


Parish Collections Week- Ending 27/08/2017
 1st Collection \$xxxx 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: \$xxxx and \$xxxx Loose Money.
 Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

Br Joseph Maria Buckley was Ordained to the Deaconate at the The Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, Penrose Park last Saturday 26 August



We Congratulate Br Joseph Maria Buckley and continue to pray for him as he will soon be ordained to the priesthood.

~ **Invitation** ~
 Please all join us for a Mass on **Friday 8th September at 7pm** in St Benedict's Church, Smithfield to Celebrate

Fr Jarek's 25th Anniversary of his Ordination & the 300th Anniversary of the Coronation of Our Lady of Jasna Gora as well as the Nativity of the Blessed

Virgin Mary followed by refreshments in the Montefano Hall.

Please bring a plate to share.

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2017:

Congratulations to the 94 children from our Parish Community, who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Tuesday night for the first time. A sincere thank you to all who helped in any way with the preparation and ceremony.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children in Year 3 and above who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Reconciliation are eligible to enrol in the First Holy Communion Programme. Enrolments have already taken place. If you would still like to enrol your child, please contact the Sacramental Office ASAP. Enrolments will not be accepted after 22/9/17.

- Holy Communion Parent Night – Wednesday 11th October at 7:30 p.m. in the Montefano Hall.
- Preparation classes begin 15th October.
- Ceremonies: Saturday 25th November at the 6 p.m. Mass and Sunday 26th November at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

CONFIRMATION 2017 PHOTOS

We are still waiting on St Mary's Cathedral staff. An email will be sent out once the photos become available. Thank you for your patience.

Enquiries, please contact Helena - 9725 4317 (Tuesday or Friday) or sacraments@stgertrude.org.au

COALITION for MARRIAGE (C4M)

The postal plebiscite on marriage begins on 12 September. There are consequences for changing the law on marriage, including what it means for education. In countries where the law has changed, primary schools and high schools, including faith-based schools, have been required to teach 'Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Questioning' (LGBTIQ) issues as part of their curriculum, with no opt-out for parents. If you want to have a say in what your kids and grandkids are taught, you need to make your voice heard! It's ok to say no. More Info: www.coalitionformarriage.com.au

Act now to defend Marriage

A change in the marriage law has consequences for all Australians, and particularly for people of faith. It is crucial that you have your say. Visit www.coalitionformarriage.com.au for more information, to volunteer or to donate.

Vote **NO**, to keep marriage a unique relationship between a woman and a man.

Special (FCI) Event – Annual Charity Dinner Dance
Saturday 16 September
MONTEFANO HALL 6PM
 (RSVP 7 SEPTEMBER)



3 Course Meal – Music – Entertainment – Lucky Door Prizes – Raffles and much more
TICKETS: \$50 PP / Children (under 12: \$15)
 Bookings: Tony Coiera or Gina Morosin



Archbishop Fisher delivers an important message on three key challenges facing Catholics today. He addresses the challenge to the seal of the confessional, euthanasia and the important discussion around changing the definition of marriage. *The Links are available on our website.*

PETITION-ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL NSW: During Masses this weekend and next you will be asked to sign a petition against the NSW Voluntary assisted Dying Bill 2017. It allows persons to access physician assisted suicide. It is impossible to safeguard against abuses and coercion in such legislation. NSW should be working to provide better access to good end of life care instead. You will hear more about this during Mass and there will be volunteers facilitating petition signing afterwards. More Info: www.no euthanasia.org.au click on *Take Action* and NSW.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Early Bird registration to Australian Catholic Youth Festival has now closed but registrations are still open (\$280). Young people are encouraged to continue to register. University students can register with a group of uni students contact unicatholics@sydneycatholic.org. Our Deanery Coordinator can still add names to our Deanery group (Please insert Deanery Contact details). There are still some complimentary registrations available for State school students please contact our Deanery contact person for further details.

This is a truly amazing opportunity for our young people so let's do everything we can to encourage their registration.

FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA

La FCI Annuncia le Attività del Mese di Settembre
 • **TOMBOLA** Venerdì 22 Settembre. Con caffè/Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo, nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West dalle 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.
 • **RIUNIONE** del Membri Associati il 12 Settembre 7:30 pm
Antonio (Tony) Coiera: 9757-1961 or 0409 908 424
Gina Morosin: 9604-2458 OR 0417 203 908. **Cristo Regni.**

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION (FCI)

Activities planned for Month of September
 • **BINGO:** 22 September held at St Teresa Church Hall Fairfield West from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Morning Tea & Lunch provided.
 • **Member Reunion** will be held on 12 September at 7:30 pm
Thank you. Antonio (Tony) Coiera. (M) 0409 908 424
 God Bless

Child Protection Sunday, 10 September 2017
 Child Protection Sunday, the pinnacle event in the parishes to celebrate Child Protection Week 4-10 September, 2017. The theme this year is 'See Me, Hear Me', giving a voice to children and young people in relation to what they need adults to do to help keep them safe. *Prayer cards and resources available next week.*

Children's Mass ~ Sunday 22 October
 10.30am Mass St Benedict's Church
Morning tea served after Mass.
 Everyone Welcome!

Altar Servers Meeting
 Tuesday 12 September @ 4.30pm– 5.15pm

Parish BBQ ~ Saturday 14 October ~ 2017
 after the 6pm Vigil Mass in the Montefano Hall.

Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal Date:
 9th & 10th September
 This appeal is set up with the aim of looking after our sick and retired priests. Thank you.

Smithfield YOUTH MASS
 Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at the 6pm Mass
Next Mass ~ Sunday 3 September
 Youth group meet 7 - 8 pm ~ 17 September
 Youth group meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month . Youth program 7pm - 8pm followed by a BBQ & fellowship in the Demountable. All Youth Welcome!



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