




**Parish Collections Week- Ending 15/04/2018**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$1,450.90** goes to Fr. Jarek & Fr Wojtek as well as the upkeep of their Order of St Paul the First Hermit.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$1,746.50 and \$1,052.90 Loose Money.**  
*Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!*

**Today is the World Day of Vocations.**  
Pope Francis tells us:  
*We will never discover the special, personal calling that God has in mind for us if we remain enclosed in ourselves, in our usual way of doing things... We could lose the chance to dream big and to play our part in the unique and original story that God wants to write with us.*  
God calls young people from our local communities to serve as priests and consecrated religious. We all have a role to play in helping young people to 'dream big' and hear this call. What can I do to foster vocations from this community?

 *It is with great sadness that Fr José Maria Enedéguila SI peacefully passed away on the morning of Friday 20 April, 2018. Fr José Maria has been the Spanish Chaplain in our parish for for many years and will be sadly missed. May He Rest in Peace.*  
*(Funeral details have not yet been confirmed at time of print.)*

**PASCHAL PRECEPT**  
Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday and **Trinity Sunday** unless for a good reason, it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

**RCIA: THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**  
**AS THE SPIRIT OF GOD WAS POURED OUT UPON OUR NEOPHYTES AT OUR EASTER VIGIL, PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THEM SO THAT THEY MAY KNOW THE POWER OF GOD'S SPIRIT OF TRUTH ABIDING WITH THEM ALWAYS.**

**ALTAR SERVERS MEETING**  
Tuesday 24 April 4.30 – 5.15pm St Benedict's Church

**YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS**  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm Group 2  
*(last Monday of the Month)*  
  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm Group 1  
*(Second Monday of the Month)*

**Confirmation 2018**  
**Enrolments have now closed.**

- Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2 pm & 4 pm.
- Parent Information Meeting: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7:30 pm in the Montefano Hall.

For all enquiries call Helena in the Sacrament Office – Tue or Fri on 9725 4317 or email [sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au).


**Safeguarding Training in May**  
*If you are a volunteer: reader, cleaner, groundsman, counter etc) and have not yet completed Safeguarding Training or your Working with Children Check, please contact the parish office.*

***Pilgrimage to Penrose Park on Sunday 13 May. HAS NOW BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF RESPONSE. APOLOGISES FOR ANY DISAPPOINTMENTS.***

**Smithfield YOUTH MASS**  
Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month at the 6pm evening Mass  
  
Next Mass: Sunday 6 May at 6pm  
Youth Program is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month . 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall.  
All Youth Welcome!  
**YOUTH PROGRAM: 20 May 2018**

**Oz Rosary ~ National Day of Prayer**  
*On Sunday 13th May, the 101st anniversary of Our Lady's first apparition at Fatima. Australia will hold their own national rosary right around the country.*  
  
Our parish of Smithfield has responded to this by saying the Rosary on:  
  
**Saturday 12th May following the 6 pm Vigil Mass.**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction**  
**Parish BBQ in the Montefano Hall.**  
  
<https://catholicoutlook.org/oz-rosary-around-australia/>

***Walk With Christ***  
**Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 3 June 2018.**  
  
Parishioners are invited to join this Procession.  
Participants will gather at the corner of Pitt St and Martin Place in the CBD at 2:30pm. The procession will conclude at the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt with Adoration and Benediction by 4:30pm.  
More information will be available in the coming weeks together with two *Books of Life* to write petitions in and to present at St Mary's Cathedral during Benediction.

**Ordination to the Priesthood**  
  
You are invited to the Ordination of  
**Br Deacon Joseph Maria Buckley OSPPE**  
**11am on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018**  
**at Marian Valley, Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians Canungra Queensland.**  
  
**Celebrated by**  
**Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE**  
*Please remember Br Joseph in your prayers as he continues his journey towards priesthood.*

**Heart Women's Conference 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018**  
**Venue: Fairfield RSL**  
  
*A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Invite your daughters, mothers, sisters and friends!*  
*Men – What women in your life can you spoil by sending them to Heart 2018?*  
Full Registration Cost: \$199 (see our website for other registration options)  
Register: [Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com](http://Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com)  
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Phone: 1300 734 880

**FCI Mother's Day**  
**Friday 11 May 2018 at 12 Noon**  
**in the Montefano Hall, Smithfield.**  
**COST \$30 PER PERSON**  
**Includes 3 Course Meal including Drinks, Dessert and Coffee**  
All Profits raised are given to Charities.  
**RSVP 25 April 2018**  
**Tony Coiera or Gina Morosin**

**Now Enrolling**  
**St Gertrude's Catholic Primary School 2019 Enrolments**  
The enrolment process for students starting school or wishing to enrol for 2019 has commenced. Any parent wishing to enrol their child for Kindergarten can collect an enrolment package from the school office.  
*Children enrolling must be turning 5 before 31 July 2019.*  
  
**Mary MacKillop Catholic College – Year 7, 2019, 2020 & 2021**  
5 Carnarvon Street Wakeley 9725 4322 [www.mmcwakely.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mmcwakely.catholic.edu.au)  
Enrolment Applications available from the College Reception.

**Join Pope Francis in Panama for the 34th World Youth Day in January 2019**  
Sydney Catholic Youth are inviting you on the pilgrimage of a lifetime to Panama where you will celebrate Mass with Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics from around the world.  
  
Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the Sydney pilgrimage departing on 15 January 2019 which will travel from Sydney to Washington DC, then to WYD Panama with the optional extension to travel to Mexico City. Register your interest and find out more by visiting the website [www.sydneycatholicyouth.org.wyd](http://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org.wyd)

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