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YOUTH GROUP

NEXT SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER

The next Youth Group will be next Sunday
in the **St. Augustine Catechesis Centre**
following the 6 pm Mass.

High Schoolers and over 18s invited to attend.

Topic: The Rosary?

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



PARISH PLAYGROUP

When: Thursday 19th October 2023

Where: St. Augustine Catechesis Centre

Time: 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Playgroup will meet every Thursday during the school term.

New and existing families are invited to attend.

Hope to see you all there!



FCI – Italian Catholic Federation

Bingo Numbers called out in English & Italian

Next Bingo 10:00 am Friday 27th October 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 St. Michael: Tuesday after Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Friday after Mass



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 St. Michael:

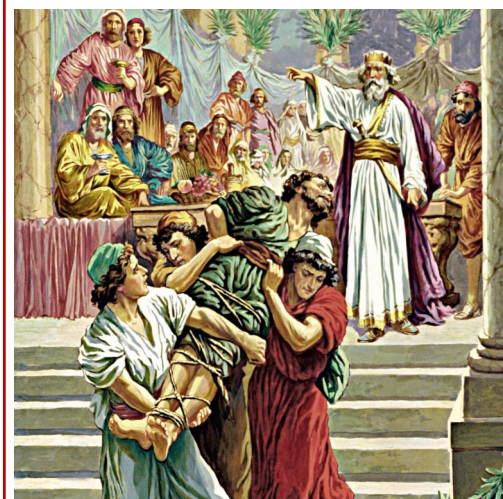
Tuesday after Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Friday after Mass

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

15th October 2023



Welcome into our Parish

Oliver AJ CAUCHI, Veronica CHEMUEL,
Vivienne Krystyna CHYRA, Isla Marie WILLIAMS
Baptised this weekend

We pray for the sick of this Parish

Fr. Anthony David, OSPPE, Dot Danecek,
Michael Hyzy, Aldo Girardi, Alfred Muscat,
Alyssa Ferreri, Ray Wilson, Gino Mifsud,
Helen Maric, Adam Westwood,
Emile & Mary Kodszy, 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

Valentin Rakvin, Valerie Tolomeo,
Simon Acampora, Concetta Italiano.

**And for those whose Anniversary occur at
this time**

Salvatore ANNETTA, Paul BRADBURY,
Gaetano ZAMARA, Anthony CINI,
Antonietta CIOPPA

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.
10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Our Schools

ST GERTRUDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SMITHFIELD



Boys & Girls: K-6: Ph: 9609-4144

Principal: Mrs Linda Katsibras

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MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE

WAKELEY



Girls: 7-12: Ph: 9725 4322

Principal: Ms Gilda Pussich

5 Carnarvon St, Wakeley NSW 2176

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PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE FAIRFIELD



Boys: 7-12: Ph: 9728-4488

Principal: Mr Peter Wade

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2165

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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

For the Synod

We pray or the Church, that she may
adopt listening and dialogue as a
lifestyle at every level, and allow
herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit
towards the peripheries of the world.

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: 21st October

St Benedict: Group D: Grace

St. Therese: Group C: Spanish

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."

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

FIRST READING Is 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Phil 4:12-14,19-20

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

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have
been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything
anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty.
There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One
who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to
share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all
your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can.
Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

or

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.



Life, Marriage and Family Sunday
Sunday 22nd October 2023
10.30am Mass

All families of our Parish are invited to attend the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 22nd October with the opportunity for our married couples to renew their marriage vows and to also receive a special blessing for families.



Next Week: 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Scripture: Is 45:1,4-6 1 Thess 1:1-5
Gospel: Mt 22:15-21

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Raffle

in celebration of St Therese's Feast Day

\$2 each or 3 for \$5

Prize: A Statue of Our Lady
60cm tall statue valued at \$250!

Tickets can be purchased at
St Benedict's Parish,
and **St Therese's Parish**
from the 1st of October.


Prize to be drawn at
St Therese's Parish
Fairfield Heights,
on **Saturday 4th**
of **November** at
the **8am Mass.**

All proceeds will go
towards the repair
and maintenance
of **St Therese's Parish.**



ALL SOULS DAY

NOVEMBER 2, 2023



WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED

Personalised candles with the name of
your loved one can be purchased at the
piety store for \$6

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

2024 RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENTS

If you have a child in Year 3 or above next year, who has been Baptised, enrolments for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion will open from **Sunday, 5 November 2023.** Further information will be available soon.

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



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

WELCOME BISHOP RICHARD UMBERS

The Parish would like to welcome Bishop Richard Umbers to our Parish this weekend. Bishop Umbers will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 45 Candidates. Confirmation is a special time for our Parish and we appreciate the support of our Bishops in celebrating the Sacrament with us.

CONGRATULATIONS NEWLY CONFIRMED

The Parish would like to extend our prayers and congratulations to our newly Confirmed (Confirmati) who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday the 14th. May you be inspired by the Holy Spirit to live lives filled with gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

We would also like to congratulate our candidates who received First Eucharist at this Mass.

Thank You

On behalf of the Parish I would like to extend my thanks to Bishop Umbers for celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish this weekend.

I would also like to thank our newly Confirmed who have prepared so well for this day and their Parents/Carers/Guardians who have supported the Sacramental Program.

A BIG thank you to Mrs. Jodie Micallef our Sacramental Coordinator who has worked so diligently to prepare our cohort and to ensure the celebrations ran smoothly. To our Catechists and to our St. Gertrude's Primary Staff whose support in all things Parish in just fabulous I also express my gratitude.

Thank you also to those who have prepared our Shrine for our celebrations today - flowers, decorations, cleaners and gardeners.

To Anna and the choir who have led us in singing and to our Altar servers we offer you our thanks also.

A Parish is only as successful as its active volunteers and I am so appreciative of everything you all do. May God continue to bless you for your work in the Parish. Fr. Peter James.

PARISH DONATIONS

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Order of St Paul the First Hermit

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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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