



Parramatta
Mission



uniting
church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS for 15th January 2017

Don't wait for other people to be
loving, giving, compassionate,
grateful, forgiving, generous,
or friendly... *lead the way!*

- Steve Maraboli

*Congregational life @ Westmead &
Parramatta, Hospitality, Community and
Mental Health Services across
Greater Sydney and beyond*

Our Vision

*A Community Transforming Lives
Our Values, Grace, Inclusion, Dignity,
Faith and Hope*

REMINDER: JANUARY ARRANGEMENTS

While our 9.30am services are continuing as normal, many of our leaders, groups and committees are still taking a break to rest and revive in preparation for another busy year ahead. If anyone has pastoral support needs during January, please contact our Supply Minister, Rev. Veitina.

COMING SOON - BALLOONS ON AUSTRALIA DAY!

Parramatta Mission will again be involved in operating tethered balloon flights at Parramatta Park this Australia Day - so volunteers are needed. If anyone from Leigh would like to help, please contact Donna Kelly at the office, 9891-2277 or email donna.kelly@parramattamission.org.au.

2017 @ LEIGH MEMORIAL: GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

Leigh Memorial groups and activities returning for this year will include: Couples & Friends, SPOW (Single People of Worth), Music Praise Team, Sunday School @ Leigh, Saturday Night Youth, Community Visitors, LEAP, Church Library, Evening Congregation, Fellowship of the Least Coin, Inter-denominational & PNP Adult Fellowship representations, Heritage Committee, Parramatta Lanes, Congregation Leaders, Future Directions, Public Lectures, Inter-faith events & Worship Committee. Exact start-up dates and times will be notified by group leaders.



LET'S HELP CREATE A SAFE CHURCH!

Please remember to securely lock doors, turn off appliances, check for hazards, bin or remove rubbish responsibly, protect children and other vulnerable people, report problems and look after your personal safety. Room bookings must be made in advance via Reception on 9891-2277 and safety hazards must be reported. Thank you!

Fijian Congregation



YURORA
 NCYC 2017 UNITING CULTURE
 8 - 12 Jan 2017
 Sydney, Australia



*Multicultural Festival @ Yurora.
 Our group performed with Kangaroo
 Point, Canterbury and Perth*



*Babanas hanging out with President of UCA,
 Stuart McMillan*



Breakfast time



*Sharing space with team from Arnhem
 Land*

DATE	VUNAU	VUNAU VAKARAU	TUVAKARAU VEILIUTAKI
22 Januери	J.Foiakau	S.Qata	M 3
29 Januери	S.Qata	A.Vocea	M 1
5 Feperuери	Rev K Hamilton	S.Toa	M2

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

15-03

주현절 두 번째 주일 (2nd Epiphany of Sunday) 주일 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) **새 1장** **통 1장** 만복의 근원 하나님

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed)다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

새 29장 **통 29장** 성도여 다 함께

새 154장 **통 139장**

생명의 주여 면류관

기도 (Prayer) 다함께

주기도문송 **새 635장** 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **마태복음 25:31-46**

말씀 (Preaching)-김성철 목사 영생과 영벌

성찬및 봉헌 송 (Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 449장 **통 377장** 예수 따라가며

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

할렐루야! 오늘 함께 예배드린 여러분에게 주님이 주시는 평안이 충만하시길 축복합니다

- 성령충만함으로 주께서 주신 사명 잘 감당하는 건강한 교회로 세워지길 기도합니다
- 한 영혼을 구원하는 전도에 자원하는 마음으로 열심히 동참합니다.
- 매일 성경으로 묵상하는 QT를 하고 적용하는 훈련을 합니다.
- 오늘은 주현절 두 번째 주일입니다 주님의 은혜와 사랑으로 매일 매일 살아갑시다

폐회 찬송 (Final Hymn) **새 502장** **통 259장** 빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)

축도 (Benediction) 김성철 목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
요한복음 5:30-47

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
요한복음 5:10-6:40

Invitation

The Hunter Presbytery has pleasure in inviting

**The members of Leigh Memorial Congregation
Parramatta Mission**

to attend

The Ordination

Of

Danielle Hemsworth-Smith

**as a Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church in
Australia**

at

**New Lambton Uniting Church
Corner Portland Place & Regent Streets
New Lambton**

on

Saturday 21st January 2017

at 2.00pm

Afternoon tea will follow.

