




Parramatta
Mission



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in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS for 17th September 2017



*Selfless giving unto others
represents one's true wealth.*

~Jon M. Huntsman

*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*

A SPECIAL SUNDAY - During this Sunday's 9.30am service, we will not only share in the Goodridge family baptism (Wilhemina's little grand-child), but enjoy a featured organ performance of the great hymn 'To God be the Glory' by our own student organist, 17 year old Terry - who has been practising his skills on our organ for some months. Thank you Terry & look out for a special organ recital at Leigh Memorial in 2018 (date to be confirmed), inc. both young and experienced organists from around the Sydney area.

PEACE SERVICE - THIS THURSDAY - This year's International Day of Peace Inter-faith Prayer Service will take place this Thursday, 21 September, in the Fellowship Hall from 2.00pm. **'Welcomers' are needed** to greet guests + **contributions of vegetarian food** will be greatly appreciated. Enquiries: Manas.

THANK YOU: GREEN SUNDAY - Sef Carroll has conveyed her appreciation of the warm welcome given to her by everyone at our multicultural service last week. What a positive, warm and valuable morning it was. Thanks to all of our contributors. Please see the photo page in this week's newsletter.

CREATIVE PROJECT: 'FAITH' - Our courtyard has a new feature: a vibrant sign, saying 'Faith', which is a special project of our senior Sunday School class, with a significant contribution by young artist Lisa, one of our talented ex-students. Overseen & guided by Ken Morgan, the 'Faith' sign will, we hope, provide both inspiration and important witness to congregation members, staff, clients and visitors alike. Please check the sign when you have a chance - and thanks again to Ken for his efforts, plus all those who helped along the way, including the de Réland family and junior artists: Thomas, Osheen, Opal & Johana.



CONGRATLUATIONS - Last Sunday we celebrated Helen Key's special birthday and enjoyed a smartie-topped cake, made by daughter Anne. Helen is a valued, always generous member of our congregation, and among other contributions - co-ordinates our morning tea roster. Many blessings Helen, from all of us.

BLESSINGS JOHANA - Thoughts & prayers for Year 10 student Johana, - Samantha and Tomasi's daughter - as she embarks on a school mission trip to South Korea. Blessings from all of us Johana!

‘GREEN SUNDAY’ @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

Last Sunday, 10 September, the **combined Leigh Memorial & Leigh Fijian congregations** enjoyed a very special, multicultural service together, with the theme of ‘Green Sunday’. Photos below include guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Sef Carroll, the Leigh Fijian choir, the combined Sunday School kids with their artwork, Liz’s ‘Fijian Sunset’ paintings, Sam with Fil on guitar & Mario and Ken giving the readings from Genesis. Thanks to all involved, including, those who contributed to our ‘brunch’.



Photos by Mario - thanks as always Mario!

JOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEES (JNCs)

Today, Sunday 17th, there will be a special meeting of the Westmead congregation to discuss the proposed name of an applicant for the PM University Chaplain who will be based initially at Parramatta then will include the Westmead campus when it is redeveloped. Members of the JNC will be coming at 11.30 for this meeting. During this week we will interview some applicants for the Chaplain at the Children's Hospital at Westmead. Please pray for God's Spirit to help us discern the right people.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Over quite a period of time a group of people from the two Leigh Congregations have been meeting and have worked towards a statement of core values. This is in addition to the PM values, strategic directions etc. Westmead leaders met with the larger group last Thursday evening and we are looking at how we can express who we are and what we are seeking to be and do in the Westmead Area, referring to the 'InSpiring the Common Good' statement. Please see Rev Christine if you have a comment or something to offer in this process. These documents will be brought into the revised Strategic directions for PM.

CHURCH COUNCIL

On Thursday night the Parramatta Mission Church Council will meet at Westmead. Please pray for the people on the Council as we make decisions for the congregations of Parramatta Mission. Thank you to all who offer their time as part of the leadership in the congregations and across Parramatta Mission.

FELLOWSHIP BUS TRIP

On Tuesday 10th October the fellowship bus trip is happening. We will be going to Linwood country Club. More details to follow. Please speak to Sue or Lorna.

