

Week ending 8th December ~  
Group E- Neo Cats Group



**Weekend Parish Collections Week- Ending 25/11/2018**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$2976.35** 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: \$1727.65 and \$2290.75 Loose Money.**  
*Thank you for your generous support & May God Bless you all!*

**Advent** ☆☆☆☆☆☆ *New liturgical year begins: Sunday cycle C, weekday cycle 1*


**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December ~ Solemnity**  
**The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



**~ Memorials ~**  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December ~ St Francis Xavier**  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December ~ St Ambrose**

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**  
**We couldn't do it without you**  
 We warmly welcome all Volunteers & Staff to an End of Year  
**Thanksgiving Mass 7pm at St Benedict's Church**  
 followed by a Christmas Party in the Montefano Hall on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December.**

**MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
**Friday 7pm 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
**St Benedict's Church, Smithfield**  
*Please invite family members or friends in need of this Sacrament.*



**Working Bee Thank You**  
 Thank you to all who volunteered their time to help with the working bee this weekend.  
 Your help in preparing the Church look beautiful for Christmas is very much appreciated.  
 Just a reminder that the working bee for St Therese's Church is on next Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

**~ DONATION THANK YOU ~**  
**A big Thank you to the Catholic Italian Federation (FCI)**  
 For their very generous donation of \$8000 to our parish of St Gertrude's, which was raised through their various fund raising events throughout the year.

**SACRAMENT NEWS**  
 Last weekend, 74 young people from our Parish Community received Eucharist for the first time. Congratulations! We pray that all these young people and their families will be strengthened by the continued reception of Jesus in the Eucharist each Sunday.

The prayer support from members of the Parish Community was much appreciated by parents and children. Thank you parents for the sacrifices you made in preparing your children for this special time. A big shout out to the Group Facilitators who generously donated their time to lead the Holy Communion classes. Thank you also to the many people who were involved in the preparation program, meetings, rehearsals, and to all who assisted in making the Holy Communion ceremonies a wonderful and memorable time for the children.

**HOLY COMMUNION PHOTO COLLECTION EVENING:**  
 Holy Communion Photos can be collected from the Montefano Hall on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. **ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT MARIA FROM TRACES OF TIME - 0407 662 535**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENTS FOR 2019:** Enrolments for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2019 are now complete. If you missed out, please contact the Sacramental Office no later than 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Families who have submitted an enrolment form will be contacted by mid-February 2019, with information about classes etc. The Parent Information Evening will be held on: **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**

**SACRAMENTAL OFFICE:** Please be advised the **Sacramental Office will be closed from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November until February 2019.** For all enquiries please email: [sacraments@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stgertrude.org.au) or call 9725 4317 and leave a message. If you wish to see Helena face-to-face, please email/call the Sacramental Office to make an appointment. Thank You.

**~ Reconciliation Before Christmas ~**  
**St Therese's Church, Fairfield West**  
 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30am (Before Mass)  
**St Benedict's Shrine, Smithfield**  
 Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm

**YOUTH GROUP ~ MUSIC REHEARSALS**  
**Monday 10 December at 7.30pm Group 1**  
*(Second Monday of the Month)*  
**Monday 31 December at 7.30pm Group 2**  
*(last Monday of the Month)*


**YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**  
 Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December ~ Starting at 3pm.  
 Children and parents are warmly invited to celebrate together.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 6pm  
 Youth Program is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month . 7pm - 8pm in the Montefano Hall. !  
**Next YOUTH PROGRAM: 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
 All Youth Welcome

**Choir Rehearsals** for Christmas continues every Monday at 7:30pm. All welcome.

**Altar Servers Meeting**  
 Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 4.30pm to 5.15pm

*Italian Catholic Federation*  
 invites **all Parishioners** to join us for **Christmas Lunch at 12:00 noon on Friday 7 December in the Montefano Hall.**  
 3 course meal including drinks, dessert & coffee.  
 Cost: \$30 pp.  
 RSVP by: 30 November.  
 Tony Coiera – 9757-1961 or Gina Morosin – 9604-2458



**St Gertrude's Parish Playgroup**  
 When: Thursday (during school term)  
 Time: 10 am - 12 pm  
 Where: Demountable behind the hall on the paddock.  
 Contact: [playgroup@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:playgroup@stgertrude.org.au)

**ST GERTRUDE'S SCHOOL**  
**END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
**On School grounds**  
 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
 6:30pm – 7:30pm  
*Everyone is invited*

**St Gertrude's Catholic Primary School, Smithfield- Enrolling Now!**  
 St Gertrude's Catholic Primary School was opened in 1952 by the Josephite Sisters and continues today to foster the values and traditions of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop for boys and girls from Kindergarten to Year 6.  
 St Gertrude's is a four stream, low fee paying Catholic School with small class sizes and positions available for 2019. Bursaries (fee reductions) are available for qualifying new arrivals (those who have lived in Australia less than 3 years) and families experiencing financial hardship. Book a school tour now!  
 Arabic speaking staff available on Monday to assist with enrolments.  
 T: 96094144 [www.stgsmithfield.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stgsmithfield.catholic.edu.au)

**SAFEGUARDING NEWS**  
 The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office, in conjunction with the Parish Support and Development Team, has identified the following require a Working with Children Check (WWCC): Youth ministers, children's liturgy, children's choir, Catechists, Sacramental group leaders, readers, acolytes, senior altar servers, extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, Parish counters & collectors and ministers to the homebound. **Please note that some ministries that did not previously require a WWCC, now need one, please visit the RMS before the end of November to obtain a WWCC, otherwise you will need to cease your ministry until this requirement is met.**  
 Volunteers who have not yet completed a Code of Conduct please visit the Parish ASAP.  
 If you have not attended Safeguarding induction training, please speak to Maria or Helena to arrange a time – safeguarding induction training is mandatory for all volunteers. The training can also be completed online, please contact us to ask us how!  
**All volunteers – please check the expiration date of your WWCC. If it is due for renewal please visit the RMS. Once renewed please notify the Parish Office.**  
 Thank you for your continued co-operation to ensure our Parish meets Safeguarding requirements. For more information, please contact the Parish Office or email [pssso@stgertrude.org.au](mailto:pssso@stgertrude.org.au)

**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.

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