RSVP

**Jenny Mathieson - Secretary – Hunter Presbytery
(02) 49468143 or jennyandray@bigpond.com**

40 by U2

I waited patiently for the Lord.
He inclined and heard my cry.
He brought me up out of the pit
Out of the miry clay.

I will sing, sing a new song.
I will sing, sing a new song.

How long to sing this song?
How long to sing this song?
How long?
How long?
How long?
How long to sing this song?

You set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm.
many will see,
many will see and fear.

I will sing, sing a new song.
I will sing, sing a new song.
I will sing, sing a new song.
I will sing, sing a new song.

How long to sing this song?
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to sing this song?

Psalm 40:1-3

1. I waited patiently for the Lord;
He inclined to me and heard
my cry
2. He drew me up from the
desolate pit,
Out of the miry bog
And set my feet upon a rock
Making my steps secure
3. He put a new song in my
mouth
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord.

Psalm 6:3

My soul also is struck with
terror,
While you, O Lord - how long?

Reflections

The Psalm for today is Psalm 40. The Psalm contrasts with other Psalms in that it begins with thanksgiving followed by lament, whereas other lament Psalms begin with lament followed by thanksgiving. The thanksgiving is for previous actions of God, now there is lament over a current situation. It is possible that the Psalmist and the people have been forgiven for previous sin, but the natural consequences of that iniquity are leading to the present crisis.

40 also happens to be the title of the last song on the U2 album *War*. *War* is not only about inter-national disagreements, it is also about interpersonal disagreements, and even the disconnection between our inner and outer life.

The album begins with *Sunday Bloody Sunday*, influenced by the Sunday in 1972 when British paratroopers killed 13 protesters in Ireland. The song speaks to situations of pain and loss of life. For example, after the Bali bombing, the lyrics were altered to refer to Bali, and the concert after 9/11 referred to that conflagration. It was used after the Sunday at Port Arthur. The song has the refrain: How long, how long must we sing this song? How long?

Ending the album with 40 that speaks of previous rescue and current lament seems fitting. And the refrain? The refrain, which ties the last song with the first song, seems to have been inspired by Psalm 6:3, includes the words: How long to sing this song? It seems to have a double meaning: how long before war is no more, and how long do we keep singing a song of thanksgiving for all that God has done? We decide the answer to both questions.

Psalm 40 also inspired the writer to Hebrews 10:5-10, who reinterprets the Psalm as referring to Jesus who lifts us out of the miry clay, and thus there is no need for further sacrifices, and that element is there in U2's 40. Bono has said that the reference to Sunday also refers to the resurrection. It is not that terrible things happen at Christmas or Easter, but that God breaks into our terrible experiences with the message of Christmas and Easter.

Many U2 concerts finish with the band singing 40, and one by one the band members leave the stage with the crowd continuing to sing the refrain How long to sing this song? How long? As the crowd disperse, they continue to sing the refrain, as if taking this message away with them; and is that what we do as we leave church each Sunday? We go out praising God and also crying out to God for intervention to end all enmity, destruction and separation.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



2017
**PANCAKE
RACE!**

Get ready for
another
PAN-TASTIC
event!



COME AND BE A PART OF THE 2017 PARRAMATTA MISSION PANCAKE RACE...

EVENT DETAILS:

- Date:** Tuesday 28th February 2017
- Time:** Race commences at 11:30am
(participant arrival at 11:00am for orientation and warm up/stretch)
- Location:** Centennial Square Parramatta
- On the day:** Teams of four (4) participants in relays heats.
Followed by a final race consisting of the top four timed teams...

Teams are running in support of Parramatta Mission's Raising Hope (*Foundation for women facing homelessness*). Participants take to the track on a mission to be crowned the Pancake Race winners, and take out the ultimate prize, the "Gold fry pan."

***Will your team be triumphant or will a previous
year's winning team retain their glory?***

- Team registrations:** Before Tuesday 14th February 2017
- Information/inquiries:** Donna Kelly
donna.kelly@parramattamission.org.au
9891 2277

For more information, please contact Donna Kelly via email at donna.kelly@parramattamission.org.au or phone 9891 2277

WAYS YOU CAN TAKE PART IN THE 2017 PARRAMATTA MISSION PANCAKE RACE

1. Register a team:

Officially register your team by contacting Donna Kelly with your team details
(including a Captain to lead the team and be main contact for the team)

Note: (Teams consist of four (4) runners)

2. Register a Team for support and sponsorship:

Register your team on "EverydayHero"

<https://www.everydayhero.com.au/event/pmpancakerace2017>

3. Donate to Raising Hope:

Visit the Pancake Race everydayhero page

<https://www.everydayhero.com.au/event/pmpancakerace2017>

select the "donate" option to support.

