



Parramatta
Mission



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Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS for 12th November 2017



*Congregational life @ Westmead & Parramatta,
Hospitality, Community and
Mental Health Services across
Greater Sydney, Central Coast, Hunter and
Mid-North Coast*

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

PEACE DINNER 2017!

On **Saturday night, 2 December**, starting at **6.30pm**, we'll be hosting our annual Peace Dinner plus congregation celebration here at Leigh. All members are warmly invited to attend and to help us celebrate the good news of peace, love & joy this Advent - along with those from our local community and other denominations & faiths. Special guest on the night will be the **new Moderator of the NSW/ACT Synod, Rev. Simon Hansford** and keynote speaker will be **Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv., Bishop of Parramatta**. This is a free event. The evening will include entertainment and a delicious two course vegetarian meal plus some seasonal treats! RSVPs are needed by 26 November for catering purposes and should be given to the Leaders' team via Liz – emccder4@gmail.com - or text 0409395916.



REMEMBRANCE DAY: 11 NOVEMBER

This year is the 99th anniversary of the Armistice which ended World War I. The Leigh Memorial congregation acknowledges with solemn remembrance the sacrifice of the fallen in that and all wars, and we share in the prayers of all Australians and those around the world for a more peaceful, inclusive and harmonious future. *Lest We Forget*.

LEADERS' MEETING

This Sunday 12 November, our Congregation Leaders team will be meeting in the Coffee Shop following morning tea. Enquiries: Manas/Bruce.

CONGREGATION ROLL

The Leaders' team is currently seeking to update our congregation roll & contact details, ready for 2018. The most recent version of the roll is from 2015, so if you are a new member - or if any of your contact details have changed during the past 3 years, please see the Leaders team asap to provide an update.

** Forms will be available at the 9.30am service or please see Samantha. **

UPDATE: WILLIAM MATEO

LEIGH Congregation

William reports that he has made good progress in his school chaplaincy work and his studies at the Uniting Theological College. William is applying for a scripture teaching position in 2018 and continuing his POD (period of discernment) regarding future ministry options. He thanks Rev. Manas, the congregation and the leaders' team for their continued support and prayers.

WARMEST CONGRATLUATIONS

Happy 21st birthday to Emma, Ian & Margie's youngest daughter. Have a great celebration Emma. Some of us remember when you were born!

COMING SOON: LEIGH MEMORIAL GIVING TREE

Our traditional 'Giving Tree' will operate during morning services on **26 November, and 3 & 10 December**. Enquiries – Liz/Sunday School.

Saturday Morning Studies: 'Living Adventurously'

The season of Advent is just round the corner. It's nearly Christmas time but don't panic: the gospel of Mark has no Christmas story! On the first Sunday in Advent we change gospels for the year from Matthew to Mark. It can be a fascinating thing to explore how one gospel at a time tells the Jesus story. Clive Pearson will lead 2 studies before Christmas that will give us an introduction to Mark's understanding.

Saturday, 25 November: 10 - 11:30am: Choir Vestry:
What no Christmas! (Reading One Gospel at a Time).

Saturday 9 December: 10 - 11:30 am: Coffee Shop
"Who do you say that I am?" (Mark's secret).

There will be 2 further studies on Mark during Lent as we prepare for Easter. We also plan to do a community reading of Mark, beginning to end.

On behalf of the Leigh Music Team and all the performers and technical people I would like to thank everyone who attended the performance of

Leigh Goes Irish and all things Celtic
on Saturday night.

We raised \$1155 for the work of Parramatta Mission.

It was a fun night enjoyed by all and
reflected peoples love of Celtic music.
Malcolm Dunbar (Music coordinator)

HOLIDAYS

Rev Christine is back on deck and had a wonderful time. Thanks to all who assisted with the different programs whilst she was away and the wonderful people who keep the congregation going well. A special thanks to Lena, our student minister, for leading worship during this time, and those who supported her.

GOLD COIN DONATION

On Communion Sundays we donate gold coins to provide meals and welcome packs for Wesley Apartments and we are now extending this further across Parramatta Mission, for example, to assist Thelma Brown Cottage with welcome packs. Please donate a gold coin to assist this important ministry.

MARKET MORNING

The market morning went well on Thursday with people coming and helping across the day. Blankets, plants, second hand books and other goods were sold. Thanks to all who came or assisted.

PARRAMATTA MISSION SHOWCASE

Parramatta Mission is holding a showcase where the congregations and varied support programs engage with people about what we do and who we are. It is on Monday 27th November at the Centre for Ministry, 16 Masons Drive, North Parramatta from 10.00 until 3.00 with lunch from 12.00 to 1.00pm. All are welcome to attend or assist with the displays. Please see Rev Christine for further information.

