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Contact Parish Office - 9604 1199
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 am—4:00 pm

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 13th 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 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 St. Michael:

Tuesday after Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Friday after Mass

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

8th October 2023



We pray for the sick of this Parish

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

Valentin Rakvin, Valerie Tolomeo, Concetta
Italiano, Petar McLoughlin, Ivanka Jermanis, Terry
Caruana, Vincenzo Reitano, Michelina Leombruni.

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

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

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.
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

1-11 Justin, Street, Smithfield NSW 2164

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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

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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: 14th October

St Benedict: Group C: Wilson Family
St. Therese: Group B: Vietnamese

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING Is. 5: 1 - 7.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

SECOND READING Phil 4: 6 - 9.

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

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in

Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 21: 33 - 43.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

or

Though many, we are one bread, one body,
for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.




HSC MASS
SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER
6PM

All our HSC students are invited to the **6pm Mass this Sunday 8th October** to pray for their success in the HSC Exams and to offer them the support of our Parish with a special blessing during Mass. A **BBQ** will follow the Mass.

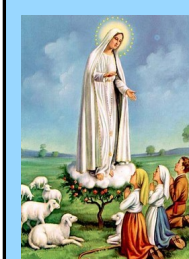
Our HSC Students are invited to wear their school Jerseys!

CLASS OF 2023



Next Week: 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Scripture: Is. 25: 6 - 10 Phil 4: 12 - 14, 19 - 20
Gospel: Mt 22: 1 - 14

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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 8.30am sharp
Return 4.30pm approx.
Cost: \$20
Bring your own morning tea and lunch.

Please note that because of this pilgrimage there will be NO 9.15am Mass at St. Benedict's Shrine of Friday 13th.



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.



CATHOLIC MISSIONS COLLECTION THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed to the Catholic Missions collection last week. The Parish raised \$2282.50 for the missions.

May God Bless you for your generosity.

IMPORTANT: SCAM TEXT MESSAGE

There have been reports of SMS message scams targeting individuals and parishes in the Archdiocese. These scams impersonate the members of our parish, including myself as Parish Priest, asking for urgent help and often requesting gift card purchases for those in need. Rest assured that **neither I nor any member of our parish** staff would ever ask for such assistance through SMS or any other unsolicited means. If you receive suspicious messages, contact us directly via phone or in person.

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 Richard Umbers:

Saturday, 14 October at 12.30pm to 2.00pm
in St Benedict's Shrine



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

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

BACK TO SCHOOL

A reminder to all our Parishioners that school resumes this week. Please be aware that **School Zones will be in place from Monday 9th October**. There will also be increased traffic during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. Please take care and be vigilant.

We wish all our returning staff, teachers and students a wonderful Term 3!

PARISH PLAYGROUP



When: Thursday 12th 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!

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