

Parish Collections Week- Ending 29/10/2017
1st Collection \$1,38.45 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: \$2,510.95 and \$809.10 Loose Money.
Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!

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)

Thank You!
Fundraising & Third Collection
The youth attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival made breakfast as a fundraiser last weekend **after the 10.30am Mass**. We are so thankful to our parishioners for your generous donations and support!
A total of \$3,755.30 was raised.
We would especially like to thank a very generous anonymous donor who gave \$1000 of the total amount.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS TIME CHANGE
Wednesday evening Mass, Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Novena to St Benedict will **change to 7:00 pm during Daylight Saving**

November CWF Appeal
3rd Collection All Masses
Next Weekend 12th November for CWF
100% Tax Deductible for donations over \$2.
Our parish commitment to this appeal is \$9,450.0

PARISH VOLUNTEERS – PLEASE READ!
Parish Volunteers, who have not attended Safeguarding training in 2017, will need to attend a compulsory training session in the Parish Office on **ONE** of the following dates:
- Tuesday 14th November at 10:30 am **OR**
- Thursday 16th November at 7 pm
Contact Maria Zappia or Helena Mertin on 9725 4317 or psso@stgertrude.org.au if you require more information.
Thank you for your cooperation, Maria and Helena
St Gertrude's Parish Safeguarding Support Officers

Men's Rosary/Social Group with Fr Wojtek
Fr Wojtek will be setting up a Men's Rosary Group in our parish beginning in November. If you are interested in attending or require further information then please either speak to Fr Wojtek or the parish office on 9604 1199.

Altar Servers Meeting Tuesday 7 November @ 4.30pm– 5.15pm

Parish BBQ ~ Saturday 11 November ~ 2017
after the 6pm Vigil Mass in the Montefano Hall.
Everyone Welcome!

Smithfield YOUTH MASS
Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at the 6pm Mass
Next Mass ~ Sunday 5 November
Youth group meet 7 - 8 pm ~ 19 November
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!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
First Holy Communion will be celebrated for our 2017 candidates on Saturday 25th November at the 6 pm Vigil Mass and on Sunday 26th November at the 10:30 am Mass.

IMPORTANT DATES for your DIARY
- **LESSONS:** Final lessons will be held this week. Classes will be held in the Parish Office, 6 Justin Street, Smithfield.
- **MAKE UP WORKSHOP SESSIONS:** Thursday 9th Nov at 7:30 pm OR Tuesday 14th Nov at 1 pm. Workshops will be held in the Parish Office.
- **RECONCILIATION** for all Candidates – **Tuesday 21st November, 6:45 pm** in St Benedict's Shrine.
- **REHEARSALS:**

- **CEREMONY 1** – Monday 20 November, 7 pm
- **CEREMONY 2** – Friday 24 November, 7 pm

- **MAKE UP WORKSHOP SESSIONS:** Thursday 9th Nov at 7:30pm OR Tuesday 14 Nov at 1 pm. Workshops will be held in the Parish Office.

All Parish Volunteers/Helpers & Parish Committee Members are invited to attend a
Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday 6 December at 7pm
on the Feast of St Nicholas followed by a celebration in Montefano Hall
(In appreciation for all your contributions throughout 2017)
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Please insert your details below, tear off this section & place in letterbox at Parish Office
Name:
Contact No:
Attending: ☐ Yes / ☐ No

Sydney Catholic Youth! You are all invited to the launch of the new Archdiocesan Youth Office on :
Wednesday 8 November 6pm – 8:30 pm at All Saints Liverpool
Please join His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, Bishop Umbers, Bishop Randazzo and Bishop Brady as they launch Sydney Catholic Youth and celebrate one month out from the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.
The Theme of the launch will be FAITH AND FIESTA!
The night will begin with mass and then lead into celebrations of faith and culture.
There will be performances by Sydney Archdiocese own Samoan, Filipino, Maronite and other Cultural Communities. All young people are welcome to join us in prayer and celebration. Contact- chris.lee@sydneycatholic.org

Need to Speak to a Priest?
A Priest will be available in the Parish Office every Thursday from 3pm – 4pm. This time will be allocated for any parishioner who needs to speak to a priest for either personal or general matters – *no appointment necessary.*

Visitation of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima & Icon of Our Lady of Jasna Góra for reflection and prayer
If you are interested in taking the Statue and Icon home, then please write your details on the 'Schedule' at the back of St Benedict's Church.

FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA
*** Come Join us! - New Parishioners always welcomed.**
La FCI Annuncia le Attività Del Mese di Novembre 2017
TOMBOLA – Veredi 3 & 17 Novembre
Con caffè/Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo, nella sala di St Therese, Fairfield West
dalle 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
BINGO – Friday 3 & 17 November 10am – 1pm
With Coffee/biscuits & bread rolls for lunch.
St Therese's Church Hall, Fairfield West
Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday 14 November @ 7:30 pm.
Antonio (Tony) Coiera: 9757-1961 or 0409-908424
Gina Morosin: 9604-2458 OR 0417 203 908. † **CRISTO REGNI**

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!


'Come and Sit with our Lord' Christian Meditation
Every Monday and Tuesday at 8pm.
Give 20 minutes of your busy day to Jesus and experience the difference in your life. Duration time is approximately 20minutes with a introduction lead in time of 15mins **held at John The Baptist Church chapel**. For information contact Frances 0438 213 313


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