ANGEL TREE

Angel Tree is support for children who have a parent in gaol. We have begun collecting money to buy presents aiming to have the presents purchased, wrapped and ready to be handed out. If you have any questions, please see Karen.

USED GLASSES AND SUNGLASSES

If you have used glasses and sunglasses, prescription or non-prescription, then please bring them in and give to Robyne. They are able to be reused to assist people in Papua New Guinea with eyesight problems or needing sunglasses to help protect their eyes.

PARRAMATTA MISSION CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

The annual appeal of food for hampers has commenced. Please see the noticeboard for further information or speak to Rev Christine.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 7th Nov 2.00pm

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

성령강림절 제23주(Pentecost Sunday) 2017년 11월12일 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) 새 3 장 통 2 장 성부 성자 성령께 찬송 다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 64 장 통 13장 기뻐하며 경배하세

새 149 장 통 147 장 주 달려 죽은 십자가

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 누가복음 11:14-23

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 바알이나 하나님이나

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn) 새 455장 통507 장 주님의 마음을 본받는 자

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 여름철 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 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부 오후4:00	수요기도회 : 오후 7시 에베소서 6:1-9	새벽기도회 : 오전 5시 에베소서 5:15~에스더 2:18
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Fijian Congregation

- Vuli Sere : 10.30am na mataka ni Siga Tabu ena Hall. Kerei na nomuni veitokoni ena kena vulici ka lagati vinaka na sere ni SoKalou
- Veisiko: Kerei meda tomana tiko na veisiko Vakamatamasumasu. Ke dua e gadrevi me sikovi ena loma ni nomudou wasewase qai soli mai na yacana me vakadewataki vei Fil Kamotu
- PM Show Case: Ke dua e rawa ni solia dua na wase ni nona gauna (dua se rua na aua qai solia mai na yacamu) me veivuke ena nadatou stall, 27 Noveba.
- Supply Minister: Meda vakanananu tiko yani ena ulutga qo me vaka a vosa kina o Talatala Qase Keith
- Veiqaravi VakaiTalatala: Kerei meda veitalanoa tiko ena ulutaga qo me vaka a vosa kina o Talatala Keith
- Masumasu: Eda vakauqeti me tomani tiko na qaravi ni masumasu ena noda dui wase ni koro.
- Gauna Ni Lotu: Levu tiko na bera kerei meda totolo mai me tekivu na Lotu ena kena gauna donu
- (11.15am)

"O koya mo dou qai vakatawa ni dou sa sega ni kila na siga, se na tiki ni siga sa na lako mai kina na luve ni tamata." (Maciu 25:13) Meda ka kua ni vakataki ratou na yalewa lialia, sega ni vakarau, wele voliga, Vakaveitalia taka tu ga na bula. Meda vakasaqara na sala meda ciqomi Jisu kina, sega ni rauta meda wale tikoga, sa kena gauna saraga oqo meda cakava kina. Sa matata ni na Lesu Vakarua mai na Turaga Ko Jisu ia e sega ni dua e kila na siga se tiki ni siga.



DATE	VUNAU	VUNAU LESH	VUNAU VAKARAU	TUNAKARAU VEI-UTAKI	TALI VUNAU	COMMUNION
19 Nov	Rooty Hill	S.Qata	J.Foiakau	M3		
26 Nov	Fiji Parish	J.Foiakau	S.Tuiloma	M1		
3 Dec	Rev K Hamilton Vula Vou		S.Toa			J.Foiakau/A.Vocra

Pastoral message for this week....

