

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come
down
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

All: Thanks be to God.

(B) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God himself calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

All: Thanks be to God.

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week : SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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Corner Justin & Neville Street
SMITHFIELD

Weekday Masses:
9.15am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday;
7pm Wednesday
Weekday Public Holidays: 10.30am

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Tuesdays after Mass

Assistant Priest
Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE

Corner The Boulevard & Stella Street
FAIRFIELD WEST

Weekday Masses:
Mon - Fri 7.00am; Saturday 8am
Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am

First Saturday of the Month:
7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Tuesdays after Mass

SUNDAY 3rd December 2017



Amelia Michael
Baptised in our Parish Community

Paul Bradbury Maria Blanda, Max Hazmoth,
Indu Vassallo, Kartia Grace Russell,
Frank Trimboli, Gino Mifsud, Rina Favotto, Neang
Nep, Eric Pasquetti, Emely Jade, Sandra Roy,
Patricia Battistel, Ivy Fernandes, Maria Perre,
Tania Perre, Alina Przewoznik,
Philomena Greenwood, Ernesto DiDomizio,
Stella Zappacosta, Antoinette Jansen.

Please remember in your prayers
Carmelina Calleja, Lucia Elda Bruzzano,
Luciano Signor,
Eva Di Federico, Rita Vanolini, Antonio Tionvinne,
Filipo Leto, Antonio Zumbo,

***And for those whose Anniversaries occur
at this time :***

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Children's Liturgy
Mariola Herbert

Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199
1st Sundays of the month during the
10.30am Mass at St Benedict's Church; &
Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict's

Sick Calls: 9604 1199
Any Time

Every Wednesday after the 7pm
Mass with Rosary &
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament





Church Cleaners
Monday 4th December ~
Mary's Group

Parish Collections Week- Ending 26/11/2017
1st Collection \$2,583.55 goes to Fr. Jarek & Fr Wojtek as well as the upkeep of their Order of St Paul the First Hermit.
2nd Collection: Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$2,540.50 and \$1,601.20 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

Advent
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*New liturgical year begins:
Sunday cycle B, weekday
cycle 2*

**Friday 8th December ~ Solemnity
The Immaculate Conception of the
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

~ I M P O R T A N T ~

Fr Wojtek is requesting that all youth attending the YOUTH Festival this December, together with your parents,
to please attend a meeting this
Monday 4th December at 6.30pm
in Parish Office (6 Justin Street, Smithfield)
Thank you

**Altar Servers Meeting Tuesday 5 December @
4.30pm– 5.15pm**

All Parish Volunteers & Helpers are invited to attend a
**Thanksgiving Mass at 7:00 pm
on Wednesday 6 December**
(Feast of St Nicholas)
(An appreciation for all your contributions throughout 2017)
followed by celebration in Montefano Hall.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Friday 7pm 8th December
St Benedict's Church, Smithfield



*Please invite family members or
friends in need of this Sacrament.*

**Visitation of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima & Icon
of Our Lady of Jasna Góra**
For all families who accepted the commitment of
visitation and prayer into their homes there will be a
**Thanksgiving Mass on
Sunday 10 December at the 10.30am Mass**

Men's Rosary Group with Fr Wojtek
Meeting Monday 11th December 7.00pm in the
Montefano Hall

~ ATTENTION LITURGY MINISTERS ~
New Rosters are now available at the Church Doors
Please pick up your copy.

Reconciliation before Christmas

St Therese's Fairfield West
1st Friday and 1st Saturday of December

St Benedict's Shrine, Smithfield
2nd Rite Tuesday 12 December 7.00 pm



Parish BBQ ~ Will resume in the New Year!

SACRAMENT NEWS!

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
CEREMONIES were celebrated
in our Parish, last weekend,
during the Saturday 6 pm and Sunday 10:30 am Masses.**



Congratulations to all the young people who received their First Holy Communion last weekend. We pray that all our First Communicants and their families will be strengthened by their continued reception of Jesus in the Eucharist at Sunday Mass.