THANKYOU

Thank you for your patience as different sections are blocked off for painting and other changes. The car parking will continue be disrupted until all of the work has been finished. Please pray for all who are involved in the works around 175.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study - Mondays 2.00 - 3.30pm

Fellowship - Tuesday 10th October for local bus trip.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Time Out Café (TOC) -Tues/Thurs 11.00 - 1.30pm



Open Door - Wednesdays 1.00 - 3.30pm

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am

WESTMEAD Congregation

FIJIAN

- **Friday 22nd September, 7.00pm Connect & Shake** groups meet @ the Coffee Shop. *Invite your friends!*
- **Vuli Sere** : 10.30am na mataka ni Siga Tabu ena MealsPlus.
- **Masumasu kei na Veisiko.** Kerei me yadravi tiko na masumasu kei na veisiko ena vei yasa ni koro.
- **Inspiring the Common Good.** E taba toka era na rai ni Lotu ena Parramatta Mission, ena veiveisau sa wavoliti keda tiko ena gauna oqo. Me da vakadeitaki keda ena yavu ni noda Lotu me vanua ni veivakauqeti ena veika vinaka, me tarai cake kina na veiwekani vinaka, ka qaravi kece kina na tamata. Kerei me da wilika ka veitalanoa kina

inSpiring the Common Good

Through the life and witness of its congregations, through its delivery of social services, Parramatta Mission is seeking to redevelop its site and be a source of inspiration in the life of Sydney's 'central city'.

Leigh Memorial Church seeks to be:

- A place of life and worship, community and practice established in the hospitality of Christ;
- A public place that seeks to honour the Aboriginal history of being a 'meeting place', celebrates the diversity of today, and welcomes the gift of music and the arts;
- A place to pursue the common good where matters that enable the flourishing of all are explored;
- A nurturing place of forgiveness, the healing of life's wounds, mercy, compassion, reconciliation, love, friendship and grace.
- A place which acknowledges the heritage of the past, is birthed in hope and is open to God's future.

DATE	VUNAU	VUNAU LESI	VUNAU VAKARAU	TU-VAKARAU	TALI VUNAU	COMMUNION
24-Sep	Fiji Parish	V.Kamotu	S.Tuiloma	M1	M1	
1-Oct	Rev V.Ravetali H/Communion		S.Toa	M2		S.Tuiloma/ S.Toa
8-Oct	A.Allison	I.Foiakau		Youth		

Matthew 18:21-35

21 Then Peter came to Jesus and said, "Lord, how often shall a member of the church sin against me, and I forgive him or her? As many as seven times?"
22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times but seventy times seven.
23 The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24 And when he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed equal to 20 years wages; 25 and as he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, and his wife, and his children, and all that he had, and the payment to be made. 26 So the servant fell down on his knees and implored him saying, 'Be patient with me, and I will repay you everything'.
27 Filled with tenderness, the master of the servant released him, and forgave the loan. 28 But going out that servant found one of his fellow servants who owed him a day's wages; and seizing him by the throat so that he nearly choked him, said, 'Repay what you owe.' 29 So his fellow servant fell down on his knees and pleaded to him saying, 'Be patient with me and I will repay you.'
30 He refused; but he went and threw him into prison until he would repay what was owed. 31 When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went to their master and explained everything.
32 Then his master called him forward and said to him, 'You evil servant! I forgave all your debt, because you requested me. 33 Shouldn't you also have had mercy on your fellow servant, even as I had mercy on you?' 34 And being angry, his master delivered him to the torturers until he should repay everything owing him. 35 So also your heavenly Father will do to you if you do not each forgive your brother or sister from your heart."
(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

The importance of forgiving the other is not only for the sake of the other, but the sake of oneself. Jesus said love your neighbour as you love yourself, which suggests how we treat others not only affects the other, it also affects us. Holding a grudge hurts everyone. Forgiving the other is an act of grace.



Keli, Kath, Mana, Natalie, Keith, Geoff, and Jo, at the launch of the new pergola at Thelma Brown Cottage (TBC). Keli, Kath and Geoff represented Matthews Folbigg, who funded the new pergola. The women, children, and staff at TBC thank you.



Out of the Shadows Walk in Parramatta Park last Sunday morning helped raised awareness about mental illness and suicide, bringing it out of the shadows into the light. The walk included placing a flower of remembrance in the river for those who have died from suicide, and a commitment to raise up mental health and suicide. There were about twenty five of us, staff and community people, were present. Well organised by and thanks to Sandhya and Justin from Parramatta Mission's Lifeline Western Sydney, and in Gosford, Phoebe and her team.



The Raising Hope Gala was a great night of raising awareness and raising a large amount of money to invest in the social heart of Western Sydney. Yes, that is Brett Kenny helping auction a signed Eels 2017 jumper. Yes, that is Federal Member for Parramatta, Julie Owens. Yes, that is the five women from United Against Domestic Violence who have also raised awareness and funds for TBC, our refuge for women and children escaping domestic violence. Yes, that is a

table of women from our Leigh Fijian congregation. Thanks to the many who made the night possible, especially Jo, Rena, Jenny, Donna, Nicole, and Tracey who organised the event, and our event partners.



Here with the latest group of PM staff undertaking the PM Engagement Day. At left is Belinda, coordinator at Wesley Apartments, speaking about the work of hospitality to families with a child in the Children's Hospital, Westmead. We thank all the sites visited for their hospitality. At one the member of staff said, "Parramatta Mission is one big family, welcome to the family."