*Treat each person you meet
As if for the first time.....
With care and respect*

**Invitation to Members of
Cumberland Zone**

**May MacLeod series.
Dr Sathianathan Clarke
Tuesday 21 November,
7.30 pm to 9 pm at the
Centre for Ministry**

Foster your faith this week

***Jgs 4:1-7 Ps 123
1 Thes 5:1-11 Mt 25:14-30***

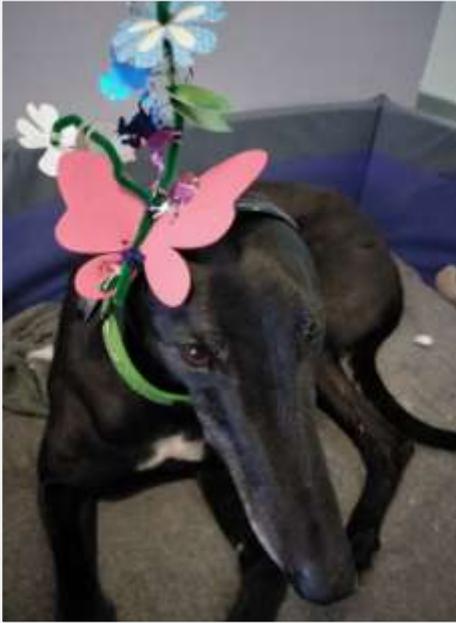
Matthew 25:1-13

1 Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be compared with ten unmarried girls who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Now five of them were foolish and five were thoughtful. 3 For when the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take oil with them. 4 But the thoughtful ones took oil in containers with their lamps. 5 And as the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, 'Look, the bridegroom! Go out and meet him'. 7 Then all the unmarried girls rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said to the thoughtful ones, 'Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are going out'. 9 But the thoughtful ones answered, saying, 'Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; rather, you go to the shopkeepers and buy for yourselves. 10 And while they were away buying, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding festivities with him and the door was shut. 11 Then the other unmarried girls came, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 Watch, therefore, for you do not know the day or the hour."

Reflections

This week's Uniting Church's daily devotional in *With Love to the World*, written by Clive Pearson, member of the Leigh Memorial congregation, pointed me to a book on my shelves, *Improvisation: The drama of Christian Ethic* by Samuel Wells, vicar of St Martin in the Fields in London. In the chapter titled, *Forming Habits*, Wells mentions this parable. He quotes the Duke of Wellington's famous statement on the Napolenonic wars, "The battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eaton." It was there on the playing fields that people learnt skills that assisted them later, and the point is that to make the right ethical decision in the critical moment of testing requires the habit (discipline) of developing ethics over a long period of time.

In the parable the decisive moment for the ten women came long before the arrival of the bridegroom. The foolish bridesmaids are hopelessly unprepared for the arrival of the bridegroom. It was their lack of preparation that let them down, and nothing could be done at the time of arrival of the bridegroom to change the situation. By contrast the five prudent bridesmaids prepared well beforehand for any eventuality. The football commentator, former player and coach, Phil Gould, speaks of the hours put in by players on the practice field to make a game-day winning play happen, and look simple. Being a disciple of Jesus requires no less discipline, and this is also true of any and every human endeavour. Wells writes of regular worship that "by naming the presence of God the community develops the skill of wonder, the virtue of humility, and the notion of God's glory and faithfulness."



Greetings from 'Diggs'
at HASI Plus.
As usual he got into the swing of
things and came well prepared to
the Melbourne Cup Celebrations.



Some new and existing staff at Alan Walker College (AWCE) on the latest Engagement Day last week. In the course of the day we visit a cross-section of PM, congregations, hospitality, community and mental health services. Staff at each location speak of the programs and highlights. Discussions include the integration of vision and values and the internal as well as external relationships.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

Parramatta Mission 2017 CHRISTMAS Food and Gift Appeal



You can make Christmas special...

Christmas can be a difficult time of year for families in need. Presents, or maybe even a meal, being a luxury that some families cannot afford.

Organising a food/toy drive at your workplace, church, school or club is a great way to bring joy to low income families and individuals who will be facing an otherwise bleak and desperate holiday season.

With over 1500 hampers distributed to families in 2016, we are hoping to make Christmas better for many more people this year.

What can you do?

1. Sponsor an individual or family hamper

Donate using the form on the back, or online by visiting our website www.parramattamission.org.au to provide a hamper and gifts to individual or families.

2. Donate food items for our hampers

Donate individual items or collect as a group, the items on our list are ideal to fill a hamper. Please ensure that your items are donated before the end of November so that they can be delivered in time for Christmas.

3. Donate gifts

Gifts are needed for all ages and interests. Toys and games for younger children (no battery operated toys), linen, toiletry packs, backpacks and bags, sunglasses, watches, wallets, books. No second hand gifts please.

ITEMS OF FOOD OR GIFTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF OR A PICKUP ARRANGED FOR LARGER DONATIONS. PLEASE PHONE 9891 2277 FOR THE DROP OFF ADDRESS OR ASSISTANCE.

4. Volunteer your time

Help us to sort, pack and distribute hampers during November. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Rena by phone 02 9891 2277 or email

volunteer@parramattamission.org.au



On Monday 27 November, at the Centre For Ministry Parramatta Mission will be holding our SHOWCASE.

