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**CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF PATS' PATRICIAN FAIR - FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST -**

**LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!**  
Dodgem Cars, Hurricane, Slides, Sizzler, Rides, Basketball, Ultimate Ninja Warrior course, Dunk Tank, Entertainment, Food Trucks, Principal Tours (4pm & 5pm) and More! Fireworks at 7pm

**FROM 2 PM TO 7 PM**

**PRE SALE TICKETS \$40**

**PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE, THE COLLEGE OVALS, 268 THE HORSLEY DRIVE, FAIRFIELD**

# FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

**Drawn Sunday 3rd of September at the 10:30 Mass**  
**\$2 each ticket or 3 for \$5 tickets**

**First prize:** \$150 Bunnings voucher and St Joseph canvas (value \$200)

**Second prize:** Johnnie walker Double Black blended scotch Whisky & Saint Joseph statue (value \$140)

**Third Prize:** Car Detailing Kit & Imitation of Christ book (value \$75)



**FCI – Italian Catholic Federation**

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

**Next Bingo 10:00 am Friday 18th August 2023**

**Montefano Hall \$15 entry includes**

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

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



# 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

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**13 August 2023**



### We pray for the sick of this Parish

Fr. Anthony David, OSPPE,

Michael Hyzy, Christina Mastrone, 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

Mark Malone, Rocco Carbone, Joan Lockett, Ivanka Jermanis, Betty Power, Francesca Sabato, Carmela Zumbo, Michele Faga, Fr Gabriel Taylor, OSPPE

### And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Olinda Yarza, Carmela Penza, Christina Gangemi, Martino Trapletti, Eugen Kleibert.

### 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> & 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:** [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 World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to love and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

## 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 19th August

St Benedict: Group E: Neo-Cat  
St. Therese: Group D: Syriacs

**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](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."



## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

### FIRST READING 1 Kings 19: 9, 11 - 13

A reading from the First Book of Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING Rom 9: 1 - 5

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,  
I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Mt 14: 22 - 33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified.

'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

or

The bread that I will give, says the Lord,  
is my flesh for the life of the world.



### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF JASNA GORA THE BLACK MADONNA 17<sup>th</sup> August—25<sup>th</sup> August

O Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, we believe in your triumphant Assumption into heaven where angels and saints acclaim you as Queen. Through your Holy Icon, O Our Lady of Mercy, flow healing and wholeness in abundance to all who draw near to it in faith and love. Queen of Mercy, we turn to your for protection. Listen to our prayers and help us in our needs. Do not cease to shine before the pilgrim people of God as a sign of sure hope and consolation. We entrust to you all troubled families, the innocent and unborn children, the elderly with no one to help them, and all who are alone and without hope. Guide and sustain us, O Virgin Mary, on our journey of faith so that we might always live as true sons and daughters of the Church and obtain for us the grace of eternal salvation.

Enable all to meet Christ, the light of the World and its only Saviour, The Way, the Truth and the Life, who reigns with the Father and the Holy spirit forever and ever. Amen

**Hail Mary .....X3**

**Next Week:** 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
**Scripture:** Is. 56: 1, 6 - 7 Rom 11:13 - 15, 29 - 32  
**Gospel:** Mt 15: 21 - 28

### 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.**



### SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a ***Holy Day of Obligation***, which means that every Catholic ***MUST attend Mass*** on this day.

### Mass Times:

St. Therese	7.00am	Mass followed by Exposition, Rosary, Litany and Benediction
St. Benedicts	9.30am	Whole School Mass
	6.00pm	Exposition, Rosary, Devotions and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass

### RIP MARK MALONE

It is with a heavy heart that we have learnt of the passing of Mark Malone of ***Integrity Funerals***. Mark has always been a great friend and support to the Parish. It is through Mark's generosity that the Parish is supplied with the Easter Candle each year. He and his family have also supported many of our fundraising events, donating prizes and being present to celebrate with our community.

On behalf of the Parish I would like to extend our sincere prayers and thoughts to Mark's wife Rhonda and their children and extended families. Please pray for the soul of Mark and for his family in their time of grief.

*May the angels lead you into paradise;  
may the martyrs come to welcome you  
and take you to the holy city,  
the new and eternal Jerusalem.*

*May choirs of angels welcome you  
and lead you to the bosom of Abraham;  
and where Lazarus is poor no longer  
may you find eternal rest.*



### YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEK OVER 18s

Youth meeting in the **St. Augustine Catechesis Centre** this Sunday following the 6pm Mass. This week - over 18s.

Please join us for prayer, fun, friendship and food.



### Happy Birthday Fr. Peter James

Our Parish would like to wish Fr Peter James a Happy Birthday for this week. We pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be upon you, for good health and may our Blessed Mother of Jasna Gora intercede for your every need.

**The Italian Catholic Federation  
Announces the Activity for Sep. 2023  
# Fathers Day Fundraising Luncheon #  
Friday 1<sup>ST</sup> OF SEPTEMBER 12 noon in Montefano Hall  
Smithfield. Cost \$40, for 3 course Lunch  
Including Drinks Coffee & Desert.  
Lots of Fun & Dancing By Michael Riviera.  
Contact Tony; 0409 908424 or Gina 0417 203908**

## SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

### CONFIRMATION DATES

Confirmation lessons will take place  
from 8.45am to 10.15am in the Parish  
Montefano Hall on the following dates:

- **Lesson 3:** Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> August
- **Lesson 4:** Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> August



### CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY

The Confirmation Retreat Day will be held on **Friday, 25 August** at 9.30pm to 2.00pm in the Parish Montefano Hall.

### RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL & MASS


Please be advised that the Chancery has decided to celebrate **one Confirmation Mass** this year. As a result, please find important dates below:

- **Reconciliation and Confirmation Rehearsal:**  
**Tuesday, 10 October** at 6.00pm to 7.30pm  
in St Benedict's Shrine
- **Confirmation Mass with Bishop Terry Brady:**  
**Saturday, 14 October** at 12.30pm to 2.00pm  
in St Benedict's Shrine

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

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




St Gertrude's Parish

# MOVIE NIGHT

Monday 28th of August at 6:30 pm

Join us at Hoyts Wetherill Park to  
watch 'THE SOUND OF  
FREEDOM' on EXTREME SCREEN!






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Recommended  
for mature  
audiences

**\$20 A  
TICKET**

**To book and pay, please see any volunteers at the piety  
store or contact Lora at 0421 674 445. We ask that all  
payments for tickets are paid by Sunday 27th of August**



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