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Penrose Park Excursion

Parishioners are invited to an excursion to
Our Lady of Mercy Shrine, Penrose Park with
School parents from St Gertrude's School.

Date: Wednesday 8th November 2023
Time: Leaving St Gertrude's Primary School at 8:30am and
returning 3:00pm
Food: Please bring your own morning tea/lunch.
There are NO facilities to purchase food.
Cost: \$30 includes cost of bus and small donation.
RSVP: Mrs Bila at alida.bila@syd.catholic.edu.au



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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 10th November 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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

29th October 2023

YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD
YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART & WITH ALL YOUR SOUL
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND

THIS IS THE
GREAT
AND FIRST COMMANDMENT
MATTHEW 22:37-38

We pray for the sick of this Parish

Fr. Anthony David, OSPPE, Fr. Bob Bossini,
Dot Danecek, 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

Elizabeth Pappallo, Valentin Rakvin,
Valerie Tolomeo, Simon Acampora.

**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: 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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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

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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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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: 4th November

St Benedict: Group A: Frances

St. Therese: Group C: Spanish

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING Ex 22: 20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

SECOND READING 1 Thes. 1: 5–10

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

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 22: 34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with

all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

or

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
as a fragrant offering to God.

SOLEMNITY - ALL SAINTS DAY WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

Mass times as follows:

St. Therese's Church: 7:00 am

St. Benedict's Shrine: 9:15 am

Whole School Mass

7:00 pm (No Novena after Mass)



COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED "ALL SOULS DAY" THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Mass times as follows:

St. Therese's Church: 7:00 am

St. Benedict's Shrine: 9:15 am

7:00 pm



ALL SOULS DAY - 2 NOVEMBER 2023 PLENARY INDULGENCE

A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three Conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, eucharistic communion and prayer for the pope's intentions. (Norms 15.7)

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

November is the month that we as Catholics traditionally pray for all our deceased relatives and friends. November Mass Offering Envelopes will be available in the pews of the church and at the doors of the church **this weekend** for those wishing to have their loved ones included in the November Masses.

These offerings for the deceased will be offered as a collective Gregorian Mass.



**OUR NEXT CWF APPEAL WILL BE 12TH
NOVEMBER 2023**

Next Week: 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Scripture: Mal. 1: 14 - 2:2. 8 - 10 1 Thess 2:7 - 9. 13

Gospel: Mt 23: 1 - 12

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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



THANK YOU HOSPITALITY TEAM!



A heartfelt thank you to our 'Hospitality Team' who organized and served a beautiful morning tea to welcome families and friends of our St Gertrude's Stage 2 students last weekend.



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

Caritas is providing urgent assistance to the people in Gaza. If you would like to offer financial support, a donation box is available at the back of St Benedict's Shrine and St Therese Church.

Please continue to pray for peace in Israel and Palestine.

FR. PETER JAMES : ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr. Peter James will be on Annual Leave from Friday 3rd November - early December 2023.
We wish him a safe, restful and prayerful time away.



FIRST FRIDAY - 3RD NOVEMBER 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 - 4TH NOVEMBER 2023

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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

PARISH DONATIONS

First Collection (Priests) Account : Smithfield House –

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.



REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

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