4. Donate a prize for the winning and consecutive teams:

Contact Donna Kelly to discuss, as per contact details below.

5. Come on the day and show your support for Parramatta Mission and Raising Hope...

For more information, please contact Donna Kelly via email at
donna.kelly@parramattamission.org.au or phone 9891 2277

Parramatta Mission projects supported in the Uniting Church

Please pray for:

Hospital chaplaincy with patients, staff & families.

Living as a multicultural church.

Ministry with people in prison.

Ministry with hospital patients living with a mental illness.



Parramatta Mission/Leigh Memorial are again proudly volunteering at the Australia Day Tethered Balloons in Parramatta Park. Involvement is warmly welcome and invited. If you are able to support by volunteering your time to guide Balloon passengers to their designated balloon, please contact



Donna Kelly (9891 2277 or email donna.kelly@parramattamission.org.au)

Thank you



More prayers for Wesley Castle Hill Uniting Church

- For God's guidance in regard to staffing as Rev Karen Mitchell-Lambert leaves Wesley after 4 years to take up a position at Uniting.
- That the missional impact will remain the primary focus throughout the planning process to re-develop the current church site.
- For the various groups commencing activities for 2017.
- That the congregation will be innovative in engaging the wider community.
- For the Rev Greg Woolnough, the Minister of the Word as he becomes the sole ministry agent, the Rev Karen Mitchell-Lambert as she uses her gifts in new ways through Uniting and Ms Karen Needs, Administrative Assistant.
- That the congregation will continue to wrestle with the implications of the Jesus' Gospel in the affluent bible belt.
- That the congregation will be a place of fun!

Prayer Points

Our Congregations are committed to praying for our Congregations, Staff and the People we walk with in their journey of recovery:

We pray for:

- ♥ *For radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking witness and service, and extravagant generosity*
- ♥ *UC congregations of the Cumberland Zone: Dundas/Ermington, Northmead, North Rocks, Carlingford, West Epping, Centenary – calling a new minister, Wentworthville, Holroyd, Greystanes, Grantham Heights, Parramatta Mission, Auburn.*
- ♥ *For the worship, witness and service of: Castle Hill UC Pray for this vibrant congregation, strategically placed in Sydney's north-west, and for their ministers Rhonda White and Karen Mitchell-Lambert.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Fijian: Youth attending Yurora from 8th - 12th Jan. Sai Vute and Delana family. Vocea and Vosalotaki families as they continue holidays overseas. Niko Balavu and his family. Wendy Morris as she continues voluntary work with the Methodist Church of Fiji and Rotuma and Uniting World*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Memorial: Col, Betty, Willamena, Nell.*
- ♥ *PM Westmead: Rebecca and her family, Kevin, Robyne, Flora, May, Robyn and Greg, Rajes (Sandra), Phyllis, Billie, Vita, Satik, Nancy, baby James and family, Caroline and David A, Ashima and Anusha Saxena, Mr and Mrs B and family, Jane and Brad and baby Coco, Vicky, Col, Mere and her family, Al, Mrs G and family, Lorraine, Jan, David and Tracey, and Judy, S and his family, Rebecca and family.*
- ♥ *PM UnitingHospitality; UnitingHope; UnitingRecovery; support services of Finance – IT and Payroll, People and Culture, Property, Housing and Maintenance, Fundraising and Marketing, Reception; For all who walk with people on difficult journeys of life.*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Cyprus, Greece, Turkey*

Foster your faith this week

Is 9:1-4 Ps 27:1,4-9 1 Cor 1:10-18 Mt 4:12-23

Pastoral message for this week....

We are in this together.

Let's make the most of this opportunity.

Worship Services at Parramatta Mission

Mon to Fri	9.00am - 2.00pm	Open Church @ Leigh Memorial
Tuesday	1.10pm	Holy Communion @ Leigh
Sunday	9.30am	Leigh Memorial Congregation @ Leigh
	9.45am	Westmead Congregation @ Westmead
	11.15am	Leigh Fijian Congregation @ Leigh
	1.30pm	Korean Faith Community @ Leigh
	7.00pm	Praise, Prayer, Cake & Coffee @ Leigh

Contacts

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Westmead Congregation Rev Christine Bayliss Kelly 0409 925 607

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