aim of this working bee is to clear the Parish of unnecessary items that have accumulated over the years, particularly in the Montefano Hall and the Parish Office.

Your help would be greatly appreciated, even if you can spare an hour. A BBQ lunch will be provided. Bring your gloves, gardening tools and positive vibe!



PARISH PLAYGROUP

When: Thursday 20th July 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!



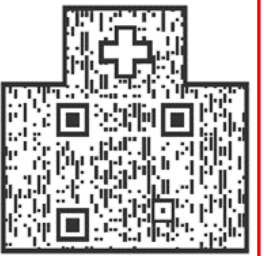
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Please remember to turn off your mobile phones – or switch to silent – when entering the Church.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

ENROLEMENT FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED

Enrolments for the 2023 Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Program has been extended until **Sunday, 16th**

July. 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/5f7rsxbn>



IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION DATES

The **Parents Only Information Night** will be on
Thursday, 20th July at 7.00 pm -8.00 pm

in the Parish Montefano Hall.

Confirmation lessons will take place from 8:45 am to 10:15 am 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 – Italian Catholic Federation

Bingo Numbers called out in English & Italian

Next Bingo 10:00 am Friday 21st July 2023

Montefano Hall \$15 entry includes

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

Come join us, united as a Parish.



PARENTS – PLEASE SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN

It has come to our attention in recent weeks that some of our church furnishings are being damaged. In particular, there have been drawing on kneelers, chewing gum under the pews and coin scratches on the pews.

We kindly ask that all parents supervise their children to avoid graffiti and other damages.

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.