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## Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls.



Amen.

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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

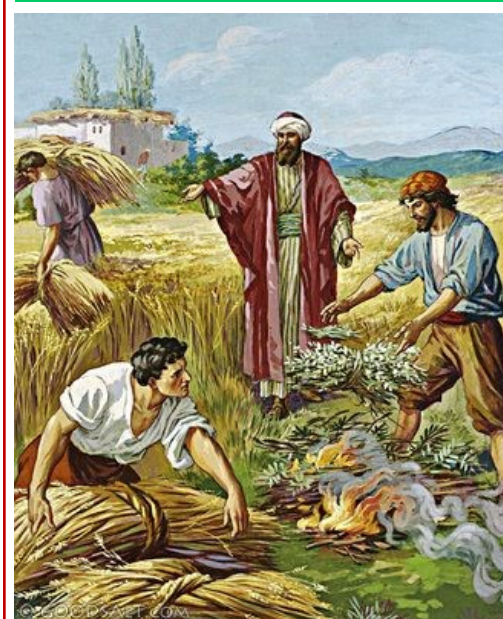
**First Friday of the Month:**  
6.30 am Exposition & Confession; 7:00 am Mass

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

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy:**  
Tuesday after Mass

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

23 July 2023



### 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 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

Betty Power, Francesca Sabato, Carmela Zumbo,  
Michele Faga, Fr Gabriel Taylor, OSPPE

**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](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  
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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 22nd July  
St Benedict: Group A: PPC Teachers  
St. Therese: Group C: Spanish

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



## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

### FIRST READING Wis. 12:13, 16-19

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,  
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged  
unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength,  
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.  
You show your strength when your sovereign power is  
questioned

and you expose the insolence of those who know it;  
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,  
you govern us with great lenience,  
for you have only to will, and your power is there.  
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people  
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,  
and you have given your sons the good hope  
that after sin you will grant repentance '

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

- O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R.)**
- All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God. **(R.)**
- But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me. **(R. )**

### SECOND READING Rom 8: 26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we  
cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit  
himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put  
into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts  
knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of  
the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind  
of God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Mt 13: 24-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of  
heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in  
his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came,  
sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the

new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well.  
The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not  
good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the  
darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered.  
And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?"  
But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you  
might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the  
harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First  
collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather  
the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is  
like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It  
is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the  
biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the  
air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like  
the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of  
flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he  
would never speak to them except in parables. This was to  
fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables  
and expound things hidden since the foundation of the  
world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his  
disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the  
darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the  
good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good  
seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of  
the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest  
is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then,  
just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will  
be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and  
they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke  
offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing  
furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.  
Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their  
Father. Listen, anyone who has ears! '

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him.

or

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.  
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,  
I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS



As our Parish Secretary is on annual  
leave there are some changes to the  
opening hours of the Parish Office.  
Please be patient with us during this  
time.

Office Hours **Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10am - 4pm.**

**Next Week: 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Scripture:** 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12 Rom 8: 28-30,

**Gospel:** Mt 13: 44-52

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### ST. JOACHIM & ST. ANNE WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY.



On Wednesday the 26th July the Church  
celebrates the Memorial of St. Joachim &  
St. Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mass times:

St Therese	7:00 am
St. Benedict's	9:30am - Whole School Mass
	7:00 pm

Together, let us pray for and acknowledge the wonderful work of  
our Grandparents and the Elderly. May God Bless you all and  
through the intercession of our Blessed Mother may you be  
strengthened with good health.

*There will be a special blessing for our Grandparents and Elderly  
this weekend at our Masses.*

### ST. CHRISTOPHER BLESSING OF CARS NEXT SUNDAY - 30TH JULY.



On the weekend of 29 & 30th July,  
there will be the blessing of cars.  
Donations for the blessing will be given to  
the Pauline Seminary Fund.

### ST. CHRISTOPHER MEDALS

St. Christopher medals and car visors are available for purchase  
at the Piety Stall.



### THE IMPORTANCE OF SACRED SILENCE

The 2002 General Instruction of the  
Roman Missal (GIRM) speaks very  
specifically about ***silence before and  
during the liturgy.***

We read: "Sacred silence also, ***as part of the celebration, is  
to be observed at the designated times.*** Its purpose,  
however, depends on the time it occurs in each part of the  
celebration. Thus within the Act of Penitence and again after  
the invitation to pray, all recollect themselves; but at the  
conclusion of a reading or a homily, all meditate briefly on what  
they have heard; then after Communion, they praise and pray  
to God in their hearts."

**There should also be silence before the liturgy:** "Even  
before the celebration itself, it is ***commendable that silence  
be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting  
room, and in adjacent areas,*** so that all may dispose  
themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and  
fitting manner" (No. 45).

Though not mentioned in the GIRM, ***there is a long practice  
of maintaining silence within the body of the church after  
Mass.*** Some churches erupt in noise once Mass is over. This  
destroys the atmosphere of prayer that is conducive and  
appropriate to private prayer after Mass.

Let us all be mindful that while in the church we are in the  
House of God and our conversations should be, above all,  
conversations with God. We need to remember that those  
around us may desire some quiet time to reflect and to pray to  
God and our conversations should not disturb or interrupt  
another persons desire for silent prayer. Conversations with  
each other are also important, but these should be had outside  
of the church.

In the words of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta ***"The more we  
can give in our silent prayer, the more we can give in our active  
life."***



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

### SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

#### CONFIRMATION DATES

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, 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

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

*Heavenly Father, God of power and of love  
We pray for all the children who are preparing for the  
Sacrament of Confirmation.  
May Your Holy Spirit help grow in  
Faith, hope and love and  
May they come to know you as the one true God  
Who loves them without limit.  
May their hearts welcome you gladly.  
May their ears hear Your voice in the Scriptures.  
May their eyes see You in all things.  
And may they proclaim Your glory  
as they walk in the ways of  
Jesus Christ, our Lord, and Saviour. Amen*

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 WORKING BEE SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023 - 9AM

A Parish Working Bee is being organised for  
**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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!



### FCI – Italian Catholic Federation

**Bingo Numbers called out in English & Italian**

**Next Bingo 10:00 am Friday 4th August 2023**

**Montefano Hall \$15 entry includes**

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

**Come join us, united as a Parish.**



### PARISH DONATIONS

**First Collection** (Priests) Account : Smithfield House –  
Order of St Paul the First Hermit

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**Second Collection** (Parish) Account : Smithfield Catholic Church

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