The prayer support from members of the Parish Community was much appreciated by parents and children. Thank you parents for the sacrifices you made in preparing your children for this special time. A big shout out to the Catechists who generously donated their time to lead the Holy Communion classes. Thank you also to the many people who were involved in the preparation program and to all who assisted in making the Holy Communion ceremonies a wonderful and memorable time for the children.

HOLY COMMUNION PHOTO COLLECTION EVENING

Holy Communion Photos can be collected from the Montefano Hall on Friday 8th December from 6 pm to 8:30 pm.

For all enquiries Helena in the Sacrament Office – Tue or Fri on 9725 4317

~ REMINDER ~

Fr Simon Aloisi's Memorial Mass will be held
next **Thursday 7 December 2017 at 7pm**
in St Benedict's Smithfield.
Everyone Welcome.

~ All Parishioners welcome to 2017 Christmas Lunch ~



Pranzo di Natale
Organised by the FCI

Let us ALL unite as a Parish to celebrate
Friday 8 December Venerdi 8 Dicembre
Montefano Hall at 12 noon
Cost \$25 pp

*3 Course meal including drinks tea/coffee/sweets
Lucky Door Prize; Raffles; Music*

RSVP Friday 1 December to Gina Morosin 9604 2458;
Tony Coiera 0409 908 424; Maria Zappia 0402 031 411

Smithfield YOUTH MASS

~ Sunday 3 December 6pm ~

**Come Celebrate Australia's largest Mass
since World Youth Day 2008! - Saturday 9
December**

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP invites you to attend Mass in the Domain on Saturday 9 December for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. This will be a joyous occasion!

The Mass at 6.30pm will follow an afternoon of concerts and festivities beginning at 4pm and featuring Australian and international musicians and performers, including Matt Maher. The Archbishop also invites the people of Sydney to pray for the success this important event. Prayer cards have been distributed to parishes (see attached).

For more information go to the ACYF website: www.acyf.org.au

A special App is available with information about the Festival. Please download it for FREE here: www.xt3.com/acyf2017/apps/

FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA

La FCI Annuncia le Attivita' del Mese di Dicembre

- * **TOMBOLA** per questo mese verra' ottenuto soltanto Venerdi' 1s Dicembre. Con Caffè, Dolci e Panini per Pranzo, Nella sala di Santa Teresa Fairfield West dale 10.00 am -- 1.00 pm.
- * **LA TOMBOLA ricomincerà' il Mese di FEBBRAIO 2018**
- * **Il 8 DICEMBRE Pranzo Per Natale** Per Associati e Amici. Verra' festeggiato nella sala di Montefano Smithfield. Siete Pregati da Pronotarsi al piu' presto. Prezzo \$25.00 per persona.
- * **La Federazione Vi Auguriamo un Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo***

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION [FCI]

Activities planned for Month of December 2017

*Only 1 Bingo 1st of Decemer. Held at St Teresa Church. F.West from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Morning Tea & Lunch provided.

*BINGO will Restart in FEBRUARY , 1st & 3rd Friday.

*On the 8th of December we are having Christmas Lunch for Members Guests & Parishoners .Booking is Essential, cost is \$25.00

The Italian Catholic Federation Wishes all A Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

For more information call, Antonio Coiera 0409 908 424 Gina Morosin 0417 203 908
Or Maria Zappia 0402 0310411 CRISTO REGNI ***** GOD BLESS.

A Christmas Celebration 2017 – Friday 15 December

Celebrate the beauty and wonder of Christmas with the St Mary's Cathedral Choir and the Orchestra of the Antipodes Including congregational carols and music to lift your spirits in the joy of the season! For tickets and more information please visit www.achristmascelebration.com.au

Parish Website updated

We have recently upgraded the parish website www.stgertrude.org.au and started a Facebook page www.facebook.com/stgertrudesparish.

We will be posting news about what's happening at the Parish of St.Gertrude's on both website and facebook, please check it out!



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