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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."

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.



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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

3 September 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

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
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Girls: 7-12: Ph: 9725 4322
Principal: Ms Gilda Pussich
5 Carnarvon St, Wakeley NSW 2176
info@mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au
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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 C: Wilson Family
St. Therese: Group A: Frances

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING Jer 20: 7 - 9

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

- O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R:**
- So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.. **R:**
- So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R:**
- For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R:**

SECOND READING Rom 12: 1 - 2

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

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 16: 21 - 27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 30: 20

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

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!

Next Week: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Scripture: Ez 33: 7 - 9 Rom. 13: 8 - 10

Gospel: Mt. 18: 15 - 20

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

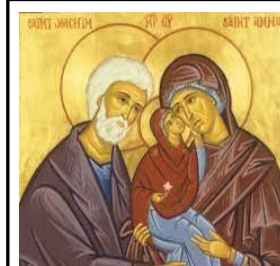
This weekend in Australia we celebrate Father's Day.

The Parish would like to extend to all our Fathers, God-fathers, Grandfathers, Spiritual fathers and father figures every blessing.

Thank you for the invaluable contribution that you make to family life! It is also a time to reflect on those fathers who have walked their earthly pilgrimage and are now with God.

We pray for the eternal rest of their souls.

"God chooses ordinary men for fatherhood to accomplish His extraordinary plan."
G.K. Chesterton



FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

Mass Times:

St Therese's Church 7:00 am
followed by Rosary

St. Benedict's Shrine 9:15 am

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Parish Movie Night on Monday night. It was a great turn out and the movie was really informative. Thank you to the Fundraising Committee for organising this opportunity for the Parish. A set of keys was left in the cinema. If you have lost your keys please contact the Parish office.



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.



YOUTH GROUP 10TH SEPTEMBER

With Fathers' Day, this Sunday 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 7th 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 THIS WEEKEND

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

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.

Donate at www.ourfaithworks.prf or complete the envelope.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

The Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held at **7:00 pm, Tuesday 12th September 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.



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