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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

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

20 August 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 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  
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> & 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  
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)  
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## 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 A: Frances  
St. Therese: Group A: Frances

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"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."

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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.**





## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere .

### FIRST READING Is 56:1, 6 - 7

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING Rom 11: 13 - 15, 29 - 32

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

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Mt 115: 21 - 28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was

kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption.

or

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.  
Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

### 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:** SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF JASNA GORA  
**Scripture:** Is 2: 1 - 5 Gal. 4: 4 - 7  
**Gospel:** Jn. 2: 1 - 11

### PARISH DONATIONS

**First Collection** (Priests) Account : Smithfield House –  
Order of St Paul the First Hermit  
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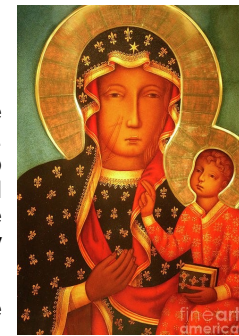
Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God Bless.

### SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF JASNA GORA WEEKEND 26TH & 27TH AUGUST

Next weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lady of Jasna Gora. The Parish is grateful to Archbishop Anthony Fisher, OP who has granted us special permission to celebrate the Solemnity in place of the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Scripture readings will be from the Solemnity.

This week we continue with the Novena after each Mass.



### RIP FR. WITOLD GLOWACZ, OSPPE

Please keep in your prayers the soul of Fr. Witold Glowacz, OSPPE.

Fr Witold passed away on 8th August, aged 84 years. He was 66 years in religious life, 58 years as a priest.

Let us commend Fr. Witold to the Merciful Lord.





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### PARISH PLAYGROUP

**When:** Thursday 24th July 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!



### YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEK HIGHSCHOOLERS !

Youth meeting in the **St. Augustine Catechesis Centre** this Sunday following the 6:00 pm Mass.

This week - Highschoolers  
Please join us for prayer, fun, friendship and food.

### 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 & Dessert.  
**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 8:45 am to 10:15 am in the Parish Montefano Hall on the following dates:

- **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 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm  
in St Benedict's Shrine

- **Confirmation Mass with Bishop Terry Brady:**

**Saturday, 14 October** at 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm  
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!

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.





Recommended for mature audiences

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