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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 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

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

21 January 2024



### We pray for the sick of this Parish

Fr. Anthony David, OSPPE, Fr. Bob Bossini,  
Josica Marotta, Dot Danecek, Michael Hyzy,  
Aldo Girardi, Alfred Muscat, Alyssa Ferreri,  
Ray Wilson, Gino Mifsud, 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

John Grech, Angel Barillaro, Maria Lisciotto,  
Carlo Decri, Alba Gallo, Guiseppe Galvagno,  
Tony Ventra, Marco Livio.

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

Regina DE BIASI, Mike ERAK, Elizabeth EBEJER,  
Antonius HAAKMAN.

### PARISH INFORMATION

#### Parish Office:

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Phone: 9604 1199 Fax 9609 6585

Email: [office@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:office@stgertrude.org.au)

Website: [www.stgertrude.org.au](http://www.stgertrude.org.au)

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (closed Wednesday)

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Parish Council: Denise Namroud

Finance Chair: Robert Esposito

Andrew Maia: Work Health & Safety

Catechists: 9725 4317

Mimi Romeo: [catechist@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:catechist@stgertrude.org.au)

#### Sacraments:

*Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation*

Contact: Jodie Micallef

Mob: 0412-804-465 (to leave a message)

[sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au)

Liturgy: 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert

[liturgy@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:liturgy@stgertrude.org.au)

Adult Sacraments (RCIA): Fr. Peter James

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 1<sup>st</sup> & 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](mailto: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 Janine Kenney  
5 Carnarvon St, Wakeley NSW 2176  
[info@mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@mmcwakeley.catholic.edu.au)  
[mmcwakeley.syd.catholic.edu.au](http://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](mailto:info@pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au)  
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## THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

**For the Gift of Diversity in the Church**  
We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

## 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: 20th January

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)



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING Jonah 3:1-5,10

A reading from the prophet Jonah  
The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: ‘Up!’ he said ‘Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.’ Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day’s journey. He preached in these words, ‘Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.’ And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.  
God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Cor 7:29-31

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:  
believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 1:14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Mark  
After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. ‘The time has come’ he said ‘and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.’  
As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.’ And at once they left their nets and followed him.  
Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.

or

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.

THANK YOU



I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to all our Parishioners who have been helping with the “tidy-up” of our churches after Christmas both inside and out.

I also express my thanks to all who made the Pauline Celebrations and Feast Days over the past week meaningful and memorable.

I look forward to many celebrations this year, particularly as we celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Therese Church and 20 years of Pauline Pastoral Care of St. Gertrude’s Parish Smithfield.

NO WEEKDAY DEVOTIONS OR WEDNESDAY EVENING MASSES DURING JANUARY

Devotions, Wednesday evening Mass and Novena will recommence in February 2024.

Next Week: 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B  
Scripture: Deut 18:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35  
Gospel: Mk 1:21-28.

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AUSTRALIA DAY  
FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Mass times:

St. Therese 8:00 am  
St. Benedict's 10:00 am

Australia Day is our opportunity to gather as a worshipping community and to give thanks to God for the blessings bestowed on our nation.  
It is also a time for us to reflect on our history and to look forward to our future.  
There will be a light morning tea following the 10:00am Mass.



ACCESS TO THE SACRISTY  
BEFORE AND AFTER MASS

As part of the Parish compliance and commitment to Safeguarding and WH&S, access to our sacristies during the week and weekend should only be limited to Parish volunteers involved in the liturgies.

This is not to stop you from speaking with the Priest, but is part of the Parish Risk Management and Diocesan guidelines.

If you would like to speak to the Priest, please ask one of the acolytes or approach the Priest after Mass.

Please also access the toilets by walking around the church and not through the sacristy.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP 2024



We will be looking at starting our Parish Youth Group for 2024 in late February or early March.

This year we will also introduce a youth group for our Primary School aged children on a Friday evening.  
Stay tuned for more information.

PARISH PLAYGROUP



When: Thursday 8th February 2024  
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!

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

2024 SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND  
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT

NOW OPEN

Enrolments for the 2024 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Sacramental Preparation Program is now open. Children in 2024 who are enrolled in Year 3 and above, who have been Baptised in the Catholic Church, may be eligible to enrol.



To enrol please complete the online Google form by scanning the QR code or logging onto:  
<https://tinyurl.com/547783mk>



Enrolments are due no later than  
**Sunday, 4th February.**  
Late enrolments will not be accepted.

FIRST RECONCILIATION IMPORTANT DATES

The ‘Parent Only Information Night’ will be held on  
**Thursday 8th February** at 7:00pm to 8:00pm  
in the Parish Montefano Hall.

First Reconciliation lessons will take place from  
8:45am to 10:15am in the Parish Montefano Hall.

- Lesson 1 – Sunday 25th February
- Lesson 2 – Sunday 3rd March
- Lesson 3 – Sunday 10th March
- Lesson 4 – Sunday 17th March



For all enquiries, please contact the Sacramental Office by emailing  
[sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au) or  
text/phone 0412-804-465 to leave a message.

God bless  
Jodie



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**Second Collection** (Parish) Account : Smithfield Catholic Church  
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Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God Bless.