The showcase will bring together people from across Parramatta Mission. The primary purpose is to develop among staff the connection with all staff of Parramatta Mission, with each program and activity connected with all programs and activities, and secondarily, but no less important, the essential connection between the programs and activities and staff with congregants and congregations of Parramatta Mission. There have been showcases held in the past at PM which showcased certain programs within certain areas of PM. This year is unique in that it will showcase all of the programs and activities of PM. It aligns with the work of developing one Parramatta Mission. People of PM will be able to have a table and display or showcase what they do. There will be two sessions, a morning and an afternoon session, both identical, to maximise the number of people able to attend. There is a strong recognition and appreciation that PM is a church and at the heart of PM are three congregations and a faith community. The congregations are invited to have a table as well as part of this showcase, recognising that it is to be held during work hours because the desire is to maximise the number of staff who attend. There is also recognition that many from the congregations will be unable to attend due to work commitments, but some might be able to attend, and staff a table, and so showcase to staff the specific role and work of the congregations. For example the table could include such things as information about baptism, worship, eucharist, pastoral care, memorial and funeral services, bible studies, exploration of faith, prayer groups, TOC, interfaith activities, play groups, youth groups, fellowship groups, history, talks and public lectures, upcoming events, advent and Christmas plans, and Lent and Easter 2018 plans, and the list goes on. To best make it work would require having a few people from the congregations/pastoral teams on the congregation table.

Staff will have the chance to come and pop in to the Showcase, chat to staff of Parramatta Mission and learn about our great organisation.

Currently there is a Working Group who will be in contact with managers of programs and support services shortly to ensure that we have representation from across all areas of Parramatta Mission.

Date: Monday 27 November 2017
Time: 10.00am - 3.00pm
Place: The Centre for Ministry – 16 Masons Drive, North Parramatta Auditorium

Phil's (+ the Swain Family) Farewell Celebration

Sunday 19th November

Welcome to the #festiphil!

Rev Phil Swain is concluding his ministry here at North Rocks Community Church after 13.5 years. We will be saying goodbye to Phil, Marion, Bec, Matt & Megan, and celebrating their contributions to our church community. Please join us as we give thanks to God for Phil's time here at North Rocks Community Church.

It will be a wonderful time of worship, singing, sharing, reminiscing and celebrating. The first part of the service will be focused worship, singing, an interactive bit for the kids and Phil will preach his last sermon. From 11:15 the service will be more about giving thanks to God for the ministry of Phil and the closure of his ministry here.

Date: Sunday 19th November

Where: North Rocks Community Church
132-136 North Rocks Rd
North Rocks, NSW 2151

When: 10am-12pm service
followed by lunch

All are welcome to attend

Keep up to date by finding us on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/northrocksCC/>

North Rocks Community Church
Uniting Church in Australia





After Hours GP Service

After hours GP service available

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

5pm to 9.30pm

LikeMind, Suite 4, 197 Prospect Hwy, Seven Hills NSW 2147

Walk-ins welcome

Appointments can be booked by calling LikeMind

(02) 8806 3800



RYDE UNITING CHURCH: WEEKLY SEWING HUB



Christian Community Aid's **Boomerang Bags** sewing hub is looking for **new volunteers** to join us on Mondays during school terms, 10.30am -1.30pm. take donated material like curtains, doona covers or tablecloths and re-purpose them into re-usable shopping bags for the community. It saves fabric ending up in landfill, helps reduce the use of plastic bags, and provides a rewarding community-based project for you to learn a new skill or use your existing skills, plus meet new people. No sewing experience is required. All welcome and there is no cost.

Location: Ryde Uniting Church, 7 Maxim Street, West Ryde.

Enquiries: Vanessa -9858 3222 / 0406 817 373

or email community.learning@ccas.org.au

Prayer Points

The Parramatta Mission congregations invite you to join in prayers for:

- ♥ *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, Mid-North Coast, and support services, 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 and Mid-North Coast.*
- ♥ *For work of calling a chaplain to link PM with the WSU campuses, and a chaplain to link Wesley Apartments with the children's hospital at Westmead.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Memorial: the Owen family, Joan, Hazel, Betty, Wilhemina, Col, Aunty Jo, Victoria & family, Liz, our HSC students, the Leaders' team & congregation group leaders, Sunday School & Youth Group.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Fijian: Akisi Allison, Adriu Rogoimuri, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani, University and High School students sitting exams, presenting papers and assessments.*
- ♥ *PM Westmead: Eamonn, Nancy, Jean, Michels, Paula and Geoffrey, Garry, Chris and family, Rob, Jodie and Family, Rev Veitinia, Flora, May, Rajes (Sandra), Henry, Phyllis, Billie, Vita, Nancy, Caroline and David A, Col, Al, Jan and her family, Mrs G and family, Judy, Shanika and family, Ashima and Anusha Saxena, Lyn, Lena, Sheila W, Ruth and Lela, Max, Mr and Mrs S, Sophie and her family, Mark and his family.*
- ♥ *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 Wentworthville Uniting Church.*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tomé and Principe*

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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Leigh Korean Faith Community Minister: Rev Hyun Goo Jun 0433 320 588

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Westmead Church: 175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead: 9891 9354

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<http://www.parramattamission.org.au/etree>

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