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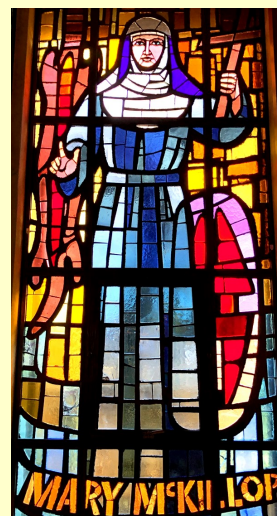
**CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF PATS' PATRICIAN FAIR - FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST -**

**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**

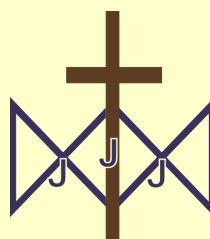
**PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE, THE COLLEGE OVALS, 268 THE HORSLEY DRIVE, FAIRFIELD**



### NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

Ever Generous God,  
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ,  
and to be constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely, sick or needy.  
With confidence in Your generous providence we join with Mary MacKillop and ask that You grant our request for (make request here)

May our faith and hope be fired afresh by the holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.  
Ever generous God hear our prayer.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.



Our Father ...  
Hail Mary ...  
Glory Be ...  
St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Pray for us



### 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

## The Transfiguration of the Lord

**6 August 2023**



### Welcome into our Parish

Louie Mario ROMANO

*Baptised this weekend*

### 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

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  
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 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 (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 22nd July

St Benedict: Group D: Grace  
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."



## The Transfiguration of the Lord

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared.  
The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him .

### FIRST READING Dan 7: 9 - 10, 13 - 14

A reading from the Book of Daniel

As I watched:  
Thrones were set in place  
and one of great age took his seat.  
His robe was white as snow,  
the hair of his head as pure as wool.  
His throne was a blaze of flames,  
its wheels were a burning fire.  
A stream of fire poured out,  
issuing from his presence.  
A thousand thousand waited on him,  
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.  
A court was held and the books were opened.  
I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age  
and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.**

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right. **(R.)**
2. The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory. **(R.)**
3. For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth  
exalted far above all spirits. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING 2 Peter 1: 16 - 19

A reading from the second letter of St. Peter

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.  
So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight:  
listen to him.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Mt 17: 1 - 9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

When Christ appears, we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.



### CWF APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

There will be a special collection **this weekend** the 5th and 6th of August for the CWF Appeal.

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) supports multiple works and agencies in the Archdiocese of Sydney including the Seminarians, Ephpheta Centre, Chaplaincy services, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry and CCD.

**Donations \$2 or more are tax deductible**

**St. Gertrude's has a Parish quota of \$7,700.**

*Thank you for your generosity in supporting these Catholic Agencies of the Archdiocese of Sydney.*

### NOVENA TO ST. MARY OF THE CROSS, MACKILLOP 31ST JULY—8TH AUGUST

In preparation for the Solemnity of St. Mary of the Cross, MacKillop, we will pray the Novena to St. Mary MacKillop each day after Mass commencing Monday 31st July and concluding Tuesday 8th August.

***The Novena prayer can be found on the back of the Parish Bulletin.***



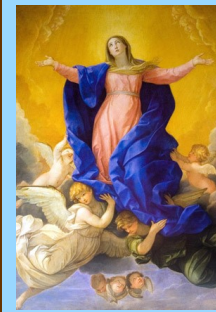
### SOLEMNITY OF ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP 8TH AUGUST

#### MASS TIMES:

St Therese	7.00am	Mass
St Benedict's	9.30am	Whole School Mass
	7.00pm	Mass

**Next Week:** 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
**Scripture:** I Kgs 19: 9, 11 - 13      Rom 9: 1 - 5  
**Gospel:** Mt 14: 22 - 33

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

The **Assumption of Mary** is one of the four Marian Dogmas of the Catholic Church. Pope Pius XII defined it on 1st November 1950 in his Apostolic Constitution titled *Munificentissimus Deus* as follows:

*We proclaim and define it to be a dogma revealed by God that the immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven.*

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	9.30 am Whole School Mass 6.00pm Exposition, Rosary, Devotions and Benediction 7.00pm Mass

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!  
The film follows the terrifying journey of the federal agent into the Colombian jungle to rescue a young girl, uncovering the truths of child trafficking along the way.  
\$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

**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.**

## 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 2:** Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> August
- **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

*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 them to 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

### SEMINARIAN DONATIONS THANK YOU!

During the blessing of cars last weekend we collected donations for the Pauline Seminarians. A big thank you to our Parishioners who generously donated **\$1667.55** towards our seminarians. May God continue to bless you for your generosity. Please keep our seminarians in your prayers.

### 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.