

**Parish Collections Week- Ending 30/04/2018**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$1,400.40** goes to Fr. Jarek & Fr Wojtek as well as the upkeep of their Order of St Paul the First Hermit.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$2,281.10 and \$1,266.00 Loose Money.**  
*Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!*

#### PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday and **Trinity Sunday** unless for a good reason, it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.



**CWF ~ YOUR LOCAL CHARITY**  
Third Collection All Masses this weekend  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

#### Donations \$2 and above are tax deductible.

Your donations supports the work of charitable agencies in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

- CatholicCare – Catholic community services
- Chaplaincies – Hospitals, universities and aged care facilities
- Ephpheta Centre – Ministry for the deaf and hard of hearing
- Confraternity of Christian Doctrine – Religious education for Catholic children in state schools
- Seminarians – Education and formation of our future priests
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry – Support for Aboriginal Catholics in living their faith and promote understanding between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities.

#### ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 4.30 – 5.15pm St Benedict's Church

#### YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm Group 1  
*(Second Monday of the Month)*

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm Group 2  
*(last Monday of the Month)*

### Smithfield **YOUTH** MASS

Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month at the 6pm evening Mass

**Next Mass: Sunday 6 May at 6pm**

Youth Program is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month .  
7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall.  
**All Youth Welcome!**

YOUTH PROGRAM: 20 May 2018

Email received from Fr Patrick:

*"We wish to thank the parish for the very generous and appropriate support given to the Vigil Mass and Requiem Mass for Fr. Jose Maria Enedaguila on Thursday and Friday April 27 and 28. The huge crowd of members of the Spanish speaking Catholic community, Fr Thomas and the Jesuit brothers of Fr Jose were greatly appreciative, blessed and edified by the celebration. Thank you for your gracious help with all the myriad of things required and especially the use of St Gertrude's church.*

*Yours faithfully,*

Fr. Patrick Mullins SJ

Superior of the local Mt. Druitt Jesuit community where Fr. Jose lived"

#### Rosary

*Please join us for the Rosary week nights at 7pm in St Therese's Church, Fairfield West during the month of May.*

#### Oz Rosary ~ National Day of Prayer

*On Sunday 13th May, the 101st anniversary of Our Lady's first apparition at Fatima. Australia will hold their own national rosary right around the country.*

*Our parish of Smithfield has responded to this by saying the Rosary on:*

*Saturday 12th May following the 6 pm Vigil Mass.  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
Rosary, Benediction & Parish BBQ in the Montefano Hall.  
<https://catholicoutlook.org/oz-rosary-around-australia/>*

#### CONFIRMATION 2018

Important dates for your diary:

- **SMALL GROUP SESSIONS** – begin this weekend and continue for a further 4 weeks.
- **PARENT ONLY WORKSHOP – WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY at 7:30 p.m. in the Montefano Hall.**
- **RETREAT – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- **REHEARSALS:**
  - **Ceremony 1 – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7 p.m.**
  - **Ceremony 2 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7 p.m.**
- **CONFIRMATION MASSES:**
  - **Ceremony 1 – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2 p.m.**
  - **Ceremony 2 – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 4 p.m.**
- **PRAYER PARTNERS FOR CONFIRMATION – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> May Parish Masses**

Sacramental time is a special time of grace for all in our community. This weekend, before or after the Masses, children preparing for Confirmation 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 Confirmation.

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.

#### Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding training will be conducted on **Thursday 17th May at 7 pm** in the Parish Office.

All Parish volunteers who DID NOT attend training in May or November last year, will need to attend.

This includes volunteers who assist in the following ministries: maintenance, cleaning, reading, Extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, Communion to the sick, Acolytes, adult servers, people who assist in any way with the youth group/children's liturgies, Parish BBQ volunteers, choir members and ushers.

If you are a counter or you assist with collections, please contact the Parish Office to arrange a time to meet with the Parish Safeguarding Support Officers – Helena/Maria, to sign a Code of Conduct.

The Archdiocese of Sydney requires EVERY Parish Volunteer to sign a Code of Conduct regardless of whether or not you directly work with children. If by the end of May you have not signed the Code of Conduct, you will need to cease in your ministry until this requirement has been met.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9604 1199 or email [psso@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:psso@stgertrude.org.au).

#### Ordination to the Priesthood



You are invited to the Ordination of

**Br Deacon Joseph Maria Buckley OSPPE**

**11am on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**at Marian Valley, Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians  
Canungra Queensland.**

**Celebrated by**

**Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE**

*Please remember Br Joseph in your prayers.*

#### FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA

Annuncia Le Attivita' Del Mese di Maggio

\* PRANZO PER LA FESTA DELLE MAMME Venerdi' 11 Maggio \$30pp

\* Il 7 & 8 Maggio La Federazione Cattolica Italiana per due giorni

Facciamo I CROSTOLI per la Festa Delle Mamme, cerchiamo aiuto se potete.

\* Riunione dei Membri Associati il 8 di Maggio.a le 7.30 pm Nella sala di St Teresa

\* TOMBOLA Il primo e Terzo Venerdi del Mese Il 4 e 18 di Maggio  
Con caffe'/Biscotti e Panini per Pranzo.

