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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 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

Solemnity of Our Lady of Jasna Gora

27 August 2023



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

Michelina Leombruni, Mark Malone,
Rocco Carbone, Joan Lockett.

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 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: pssso@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: 2nd September
St Benedict: Group A: PPC/Teachers
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.

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 Parish does not imply any endorsement for advertisements listed in this bulletin.



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.



Solemnity of Our Lady of Jasna Gora

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

His foundation upon the holy mountain:
The Lord loves the gates of Sion,
more than any dwelling Jacob.

FIRST READING Is 2: 1 - 5

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it, and they will say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths, since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem."

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples, these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) You are the highest honour of our race!

1. The Lord is great and worthy to be praised
In the city of our God.
His holy mountain rises in beauty
The joy of all the earth. **R:**
2. As we have heard, so we have seen
In the city of our God,
In the city of the Lord of hosts
Which God upholds for ever. **R:**
3. O God, we ponder your love
Within your Temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name †
Reaches to the ends of the earth
With justice your right hand is filled. **R:**

SECOND READING Gal 4: 4 - 7

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

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son onto our hearts: the Spirit that cries: "Abba, Father", and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more, and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you,
Blessed are you among women.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 115: 21 - 28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine". Jesus said "Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet". His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you". There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are

customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water", and they filled them to the brim. "Draw some out now" he told them, "and take it to the steward". They did this, the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, "People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now". This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Glorious things are said of you City of God!

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

The First Friday devotion and the First Saturday devotion are both **reparatory devotions** in the Catholic Church that arose from separate private revelations. The First Friday devotion is associated with the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**, while the First Saturday devotion is associated with the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**. Incidentally, these are two of the most widely popular devotions to Jesus and Mary.

Both devotions involve receiving Holy Communion on a certain number of consecutive first Fridays or first Saturdays of the month. You can think of it almost like a novena which is prayed on consecutive days for a particular intention, but instead, these devotions are performed on consecutive months for the particular intention of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, respectively.

The devotions are similar in that they call on the faithful to "stand in the gap" by doing penance for sinners, and both give a special promise of Divine assistance at the hour of death, that is, the promise of dying in a state of grace and therefore obtaining heaven.

NINE CONSECUTIVE FRIDAYS IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Jesus asked for special prayers and practices to make amends (reparation) for the great neglect to the proper reverence owed to God. For those who did this faithfully, he made what St. Margaret Mary referred to as the "Great Promise" which was the last and greatest of the **Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**.

"I promise you in the unfathomable mercy of my heart that my omnipotent love will procure the grace of final penitence for all those who receive communion on nine successive first Fridays of the month; they will not die in my disfavor [the grace of final repentance], or without having received the sacraments, since my divine heart will be their sure refuge in the last moments of their life."

CONDITIONS TO THE FULFIL THE FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

The specific conditions to receive the Great Promise of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are:

1. Receive Holy Communion on nine consecutive first Fridays of the month (this assumes that the person is in a state of grace, having made a sacramental confession for any mortal sins prior to receiving communion).
2. Having the intention, at least implicitly, of making reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for all the sinfulness and ingratitude of men.

Next Week: 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Scripture: Jer 20: 7 - 9

Rom. 12: 1 - 2

Gospel: Mt. 16: 21 - 27

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 OUR LADY OF JASNA GORA THIS WEEKEND

This 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.



FIRST FRIDAY - 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023

Mass times as follows:

St Therese's Church:

6:30 am exposition and confession

7:00 am Mass

St. Benedict's Shrine: 9:15 am Mass followed by devotions.

7:00 pm Mass followed by devotions.

FIRST SATURDAY - 2ND SEPTEMBER 2023

Mass times as follows:

St Therese's Church: 7:00 am Exposition and Confession
8:00 am Mass

St. Benedict's Shrine: 10:00 am Rosary

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

Each year our Archdiocese hosts the annual Father's Day Appeal to support retired priests and thank our Fathers for their wonderful service to our community.

Your gift is a "thank you" to our priests who've contributed in many ways in your life.

They are friends who've counselled, comforted and provided spiritual nourishment through their wisdom and willingness to teach.

Give generously. Your tax-deductible gift will make a big difference to our retired Fathers who need our care. The Archdiocese will match every donation two-for-one. For example, if you give \$100, the Archdiocese will add another \$200 making your contribution worth \$300.

Thank you for your support.

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**YOUTH
GROUP**

YOUTH GROUP 10TH SEPTEMBER

With the Solemnity of Our Lady of Jasna Gora & Fathers' Day, the next Youth Group will be on Sunday 10th September in the **St. Augustine Catechesis Centre**.

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 4th 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!

2023 HOLY COMMUNION PHOTO COLLECTION

Please be advised that the 2023 Holy Communion photos are now ready for collection.

DATE: **Thursday, 31st August**

VENUE: St Augustine Catechesis Centre
(Demountables behind the Parish Hall).

Entry via gate in the Hall).

TIME: **7.00pm to 8.30pm**



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



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