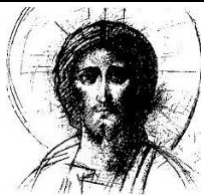


### Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 15/09/2019

**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 \$1,743.85

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Envelopes and/or Credit Card payments: \$1,940.80**  
**Loose Money: \$1,120.95**

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



***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

### Altar Servers Meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 24 September  
4:30 - 5.15pm

### 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 12 October ~  
After the 6pm Mass

### 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)*

## 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*

### 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**

### SACRAMENT NEWS:

Confirmation Photo Collection will take place on **Friday 18th October from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the Montefano Hall.**

### First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

2020 enrolments will take place on 2/3 Nov and 9/10 Nov at Parish Masses. Enrolment forms will be available in mid-October.

For all enquires please contact Helena  
- [sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au) or 9725 4317  
(Tues/Wed).

### St Gertrude's Parish Playgroup

**When:** Thursday's (during School Term)

**Time:** 9:30am – 11:30am

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

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

### 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*

### Catholic Bushwalking Club

Join Today - [www.cbcnsw.org.au](http://www.cbcnsw.org.au) Ph 0478 919 427  
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*Walks every Weekend.*

### 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.*

### Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 13 October 2019 (Behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2.30pm followed by Mass and Blessing of the Sick at 3pm. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Richard Umbers. *Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.*

**Society of Our Lady of Lourdes.**

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### Walk with Christ

Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the **Feast of Christ The King on November 24 at 2.30pm.**

Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city.

Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on November 24.

Daylight Saving Time - Sunday, 6 October 2019 at 2:00am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to 3:00am Sunday 6 October.

When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel. *GIRM 29*

### 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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