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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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

9 July 2023



We pray for the sick of this Parish

Fr. Anthony David, OSPPE,
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

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
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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 815h July

St Benedict: Group E: Neo-Cats
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."

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING Zec 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this:

‘Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

SECOND READING Rom 8:9.11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual,
since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact,
unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not
belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from
the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the
dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit
living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our
unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in
that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put
an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

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 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, ‘I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of
earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever
and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is
what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me
by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father,
just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to
whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I
will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I
am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your
souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.’

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

or

Come to me, all who labour and are burdened,
and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

WYD 2023 PILGRIMS' BLESSING 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 6:00 pm Mass on 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—7PM

A Mass in honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will be
celebrated on Monday 17th July at 7:00 pm 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.

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!

Next Week: 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Scripture: Is 55:10-11, Rom 8:18-23,
Gospel: Mt 13:1-23.

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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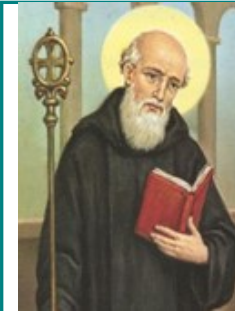
ST BENEDICT'S FEAST DAY TUESDAY, 11TH JULY

This year we celebrate our Patron Saint on Tuesday 11th July.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6pm with the praying
of the Novena to St. Benedict followed by Benediction. Mass
will follow at 7pm.

During the evening Mass there will be a special blessing for
those who wish to have their St. Benedict Medals blessed.

Mass times as follows:

St Therese's Church: 7:00 am Mass
St Benedict's Shrine: 9:15 am Mass
6:00 pm Exposition & Novena
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. I pray I may see and serve Christ in others
and work for His kingdom. 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.*

Say 1: Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be

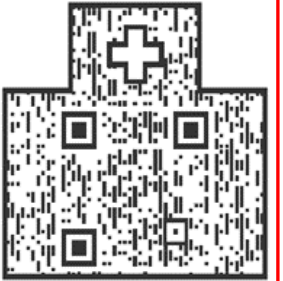
PARENTS – PLEASE SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN

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.

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/5f7rsxnb>

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

PETER'S PENCE—THANK YOU

Last weekend we collected \$2039.10 for the Peter's Pence
Collection. Thank you for your generosity and support for the
Holy Father.



FCI – Italian Catholic Federation

ALL Nationalities are welcome.

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.



PARISH DONATIONS

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Second Collection (Parish) Account : Smithfield Catholic Church
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Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God Bless.