

### Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 08/09/2019

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection** goes to Fr. Jarek, Fr Wojtek & Fr Peter James as well as the upkeep of their Order of St Paul the First Hermit \$2,702.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$2,353.00 Loose Money: \$1,900.45**

*Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!*

Saturday 21 September ~ Feast  
St Matthew, apostle, evangelist

### Altar Servers Meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 24 September  
4:30 - 5.15pm

### YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS

Monday 14 October at 7.30pm Group 1  
(Second Monday of the Month)

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm Group 2  
(last Monday of the Month)

### ~ Wedding Anniversary Blessing ~ Sunday 13 October ~ at the 10:30am mass

All Married couples celebrating a Wedding Anniversary during the month of October are invited to attend and receive a Blessing.

*(Marriage Blessings will continue every  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month)*

### SENIORS GROUP MEETING ~ F/ WEST CHURCH & HALL

Friday the 11th October

10:00am: Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church  
10:30am: Coffee, tea, a chat and line dancing for beginners in the hall

### PARISH BBQ

~ Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September~  
After the 6pm Mass

## Smithfield YOUTH MASS

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

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

*All Youth Welcome*

### St Gertrude's Parish Playgroup

**When:** Thursday's **Time:** 9:30am – 11:30am

**Where:** In the demountable behind the Montefano Hall.

*Please contact the Parish Office for enquiries  
Ph: 96041199 Or email: [officacae@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:officacae@stgertrude.org.au)*

### PARISH MOVIE NIGHT ~ 'UNPLANNED'

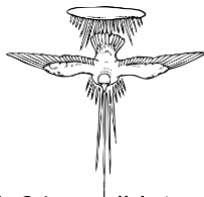
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – 6:30pm

**Hoyts Wetherill Park \$14 per person.**

*Please contact the parish office to book during the week or after the Masses on the weekend. Tickets selling fast!*

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*A gripping film about one woman's journey that captures your heart and never lets go! Unplanned cuts past the rhetoric and the politics to tell the story about an insider who saw the truth about abortion and how it changed her life.*

## CONFIRMATION 2019



Last weekend, 64 candidates from our Parish Community received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations! Your reverence and participation in the ceremonies is to be commended. We pray that you will continue your faith journey through life with heightened awareness of the power of the Holy Spirit within you.

Special thanks to Bishop Anthony Randazzo, for celebrating the Masses in our Parish – the ceremonies were beautiful. Thank you to our Parish Priests, the newly confirmed, Parents, Catechists, School, Teachers, Acolytes, altar servers, Choir, decorators – and all who helped in any way with the Sacramental Preparation, including the Retreat Day and Confirmation Masses. We are most grateful.

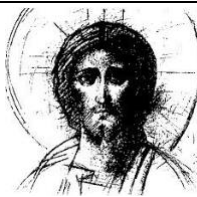
*Enquiries Helena - 9725 4317 (Tuesday or Friday).*

### SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation started Sunday 1st Sept. and runs through to October 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, and Pope Francis said, "is a time conducive to the praise of God for all his creatures and the assumption of responsibility in the face of the cry of the Earth."

See <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2019-09/pope-s-appeal-to-pray-reflect-and-act-to-safeguard-creation.html>

The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, "creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself". Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation. *Laudato Si (2015) 236*



***Listen! "Come to me, all of you, who are tired and overburdened, and I will give you rest." Mt 11:28***

The Neocatechumenal Way of St Gertrude's Parish Smithfield, are offering a series of catechesis that come to answer the situations of your life today for adults and young people.

**Every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30pm, beginning Tuesday 24th September.**

**Meeting in St Gertrude's Chapel, Cnr of Justin St & Neville St Smithfield.**

For more information, contact Brad on 0431 271 620

### Working with Children Check (WWCC)

All volunteers are now required to have their WWCC check. If you are currently volunteering/working in any ministry within the parish and do not have your WWCC then you are required to step down immediately.

Please contact the parish office if you have any concerns.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

### A Parish Novena

On Tuesday, 17th September 2019, the NSW Legislative Council Upper House will be commencing debate on the Abortion Bill. Parishioners are invited to join in praying a 9-day Novena Prayer with St. Mary MacKillop for the Protection and Preservation of Life from Conception to Birth and Beyond. The Novena will commence on **Sunday 8 September and conclude on the 16 September** Jesus says, where two or three are gathered in his name He is there.

### Praying with Mary MacKillop



**For the Protection and Preservation of Life from  
Conception to Birth and Beyond.**

### Novena Prayer

Ever generous God,  
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop  
to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ,  
and to be constant in bringing hope and encouragement  
to those who were disheartened, lonely, sick  
or needy.

With confidence in Your generous providence  
we join with Saint Mary MacKillop  
and ask that You grant our request for

May our faith and hope be fired afresh  
by the Holy Spirit so that we too, like  
Mary MacKillop may live with courage,  
trust and openness.

Ever generous God hear our prayer.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Stand for Life Rally

This is our last chance to have a huge public gathering to oppose the extreme abortion bill that is being rushed through NSW Parliament. Join religious leaders, politicians, pro-life advocates and everyone who stands for women and children for a rally on **Sunday, 15 September 2019 at 2.30pm in Hyde Park, Sydney.** More information [www.stand4.life](http://www.stand4.life)

### Catholic Mission Appeal Weekend of the 5th & 6th October

DO NOT FEAR

*for I am with you*

*Isaiah 41:10*

Reach out. Give life.  
Please give generously

## A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



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