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FCI – Italian Catholic Federation

Bingo Numbers called out in **English & Italian**

Next Bingo 10:00 am Friday, 2nd February 2024.

Montefano Hall \$15 entry includes

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

Come join us.



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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

28 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, Kartia Grace Russell, & Ivy Fernandes, Giuseppe Tozzi, Emile & Mary Kody, Lawrence Briffa.

Bless our sick today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health.

Recently Deceased

Raymond Cunico, John Grech, Angela Barillaro, Maria Lisciotto, Carlo Decri, Alba Gallo, Guiseppe Galvagno.

And for those whose Anniversary

occur at this time

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

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 Chair: Robert Esposito

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): 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 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
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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
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 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: 3rd February

St Benedict: Group D: Grace

St. Therese: Group B: Vietnamese

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING

Deut. 18: 15 - 20.

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) **If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Cor 7: 32 - 35.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a

halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord .

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 1: 21 - 28.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Mark

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside .

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.



CATECHIST COMMISSIONING MASS SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 10.30AM

Next Sunday at the 10.30am Mass the Parish will commission our Catechists for 2024. All Catechists are invited to attend the Mass.

There will also be recognition of Catechists who have been teaching 5, 10, & 15 years.
Our Catechists bring the Word of God to over 1,000 students in our local Primary & Secondary State Schools. On behalf of the Parish we would like to extend our thanks for your commitment to this important Ministry. God Bless.

Next Week: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B
Scripture: Job 7: 1 - 4, 6 - 7, 1 Cor 9: 16 - 19, 22 - 23.
Gospel: Mk 1: 29 - 39.

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FIRST FRIDAY - 2ND FEBRUARY 2024

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 - 3RD FEBRUARY 2024

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

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD "CANDLEMAS" FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

Forty days after Christmas, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast is also the *Purification of Mary* and is the *World Day for Consecrated Life*. It is customary to bless candles on this feast to recall that Jesus is the "light to the gentiles". Thus, this feast is also sometimes called **Candlemas**. You are invited to bring your candles to be blessed during the Mass.
Mass times are per our First Friday timetable (see above)



RETURN TO REGULAR TIMETABLE WEEKDAY DEVOTIONS - MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS - 7TH FEBRUARY

Our Wednesday evening Mass & Novena will return on Wednesday 7th February at 7pm.
We will also return to our regular weekday devotions from Monday 5th February.



BACK TO SCHOOL

A reminder that school returns this week in NSW.

This means that from **Tuesday 30th January** the **School Zones** will come into effect.

The staff of St. Gertrude's Primary will join us for the 9.15am Mass on Tuesday 30th January with the commissioning of new staff members.

Below are the Back To School dates for our local Catholic Schools:

ST. GERTRUDE'S PRIMARY

Kindergarten Wednesday 31st January
Yrs. 1-6 Thursday 1st February

MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE

Yr. 7 Wednesday 31st January
Yrs. 8-12 Thursday 1st February

PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE

Yr. 7 & Yr. 11 Wednesday 31st January
Yrs. 8-10 & Yr. 12 Thursday 1st February

We wish all our staff & students every success in the 2024 Academic Year.

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/547783mkk>

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 or text/phone 0412-804-465 to leave a message.

God bless
Jodie



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!

PARISH DONATIONS

First Collection (Priests) Account : Smithfield House –
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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.