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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 PLAYGROUP

When: Thursday 21st September 2023

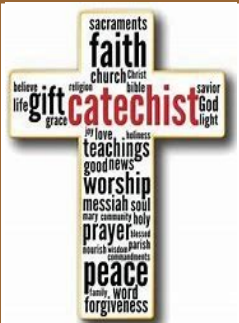
Where: St. Augustine Catechesis Centre

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!



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.

Lk 11:28 – He Replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it,"

The Children need you! The Parish needs you!

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



FCI – Italian Catholic Federation

Bingo Numbers called out in English & Italian

Next Bingo 10:00 am Friday 29th 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 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:

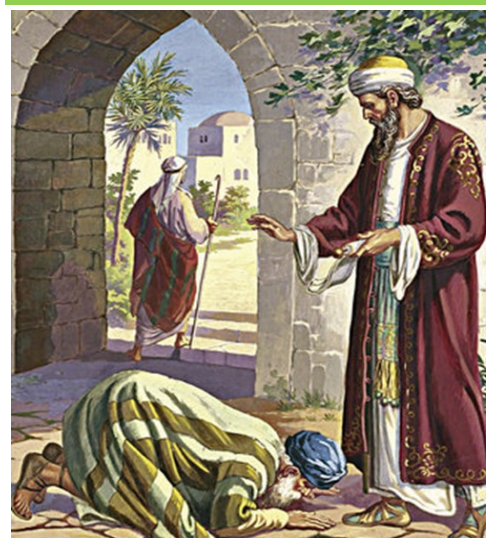
7:00 am Rosary 8:00 am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Tuesday after Mass

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

17 September 2023



Welcome into our Parish

Elizabeth BRADBURY, River DARWICH and
Theodore FREDES
Baptised this weekend

We pray for the sick of this Parish

Fr. Anthony David, OSPPE, Michael Hyzy,
Aldo Giraldi, 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

Petar McLoughlin, 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.

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

W/E: 23rd September
St Benedict: Group E: Neo-Cat
St. Therese: Group B: Vietnamese

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."

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING Sirach 27:30-28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of
the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the
commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your
neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the
offence.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults (R.)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

SECOND READING Rom 14:7-9

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

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if
we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the
Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This
explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that
he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I
forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?'
Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven
times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king
who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the
reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten
thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master
gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and
children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the
servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me
time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's
master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the
debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a
fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he
seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what
you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and
implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the
other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into
prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were
deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they
went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then
the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I
cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me.
Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant
just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed
him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that
is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each
forgive your brother from your heart.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE WORK

Thank you for your patience as we continue to repair St.
Benedict's Shrine.

Shrine Foyer and surrounds: We are moving into the next
stage of repairs to the Shrine foyer, the sacristy and the
Childrens' Room. As you may be aware Catholic Church
Insurances (CCI) has began to cease trading. This has
complicated somewhat our insurance claim and has meant a
change in our original plans. The Parish has accepted a
"payout option", and now can start to engage with contractors
to begin repairs. We will give you more information in the
future in regards to these works.

Shrine Cooling System: Recently, the Parish engaged an air-
conditioning specialist company to assess the Shrine Cooling
System. Part of the damage to the roof was a result of
chemicals leaking from the cooling system. Lack of
maintenance and the age of the cooling system has also meant
that part of the cooling system is no longer functional. The
recommendation is to decommission the cooling system, which
of course will come at some cost. We are awaiting pricing from
the air-conditioning company and advice from the Archdiocese.
In the immediate future it means that the system cannot be used
and what that means for the predicted hot summer ahead we
can only imagine.

Parish Office: The majority of items have been removed from
the old Parish Office. This building is now no longer in use.
The Archdiocese has asked for an engineer's report regarding
the condition of the building and reasons as to why the building
is cracking/failing. An engineer has been engaged and we are
awaiting the report to negotiate with the Archdiocese what
direction to take next.

Please continue to pray for a good outcome to our Capital
Works.

Next Week: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Scripture: Is 55:6-9 Phil 1:20-24,27
Gospel: Mt 20:1-16

NEW VOTIVE CANDLE STANDS

ST. BENEDICT'S SHRINE

This week St. Benedict's Shrine received two new votive candle
stands; one at the Divine Mercy picture and one at the Pieta.

To light the votive candle, please use the lighter at the stand.
The votive candles are designed in such a way that the wax falls
into a tray. Please do not light from one candle to the other.
Also, only use the votive candles that are in the church. Please
do not bring candles from home or use other candles in the
glass containers. The wax is designed and shaped for the
particular glass containers. Using other candles could damage
the glass containers. Whilst there is no specific amount for
lighting the votive candle it is recommended that an offering 50c
and over is donated for each candle lit.

VOTIVE CANDLES ST. THERESE'S CHURCH

It has come to our attention that some Parishioners are placing
votive candles on the new glass statue tops. Votive candles
are only to be lit and placed on the Votive stand provided using
the candles provided. Please do not walk behind the votive
stand. Whilst there is no specific amount for lighting the votive
candle it is recommended that an offering 50c and over is
donated for each candle lit.



ST. THERESE FEAST DAY SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2023 MORNING TEA AFTER 7:30 AM MASS

Following the 7.30am Sunday Mass on 1st October,
a morning tea will be served at St. Therese
Fairfield Heights to celebrate the Feast Day.

In preparation a Novena to St. Therese will be
prayed after morning Mass at St. Therese beginning on Friday
22nd September.

A PRAYER TO ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

O little St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, who during
your short life on earth became a mirror of angelic
purity, of love strong as death, and of wholehearted
abandonment to God, now that you rejoice in the
reward of your virtues, cast a glance of pity on me as
I leave all things in your hands. Make my troubles
your own - speak a word for me to our Lady
Immaculate, whose flower of special love you were -
to that Queen of heaven 'who smiled on you at the
dawn of life.' Beg her as the Queen of the heart of
Jesus to obtain for me by her powerful intercession,
the grace I yearn for so ardently at this moment, and
that she join with it a blessing that may strengthen
me during life. Defend me at the hour of death, and
lead me straight on to a happy eternity. Amen

MORNING DEVOTIONS AFTER MASS

Beginning in October, there will be some slight changes to our
devotions following Morning Mass.

It is a custom in the Pauline Order that each Tuesday is
dedicated to Angels and Guardian Angels. As such the Chaplet
of St. Michael the Archangel will be prayed each Tuesday after
Mass.

We will print the Chaplet in the bulletin next week.

Tuesday: Chaplet of St. Michael the Archangel
Friday: Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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



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 8:30 am sharp
Return 4:30pm approx.

Cost: \$20

Bring your own morning tea and lunch.



CATHOLIC MISSIONS COLLECTION SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER



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

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

Your donation help support the work of Catholic Missions.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING THIS TUESDAY

The Parish Finance Committee meeting will be held at **7:00 pm,**
this Tuesday 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.