FCI Italian Catholic Federation – Smithfield Branch

Welcome 2021 Year.

We have been truly blessed this new year commencing 2021 with the Year dedicated to Saint Joseph – the Father of the Church and FCI Patron.

A year of moving forward with the Grace of God, and prayers for the intercession of Our Blessed Mother and our Patron Saint Joseph.

We have overcome 2020 and now have the privilege of getting back to the normality of life. We give thanks to God for keeping us safe and healthy throughout 2020.

On Sunday 21 March 2021 we began with the Celebration of The Eucharist in St Benedict's Church. Concelebrated by our Parish Priest Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE and Fr Jan in Italian.

This Mass was also the renewal of our commitment to the Italian Catholic Federation – Tesseramento and was well attended followed by refreshments in the Parish Montefano Hall.

All FCI Members received a ribboned Medallion of Saint Joseph our Patron.

We welcome to FCI Smithfield all returning FCI Members and a special welcome to the eight (8) New FCI Members.

We thank our Parish Priest Fr Jarek Zan and Fr Wojtek Sliwa our Spiritual Leader for all the Pastoral Care and support, encouragement and attending our meetings and activities.

We thank all our FCI Committee and Members for all their support during the Pandemic restrictions and generous donations of their time, support, prizes/goods, other charitable and has actions that enabled us to successfully achieve all that we have throughout Covid19 and for staying positive and united.



Gina Morosin – Treasurer Antonio Coiera - President



2021 Tesseramento Celebration Cake



Caterina Mauro celebrating her. 95th Birthday during Covid19. (most senior FCI Member)



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With compliance of Covid19 Guidelines and the support of our Parish Priest Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE, we have commenced Bingo sessions in the Parish Montefano Hall every 1st and 3rd Friday of the Month since October 2020.

At the Bingo sessions for \$10 we provide Bingo Games, prizes, morning tea/coffee and also a light lunch. This has proven to be very popular, and the attendance has increased to over 75 persons at any one session.

In December 2020 approximately 50 patrons joined the FCI for a day trip for Cherry Picking in Orange followed by lunch at the local club.

To end our 2020 our Christmas Party was also well attended and enjoyed by all with entertainment by Joe Zappia.

We are now planning for Mother's Day Lunch on 7 May and Crostoli making for fundraising and looking forward to planning our Annual Charity (Spaghettata) Night.

We wish you all God's blessings to keep you safe and healthy and ask that Saint Joseph look over each and everyone.





Parish Priest Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE Caterina Mauro & President: Antonio Coiera.



Warm welcome to eight (8) NEW Members



Luigi Antonelli, Cathy Coiera, Antoniette Napoli





Giulio & Maria Blasonato, Maria Reitano

FCI Smithfield Committee Members