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ST GERTRUDE'S PARISH

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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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

11 February 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

Giuseppe Luppino, Giuseppe Tozzi, Renato Pesavento, Raymond Cunico, John Grech, Angela Barillaro, Maria Lisciotto, Carlo Decri, Alba Gallo.

And for those whose Anniversaries 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@mmwakeley.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 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: 17th February

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)

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING Lev 13:1-2,44-46.

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and
you fill me with the joy of salvation.

- Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)
- But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. (R.)
- Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Cor 10:31-11:1.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 1:40-45.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go

and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

or

God so loved the world
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may not perish,
but may have eternal life.

CATECHIST MATERIAL DONATIONS



Thank you to all who very generously donated \$1,009.00 to purchase materials for our Catechist Ministry in State Schools. May God bless you for your kindness.

HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR!



In a culturally diverse community as Smithfield we would like to wish all who celebrate the Lunar New Year and their families good health, wealth and prosperity. God Bless.

ST THERESE 70TH JUBILEE & PAULINE FATHERS 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF MINISTRY IN SMITHFIELD.

This year the Parish celebrates two very special milestones in our history. St. Therese Church Fairfield Heights celebrates its 70th Jubilee. We also commemorate the 20 years of Pastoral Ministry of the Pauline Fathers in the Parish. There are plans for a Parish celebration in October 2024.

If you would like to be part of the planning for this occasion, please speak to Fr. Peter James or contact the Parish Office via telephone or email.

Next Week: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B
Scripture: Gen 9:8-15, 1 Pet 3:18-22.
Gospel: Mk 1:12-15.

PARISH DONATIONS

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Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY



In the Roman Catholic Tradition, Ash Wednesday begins the penitential Season of Lent. Although this is not a holy day of obligation, the faithful are strongly encouraged to attend Mass and receive the ashes.

If anyone has the palm leaves from the last year please bring them to the church before Ash Wednesday to burn them for ashes.

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

Please note that there will be **no Novena** on the evening of Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are days of **fasting** (one main meal and two snacks) and **abstinence** (not eating meat). Fasting applies to those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

LENTEN MEDITATION GROUPS

Lenten Meditation Groups will be held in the St. Augustine Catechesis Centre on:

Tuesday – following the 9.15am Mass
Thursday evening – beginning at 6.30pm

The first groups will be held on **Tuesday 20th**
and **Thursday 22nd February.**

These groups will use the "Pieta" Lenten Books which are available for purchase at the Piety Stall for \$10.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & MASS EACH FRIDAY OF LENT

St. Therese's Church
7am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

St. Benedict's Shrine:
7pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass



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Project Compassion boxes will be available from Ash Wednesday in the Foyer of the church.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



REMINDER ~ PLEASE TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES
Please remember to turn off your mobile phones – or switch to silent – when entering the Church.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS!

FIRST RECONCILIATION IMPORTANT DATES

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 6pm 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 22nd 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 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN DAYS!



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