R U OK is a public awareness campaign that it is ok to ask if you are ok, and it might just save another's life.

Parramatta Mission's HASI Plus at Carlingford had an R U OK morning tea on R U OK day, last Thursday, just when the PM bus full of PM people on the engagement day were visiting. The delicious food, including jam and cream scones was much appreciated.



Blessings, Keith Hamilton

성령강림절 제16주(Pentecost Sunday) 2017년09월17일 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

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

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 287 통 205 장 예수 앞에 나오면

새 149 장 통 147 장

주 달려 죽은 십자가

기도 (Prayer) 주기도문송 새 635장 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지 다함께

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 로마서 7:21-25

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 그리스도인의 자유(2)

봉헌 송(Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 455 장 통 507 장 주님의 마음을 본 받는 자

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 불철 건강과 마음의 평강을 위해 함께 기도합니다
2. 매일 성경 말씀 묵상으로 주님과 친밀한 교제의 시간을 누리며 승리하시기 바랍니다
3. 기도제목: 전도와 선교에 앞장서는 하나님의 자녀로 살아갑시다.

폐회찬송(Final Hymn) 새502장 통 259장 빛의 사자들이여 어서가서 (1)

축도 전현구 목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
예레미야 3:19-4:4

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
예레미야3:1-5:9

**WEST EPPING
WOMEN**

warmly invite you to
join us at

**Leura Uniting
Church**

on

**Saturday
28th October
2017**

10:00am – 3:30pm

Cost: \$30

(includes morning tea,
lunch and craft material)

*Join us for a special day
where we can connect with
other women, grow in our
faith, and share with others
in a safe place – loving,
learning and laughing
together.*

***Foster your
faith this week***

Ex 16:2-15

Ps 105:1-6, 37-45

Phil 1:21-30

Mt 20:1-16

***Pastoral message
for this week....***

***What a blessing it is
to everyone
When we position
our mood
To generosity and
self-less giving***



Prayer Points

The Pm congregations invite you to join in prayers for:

- ♥ *For guidance for the decision to call a chaplain to link PM with the WSU campuses, and a chaplain to link Wesley Apartments and the children's hospital at Westmead.*
- ♥ *PM congregations at Parramatta and Westmead, and hospitality, community and mental health services that extend right across Sydney to Lithgow, Central Coast and Hunter Valley, and support service, and the residents, guests, visitors, consumers, clients whom we meet and journey with every day of the year. We also pray for staff (some who have been with us more than 10 years) and clients connected with HASI Western Sydney and Central Coast following the loss of those contracts, and the setting up of new HASI programs in the Hunter Valley.*
- ♥ *For guidance for the decision to call a chaplain to link PM with the WSU campuses, and a chaplain to link Wesley Apartments and the children's hospital at Westmead.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Memorial: Joan, Hazel, Betty, Wilhemina, Col, Aunty Jo, Victoria and family, Johana (about to embark on a school mission trip to South Korea), our HSC student, Vili - plus our Leaders' team, Youth Group, Baptism families & Sunday School @ Leigh children and their families, Liz .*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Fijian: Akisi Allison, Toa and Lee family, Seru family, Adriu Rogoimuri, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani,*
- ♥ *PM Westmead: Nancy, Jean, Michels, Paula and Geoffrey, Garry, Chris and family, Rob, Jodie and Family, Rev Veitinia, Flora, May, Rajes (Sandra), Henry, Phyllis, Billie, Vita, Satik, Nancy, Caroline and David A, Mr and Mrs B and family, Col, Al, Jan and her family, Mrs G and family, Judy, Shanika and family, Lee and her family, Ashima and Anusha Saxena, Mr and Mrs T, Lyn and Beth, Lena, Sheila W, Ruth and Lela, Rev Christine and family, Max, Mr and Mrs S..*
- ♥ *UC congregations of the Cumberland Zone: Dundas/Ermington, Northmead, North Rocks, Carlingford, West Epping, Centenary, Wentworthville, Holroyd, Greystanes, Grantham Heights, Parramatta Mission, Auburn.*
- ♥ *For the worship, witness and service of Richmond Uniting Congregation. Give thanks for the growth in the congregation and for the increasing interest in working across the missional zone.*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine*

Worship Services at Parramatta Mission

Mon to Fri 9.00am - 2.00pm

Tuesday 1.10pm

Sunday 9.30am

9.45am

11.15am

1.30pm

7.00pm



Open Church @ Leigh Memorial

Holy Communion @ Leigh

Leigh Memorial Congregation @ Leigh

Westmead Congregation @ Westmead

Leigh Fijian Congregation @ Leigh

Korean Faith Community @ Leigh

Praise, Prayer, Cake & Coffee @ Leigh

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