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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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# 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

## 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

2 July 2023



### Welcome into our Parish

Lorena BRIZGALA, Liam Axel TARREN & Lucas Ari TARREN  
Baptised this weekend

### We pray for the sick of this Parish

Fr. Anthony David, OSPPE,  
Alfred Muscat, Alyssa Ferreri, Ray Wilson,  
Gino Mifsud,  
Helen Maric, Adam Westwood,  
Emile & Mary Kodszy, 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**

Lorenzina Favottoi, Nicola Loungo.

### 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:** [pssso@stgertrude.org.au](mailto: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  
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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)  
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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](mailto:info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au)  
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## 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 8th July

St Benedict: Group D: Grace  
St. Therese: Group C: Spanish

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



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING 2 Kgs 4:8-11.14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings  
One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

- R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
  2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)
  3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;  
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:  
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

SECOND READING Rom 6:3-4.8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.  
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew  
Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all within me, his holy name.  
or  
O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us,  
that the world may believe that you have sent me, says the Lord.

**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.

Donate by visiting:  
[www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal),  
phone **1800 753 959** or through our parish collection.

**Next Week:** 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
**Scripture:** Zech 9:9-10, Rom 8:9,11-13,  
**Gospel:** Mt 11:25-30.

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FIRST FRIDAY – 7TH JULY 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.



ST BENEDICT'S FEAST DAY  
TUESDAY, 11TH JULY

Mass times as follows:

**St Therese's Church:** 7:00 am Mass  
**St Benedict's Shrine:** 9:15 am Mass  
7:00 pm Mass

NOVENA TO ST BENEDICT  
2 - 11 JULY

Glorious Saint Benedict, sublime model of virtue, pure vessel of God's grace!  
Behold me humbly kneeling at your feet.  
I implore you in your loving kindness to pray for me before the throne of God.  
To you I have recourse in the dangers that daily surround me.  
Shield me against my selfishness and my indifference to God and to my neighbour.  
Inspire me to imitate you in all things.  
May your blessing be with me always, so that I may shun whatever God forbids and avoid the occasions of sin.  
Graciously obtain for me from God those favours and graces which I need so much in the trials, miseries and afflictions of life.  
Your heart was always full of love, compassion and mercy toward those who were afflicted or troubled in any way. You never dismissed without consolation and assistance anyone who had recourse to you.

I therefore invoke your powerful intercession, confident in the hope that you will hear my prayers and obtain for me the special grace and favour I earnestly implore. (*mention your petition*) if it for the greater glory of God and the welfare of my soul.  
*"Help me, great St. Benedict. to live and die as a faithful child of God, to be ever submissive to His holy will and to attain the eternal happiness of heaven. Amen."*

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION DATES

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held at **7:00 pm, Tuesday 4th July in the St. Augustine Catechesis Centre.**  
All PPC members are asked to be in attendance

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

Annuncia le Attivita' 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



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

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Order of St Paul the First Hermit  
BSB 066711 Acct. No. 007392  
**Second Collection** (Parish) Account : Smithfield Catholic Church  
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