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FCI – Italian Catholic Federation

Bingo Numbers called out in English & Italian

Next Bingo 10:00 am Friday 15th September 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 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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

10 September 2023



We pray for the sick of this Parish

Fr. Anthony David, OSPPE, Michael Hyzy, 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

Ivanka Jermanis, Terry Caruana, Vincenzo Reitano, Michelina Leombruni, Mark Malone, Rocco Carbone, Joan Lockett.

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Innocenzo Panebianco, Venice Bianchi, Jozef Tumanik.

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: psso@stgertrude.org.au (Parish Safeguarding Support Officers and all WWCC renewals)

Parish Youth:

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month following the 6pm Mass.

Contact: Fr. Peter James via Parish Office

Other: FCI (Italian Catholic Federation)

Tony Coiera 0409 908 424

Parish Playgroup: Thursday during school term.
9:30 am – 11:30 am.

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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."

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
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 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

WE: 16th September
St Benedict: Group D: Grace
St. Therese: Group A: Frances

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING Ezek 33:7-9

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

SECOND READING Rom 13:8-10

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

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge.'

But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

WHAT ARE THE FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS ALL ABOUT?

FIVE CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS IN REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The practice of the First Saturday devotion was requested by **Our Lady of Fatima** to Sr. Lucia while she was a postulant sister living in a convent in Spain: *"Look, my daughter, at my Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me at very moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me, and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."*

CONDITIONS TO FULFILL THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

There are five requirements to obtain this promise from the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On five consecutive first Saturdays of the month, one should:

1. Have the intention of consoling the Immaculate Heart in a spirit of reparation.
2. Go to confession (within eight days before or after the first Saturday).
3. Receive Holy Communion.
4. Say five decades of the Holy Rosary.
5. Meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary with the goal of keeping Our Lady company.

WHY FIVE SATURDAYS?

Our Lord appeared to Sr. Lucia on May 29, 1930 and gave her the reason behind the five Saturdays devotion. It is because there are five types of offenses and blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception
 2. Blasphemies against Our Lady's perpetual virginity
 3. Blasphemies against her divine maternity, in refusing at the same time to recognize her as the Mother of men
 4. Blasphemies of those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children, indifference or scorn or even hatred of their Immaculate Mother
 5. Offenses of those who outrage Our Lady directly in her holy images
- Never think that Jesus is indifferent to whether or not His mother is honored!



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS THURSDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER

Mass Times:
St. Therese Church 7:00 am
St. Benedict's Shrine 9:15 am

Next Week: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Scripture: Sirach 27:30-28:7 Rom 14:7-9
Gospel: Mt. 18:21-35

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO PENROSE PARK FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2023

To celebrate **Fatima Day** the Parish is organising a bus to Penrose Park.
If you would like to join the Parish Pilgrimage on this day, please leave your name with the Piety Stall or contact the Parish Office to put your name on the list.

When: Friday 13th October
Where: St. Benedict's Shrine
Time: depart 8.30am sharp
Return 7.30pm approx.
Cost: \$20
Bring your own morning tea and lunch.

CATECHIST AWARENESS MONTH

Have you considered being a Catechist?

A catechist is any person of faith who is hospitable, a good listener, patient, kind, and caring.

The Children need you! The Parish needs you!

Rm 10:17- Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Contact: Mimi Romeo - email: catechist@stgertrude.org.au

KEEP YOUR BELONGINGS SAFE

This is a reminder to all our Parishioners to keep your belongings safe when in the church. Please do not leave valuable items unattended. When coming forward for communion, either bring your valuables, or have someone look after them on your behalf.

There was an incident this week that our votive candle stand was broken in to and cash stolen, which is why we ask that you are more vigilant with your personal possessions.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS COLLECTION SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

About Catholic Missions: *As the Pope's international mission agency, we respond to the call to love God and to love our neighbour by forming individuals and communities as missionary disciples of Jesus who share their faith in action and through prayer. We share in God's mission to reach out, give life by sharing our personal and financial resources to: - proclaim the Gospel, - serve people in need, - act for peace, justice and creation; In partnership with local churches, so that all may have life in Christ.*

Currently Catholic Missions is supporting 278 global projects, more than 11,000 Catechists and some 118,000 children.

Your donations help support the work of Catholic Missions.

The annual Catholic Missions Collection will take place on the weekend of 1st October.



YOUTH GROUP THIS SUNDAY

The next Youth Group will be this Sunday in the **St. Augustine Catechesis Centre** following the 6 pm Mass. Trialing a new format, both groups (our High Schoolers and over 18s) are invited to attend.

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



PARISH PLAYGROUP

When: Thursday 14th September 2023
Where: St. Augustine Catechesis Centre
Time: 9:30am—11:30am

Playgroup will meet every Thursday during the school term. New and existing families are invited to attend. Hope to see you all there!

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

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 or text/phone 0412-804-465 to leave a message.

Thank you.
God bless
Jodie



FATHER'S DAY APPEAL THANK YOU

Thank you to our Parishioners who contributed to the annual Father's Day Appeal to support our retired priests of the Archdiocese of Sydney.



TRADIES FOR YOUR PARISH

The Parish is putting together a data base of "tradies" that we can call upon for repairs around the Parish.

If you are a trade and would like to share your gifts and talents in whatever trade - electrician, plumber, carpenter, builder, etc. - then we are waiting to hear from you!

To put your name and trade forward, please email the parish office at office@stgertrude.org.au.

Thank you for your continued support for your Parish.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING THIS TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

The Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held at **7:00 pm, this Tuesday in the St. Augustine Catechesis Centre.**

All PPC members are asked to be in attendance

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

The Parish Finance Committee meeting will be held at **7:00 pm, Tuesday 19th September in the St. Augustine Catechesis Centre.**

All members are asked to be in attendance

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.



REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

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