





Parish Collections Week- Ending 20/5/2018  
**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$1457.45** 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: \$2438.50 and \$1161.20 Loose Money.**  
*Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!*

## The Most Holy TRINITY



Jesus says that he will be with us always. 'Always' is an interesting way of putting it because it can mean 'in every way' and it can mean 'in every moment'. If we are attentive, signs of God become apparent everywhere we look and whenever we look for them. Sometimes God-sign is tangible; but at other times it is as subtle as a whisper or a reflected colour.

## Pauline Vocations Day

July 20th at St. Gertrude's Smithfield  
 The Order of St. Paul the First Hermit is organizing a vocations day for young men discerning a vocation to religious life, as an opportunity to reflect upon what God is calling them to.  
 RSVP: [vocations@paulinefathers.org.au](mailto:vocations@paulinefathers.org.au)

## Book of Life

Please write your prayer intentions that will be offered at the end of the Walk with Christ Procession on 3 June 2018. (See Notice 'Walk with Christ')  
 The Book of Life Petition books are kept in the Church Foyers at both churches.

## ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

Tuesday 5 June 4.30 – 5.15pm St Benedict's Church

## YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 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 3 June 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: 17 June 2018

Everyone Welcome!

## Solemnity of The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (Corpus Christi) ~ 3rd June~

After the 10.30am Mass there will be a Eucharistic Procession.

New Liturgy rosters are now available to pick up from the Church foyers.

## Safeguarding Training

If you were unable to attend training on the 17th May, please contact the Parish office on 9604 1199 and leave a message for Helena or email [pssso@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:pssso@stgertrude.org.au) to find out what to do next.

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 you are unsure whether you have met this requirement or you need to sign the code of conduct, please contact the parish office to make an appointment to meet with Helena/Maria as soon as possible.

By the end of May 2018, it is expected that ALL VOLUNTEERS have signed the Code of Conduct in our Parish. If you have not signed by the end of May, 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 [pssso@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:pssso@stgertrude.org.au).

Thank you for your cooperation Helena & Maria - Parish Safeguarding Support Officers.

## Safeguarding Training for all Volunteers of Italian Mass.

including Organist, Readers, Acolytes etc.

**9:00 am on Sunday June 3** (after the Italian Mass)  
 In the Parish House.

Please bring your Working With Children Certificates if you have one. If you have not applied for a WWCC please bring your ID.

## CONFIRMATION 2018

Important dates for your diary:

- **SMALL GROUP SESSIONS** – continue for 1 more week.
- **RETREAT – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- **RECONCILIATION TIME** - please refer to email or check with the Sacramental Office.
- **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.

## CHANGES TO SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Due to the restructuring of the Sacramental programs in St Gertrude's Parish, the following changes will be taking place:

From 2019, the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will now be taking place together in the first half of the year. Children who have been Baptised and are in Year 3 and above will be eligible to enrol. **Accordingly, there will be NO First Reconciliation sacramental program (for Year 2) at St Gertrude's Parish in 2018, to allow for this change.**

Enrolments for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2019 (for current Year 2 students) will take place in November 2018.

From 2019, the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in the second half of the year.

Families with Baptised children in Year 3 and above who have not made their first Reconciliation, will need to make an appointment with the Sacramental Office before the end of July, to discuss options for 2018/2019.

**First Holy Communion 2018 enrolments for children in Year 3 and above, who have made their First Reconciliation, will take place 23/24 June and 30 June/1 July. Enrolment forms will be distributed early next month.**

For more information, please contact the Sacramental Office Tuesday/Friday 9725 4317 or email [sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@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.*

## 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1978, Bishop Cremin instituted the first group of Acolytes in our parish at St Benedict's Shrine. They were to assist at Mass and act as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, including taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.

**George Andrew** was one of the Acolytes of this first group and has faithfully served as an Acolyte for the last 40 years.

**Congratulations George!**

God Bless you and thank you for your service to this ministry for all these years.

## 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 200th 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.

## The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on ph 02 9390 5812.

## Fairfield Active Maltese Seniors

Tuesday **29 May @ 10.00am.** St Theresa's Church Hall  
 Cnr Stella St & The Boulevarde, Fairfield Heights.  
 Guest Speaker from **Dementia Australia on Healthy Brain Ageing.**  
 Members & Parishoners welcome.  
 Talk will be in English.  
 Contact Marisa Previtera on 0414 863 123  
 This is a Welfare Service of the MCC



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