

Parish Collections Week- Ending 21/10/2018
1st Collection \$1,433.30 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: \$3,315.00 and \$1,025.25 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

Children's Mass with Blessing of Pets
 ~ Sunday 28 October ~
10.30am Mass
 to be held on the grass area behind the Montefano Hall.
Bring your creatures, great and small to this Mass. Everyone Welcome!

Thursday 1st November ~ Solemnity ALL SAINTS
Masses: St Benedict's - Vigil Mass Wednesday 7pm Thursday 9.15am & 7pm
St Therese's - 7am
Friday 2nd November ~ Commemoration of ALL the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Masses: St Therese's - 7am
St Benedict's - 9.15am

November Masses
 During the Month of November we pray for all our deceased relatives and friends. During this month a total of 30 Masses will be collectively offered for the intentions of the deceased at both St. Benedict's Shrine and St. Therese's Church.
 On Sundays the Mass will be at 10.30am at St. Benedict's Shrine and 9am at St. Therese's Church as well as the daily Masses during the month.
 If you wish to include your loved ones in these collective Masses offered for the deceased during the month of November, then please fill out the *November Mass Envelopes* which are available in the Church foyer and on the seats.

Plenary Indulgence
 A Plenary Indulgence may be gained, by those rightly prepared, which is applicable only to the souls in purgatory, who devoutly visit a cemetery or church and pray for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from the 1st to the 8th of November, on other days of the year it is partial.
 A November plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to the sacred deed mentioned above and being in the state of grace:
 - have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
 - have sacramentally confessed their sins;
 - receive the Holy communion
 - pray for the intentions of the supreme Pontiff (one Our Father and one Hail Mary is the minimum, but any other additional prayers may be added)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
 - **LESSONS** started on Friday 19th October and continue over 5 weeks.
 Location: Parish Office, 6 Justin Street, Smithfield.
 - **PARENT ONLY WORKSHOP:** Tuesday 30th October at 7:30 pm. Estimated to finish at 9:15 pm. Presented by the Sacramental Team.
 - **RECONCILIATION** during Week 5 of classes. Location: St Benedict's Shrine.
 - **FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Tuesday 20th November, 7 pm. First Reconciliation candidates ONLY.
 - **REHEARSALS:**
 o **CEREMONY 1** - Monday 19th November, 7 pm
 o **CEREMONY 2** - Friday 23rd November, 7 pm
 - **PRAYER PARTNERS THIS WEEKEND: 20 & 21 OCTOBER**

Sacramental time is a special time of grace for all in our community.
 This weekend, before or after the Masses, children preparing for FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will ask members of the community to be "Prayer Partners."
 Accepting an invitation to be a "Prayer Partner" involves taking the prayer card and praying for the candidate during the time leading up to FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. Should you be invited to become a "Prayer Partner" please accept the candidate's invitation and reassure him/her of your support. If you do not receive a prayer card, please pray for all the children.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019
 Enrolments for 2019 will take place during Mass, over the weekends of 3/4 and 10/11 November 2018. Enrolment forms will be available from next weekend. Please read the information carefully as there are a number of changes taking place regarding the Sacramental programme for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.
 For more information please contact Helena via email: sacraments@stgertrude.org.au or call 9725 4317 and leave a message.

YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS
Monday 29 October at 7.00pm Group 2
(last Monday of the Month)
Monday 12th November at 7.00pm Group 1
(Second Monday of the Month)

PARISH MINISTRY EXPO
 ~ Sunday 11th November ~
 Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers at 10:30am St Benedict's Church
 Over the next few weekends' representatives from various ministries will talk briefly about their roles in the church.
Christ and its church have no hands but yours!
Followed by EXPO and BBQ

St Gertrude's Parish Playgroup
 Playgroup will re-open on **Thursday 1st November 2018**, 10 am - 12 pm. Cost: \$3 donation (to cover the cost of craft supplies). Location: Demountable classroom on the paddock. For regular updates please visit the St Gertrude's Parish Playgroup Facebook page.
 Hope to see you there!

Grandparents are warmly invited to attend a light afternoon tea and prayer on **Monday, 29 October**, in St Gertrude's school hall. A light afternoon tea will be served from 2:00 in the hall and classrooms will be open for grandparents to visit from 2:30. Please come along for a coffee and a chat in recognition of all grandparents. We look forward to seeing you there.

Smithfield YOUTH MASS
 Held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month at the 6pm evening Mass
 Next Mass: Sunday 4 November at 6pm
 Youth Program is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month . 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall. All Youth Welcome!
 Next YOUTH PROGRAM: 18 November 2018

November Charitable Works Appeal
 In the coming weeks, your parish will be asked to play an important role in supporting an important initiative of the Sydney Archdiocese: The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal, our premier charity. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use so please keep an eye out for them.
 Let us show our Christian solidarity for one another by sharing what we can with our neighbours. Thank you.

FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA
 La FCI Annuncia le Attivita' del Mese di Novembre
RIUNIONE dei Membri Associati il 13 di Novembre 7.30 pm,
Tombola il 2 e 16 Novembre dale 10 am - 12.30 pm.
 Con caffe' e biscotti
 Seguito con Panini per Pranzo.
Stiamo per organizzare una Gita a Orange per raccolta delle Ciliegge, sarete avvisati la data a presto possibile.
**** Da parte mia e del Comitato Vogliamo Ringraziare tutti che avete partecipato alla Charity Fundraiser serata il 20 Ottobre . Un grande Ringrazio a tutti gli Sponsors Che avete fatto la serata possibile.**

F C I November Activities
Bingo 1st and 3rd Friday of November.
Members Reunion will be held on 13th of November 7.30 pm.
We are planning a Bus Trip to Orange in December for (Cherry Picking) - Date to be advised .
**** Big Thanks to all who attended our Charity Fundraiser Dinner Dance and Special Thanks to our Sponsors , and my Committee for their Hard Work and Dedication.**
 God Bless - Cristo Regni .
TONY COIERA 0409 908424 -- Gina Morosin 029604 2458

The Bishop's Blend: Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Thursday, 15 November 2018 at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblendsixthedition.eventbrite.com.au> or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

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