Nella sala di St Teresa Fairfield West da le 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.  
Molto Grazie.Antonio {Tony} Coiera. 9757-1961 or 0409 908 424  
Cristo Regni

#### THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION [FCI]

Activities planned for Month of May

\* Annual Mothers Day Luncheon Friday 11 May. Cost \$30 . pp.

If interested please contact Tony Coiera 9757 1961.

\* BINGO every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.

Held at St Teresa Church Hall Fairfield West 10am - 1 pm.

Morning Tea & Lunch provided.

\* Members Reunion 8 May 7.30 pm. Thankyou. God Bless.

#### Walk with Christ – 3 June 2018

All are invited to participate in this year's Walk With Christ Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 3 June 2018.

Participants will gather at the corner of Pitt St and Martin Place in the CBD at 2:30pm. The procession will follow the Blessed Sacrament through the Sydney CBD, finishing at the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt with Adoration and Benediction. If you are unable to join us for the Procession, you are more than welcome to join us for Adoration and Benediction from approximately 3.30pm in the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt. The event will conclude at approximately 4:30pm.

The procession will help mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a little known, but most heroic and faith-filled time in the history of the Australian Church. In 1818, the Government forcibly removed the only Catholic priest in Australia, Fr Jeremiah O'Flynn, from Sydney. Fr O'Flynn's last pastoral act was to leave the Blessed Sacrament reserved in a faithful Catholic's home so that the colonists and prisoners could come to adore Christ present there. For two years, the Blessed Sacrament, in this lay Sydney home, was the source and centre of worship and consolation for the priestless Catholics of the Australian colony.

Please look for the **Books of Life** in your parish to write your prayer intentions that will be offered at the end of the procession.



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#### Join Pope Francis in Panama for the 34th World Youth Day in January 2019

Sydney Catholic Youth are inviting you on the pilgrimage of a lifetime to Panama where you will celebrate Mass with Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics from around the world.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the Sydney pilgrimage departing on 15 January 2019 which will travel from Sydney to Washington DC, then to WYD Panama with the optional extension to travel to Mexico City. Register your interest and find out more by visiting the website [www.sydneycatholicyouth.org.wyd](http://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org.wyd)



Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B

FIRST READINGActs 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. ‘Stand up,’ he said, ‘I am only a man after all!’

Then Peter addressed them: ‘The truth I have now come to realise’ he said, ‘is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.’

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, ‘Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?’ He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALMPs 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)

2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)

3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

SECOND READING1 Jn 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God’s love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God,

but God’s love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONJn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPELJn 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master’s business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Priase to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next Week : The ASCENSION of the LORD

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 15-15-20:

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ST GERTRUDE’S PARISH

St Benedict’s Church

Corner Justin & Neville Street  
SMITHFIELD

Sunday Masses:  
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm;  
8.00am (Italian); 10.30am; 6.00pm.

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

Weekday Public Holidays: 10.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Adoration:  
Wednesdays after evening Mass with Novena to St Benedict till 7.30pm; Saturdays from 4.45pm—5.45pm; & Fridays after the 9.15am Mass

First Friday of the Month:  
7pm Mass & Adoration

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tuesdays after Mass

Parish Priest

Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE

Assistant Priest

Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE

St Theresa’s Church

Corner The Boulevarde & Stella Street  
FAIRFIELD WEST

Sunday Masses:  
Saturday Vigil 5pm (Vietnamese);  
7.30am & 9.00am; 12 noon (Spanish); 5pm (Arabic)

Weekday Masses:  
Mon - Fri 7.00am; Saturday 8am

Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am

First Friday of the Month:  
from 6.30am

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

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:  
Tuesdays after Mass

Sixth Sunday of Easter

6 May, 2018

We welcome the following

Olivia Rose Zuger

Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish

Fr Gabriel Taylor OSPPE,  
Santina Ponili, 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.

Bless our sick today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus’ sufferings and restore them quickly to health

Please remember in your prayers

Fr Jose Maria Enedaguila, Josipa Yelenazza,  
Teresa Faccin, Natalina Del Santo, Giorgio Mascia,  
Giovanna Vurchio Natalina Dal Santo,  
Giovanna Vurchio, Elio Forner, Joseph Furfara

Recently Deceased

Rita Colaiacolo, Maria Zasso, Maria Dos Anjos

And for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time :

PARISH INFORMATION

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Liturgy: 9725 4317 Anna Kleibert  
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Adult Sacraments (RCIA) Mariola Herbert  
Every Sunday at 8.30am in the Crying Room (in front of St Benedict’s)  
Contact Mariola: 0421 944 051.

Children’s Liturgy  
Mariola Herbert

Reconciliation:  
Smithfield - Sat 4.45—5.45 pm  
(or by appointment)

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

Marriages: Parish Office 9604 1199  
By appointment only (6 months required)

Sick Calls: 9604 1199  
Any Time

Novena to St Benedict

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

Reconciliation is available during this time.

Everyone is encouraged to participate!

Rosary for Vocation to Religious life and Priesthood.

After Mass on Thursdays at St Therese’s Church, Fairfield West

Church Cleaners

Tuesday 8th May

Neo Cats