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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:

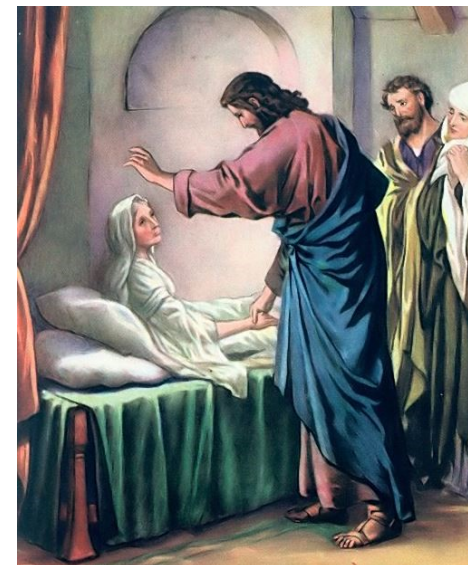
Tuesday after Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Friday after Mass

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

4 February 2024



Welcome into our Parish

Aria Antonia COOPER

Baptised this weekend

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

Renato Pesavento, Raymond Cunico, John Grech, Angela Barillaro, Maria Lisciotta, Carlo Decri, Alba Gallo, Guiseppe Galvagno.

And for those whose Anniversary occur at this time

Angelina VACCARI.

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
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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
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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
www.pbcfairfield.catholic.edu.au

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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: 10th February
St Benedict: Group E: Neo-Cats
St. Therese: Group C: Spanish

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING

Job 7:1-4, 6-7.

A reading from the book of Job

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed
service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals
the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. (R.)
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. (R.)
3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty
which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not
preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been
paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has
been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It
is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News
free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself
the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For
the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all
men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for
the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 1: 29-39.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Mark

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John
straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's
mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him
about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand
and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait
on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were
sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town
came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were
suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out
many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because
they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house,
and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his
companions set out in search of him, and when they found him
they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us
go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can
preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all
through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out
devils.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

or

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall have their fill.

RETURN TO NORMAL TIMETABLE

This week the Parish will return to its normal Parish Timetable
following the summer holidays.

Wednesday evening Mass will return this Wednesday 7th
February at 7pm.

NEW MARIAN MEDITATION GARDEN



The Parish would like to thank our Vietnamese
Community who have kindly donated a new statue of
Mary and provided a space for reflection and prayer
at St. Therese Church.



REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES

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

Next Week: 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

Scripture: Lev 13:1-2,44-46, 1 Cor 10:31-11:1.

Gospel: Mk 1:40-45.

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CATECHIST COMMISSIONING MASS THIS SUNDAY AT 10.30AM

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

The Parish would like to acknowledge and thank those Catechists
who have reached 5, 10 & 15 years service:

5 years: Manal Boudagh
Dolores Haber
Antonio Haber
Janet Toma

15 years: Muna Shabo

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.



CATECHIST MEETING FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY, 10.30AM

The next Catechist Meeting will be held on Friday 9th
February 10.30am in the Montefano Hall. This is an
important meeting as we start our new school year.

All our Catechists are encouraged to attend.



PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST. THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY, 7PM

The Parent Information Night for First Reconciliation and
Eucharist will be held on Thursday 8th February at 7:00 pm in the
Montefano Hall.

Parents are asked to arrive by 6:45 pm so that they can have their
name marked and materials distributed.

WHOLE SCHOOL OPENING MASS FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY, 9.30AM

St. Gertrude's Catholic Primary will be celebrating their Opening
School Mass on Friday 9th February at 9.30am.

Please note that there will be **no morning devotions** following
the Mass.



ASH WEDNESDAY WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten
Season for the Latin Rite. It is a day of fast and
abstinence.

Mass times:

St. Therese Church	7:00 am
St. Benedict's Shrine	9:15 am
	7:00 pm



LENTEN MEDITATIONS PROGRAM

The Lenten Meditations are available for
purchase at the Piety Stall. These books
will be used for our Parish Lenten
Discussion Groups, which return this
year.

Lenten Discussion Groups will be held on
Tuesday following the 9.15am Mass and
Thursday evening 6.30pm in the St.
Augustine Catechesis Centre.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

2024 SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENTS 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 or text/phone
0412-804-465 to leave a message.

God bless
Jodie



PARISH YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY

Our teenage and Adult Youth Group will
recommence for 2024 on Sunday 25th February
following the Sunday 6:00 pm Mass.
New members always welcome to attend.

We are still finalising the logistics of our **Primary School Youth**
and there will be more information in the coming weeks.



PARISH PLAYGROUP

When: Thursday 15th 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

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Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God Bless.