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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."

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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 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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

5th November 2023

And whoever shall exalt
himself shall be abased;
and he that shall humble
himself shall be exalted.

—Matthew 23:12

Welcome into our Parish

Dominic Giuseppe CUTRALI, Cecilia Linda POLLICINA & Matteo Salvatore GIANCOTTI

Baptised this weekend

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 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

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

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Rina CRESTANI, Maria Assunta LUONGO, Michael MUSCAT, Carmen BUGEJA, Filippa CUTELLI, Dora GABRIEL, Ernesto CAMPOLONGO, Sylvia MUSCAT, Lucia FLORES

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
www.stgsmithfield.syd.catholic.edu.au
www.facebook.com/stgertrudessmithfield
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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
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 the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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

WE: 11th November

St Benedict: Group B: PPC/Teachers
St. Therese: Group C: Spanish

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

FIRST READING Mal 1:14-2:2, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. (R.)
2. Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. (R.)
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Thess. 2:7-9, 13

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

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 23:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to

move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

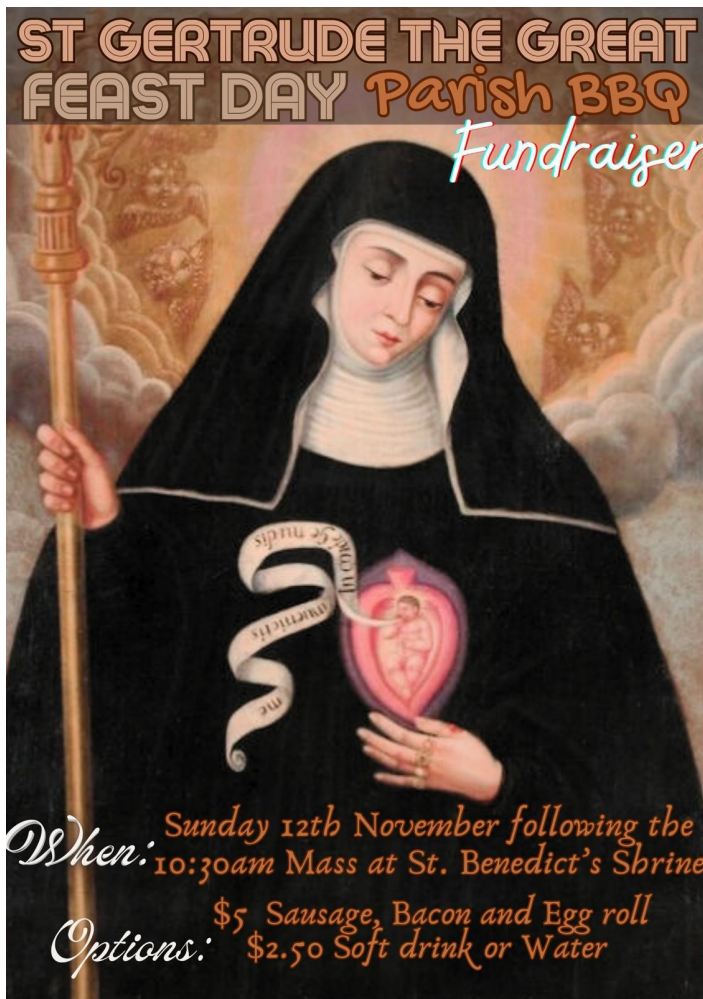
'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

or

Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so whoever feeds on me
shall have life because of me, says the Lord.



Next Week: 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Scripture: Wis 6:12-16 1 Thess 4:13-18
Gospel: Mt 25:1-13

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THANK YOU



The Parish would like to extend our thanks to Marcel from **Smithfield Termite & Pest Control** who generously sprayed the Parish buildings last weekend. Already we are seeing the results.

We also thank George who donated the concrete for the new footpath in front of the Parish Office on Neville Street. This allows for safer and easier access to the Parish Office.

May God continue to bless you for your generosity to the Parish.

Please keep Marcel and George and their families in your prayers.

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 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.



CWF APPEAL—NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a special collection next weekend, 4th and 5th November for CWF Appeal.

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is a centralised fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney. It is your charity, the charity of the Sydney Catholic community and your local parish. CWF funds six agencies:

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry – promoting reconciliation and mutual understanding and providing pastoral care for Catholic Aboriginals and supporting them in the living of their Faith.

Catholic Care – Formerly known as Centacare, delivers over 100 programs in Ageing, Disability, Children & Youth, Employment Training & Support, and Family Services.

Chaplaincies – Our chaplaincy services in hospital, prisons and universities provide much needed support to the lonely, sick, hurt and suffering in the community.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) – provides religious education and Christian formation for Catholic children in public schools.

Ephpheta Centre – provides services to the deaf and hearing impaired including sacramental, counselling, support and advocacy services.

Seminary of the Good Shepherd – supporting the education and training of future Priests for the Archdiocese.

St. Gertrude's has a Parish quota of \$8,600.

Donations \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting these Catholic Agencies of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

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.

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



GAZA CRISIS APPEAL THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed to the Gaza Crisis Appeal collection for the past to weeks.
The Parish raised \$1954.85 for the appeal.
May God Bless you for your generosity.



PARISH PLAYGROUP

When: Thursday 9th November 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 10th November 2023

Montefano Hall \$15 entry includes

Bingo Games, prizes; Morning Tea/Coffee and light lunch.

Come join us, united as a Parish.



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.