



Parramatta
Mission



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in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS for 19th 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*

YOU ARE INVITED...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. Special guests on the night will be the new Moderator of the NSW/ACT Synod and the Grand Mufti of Australia, and keynote speaker will be Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen, Bishop of Parramatta. This is a free event. The evening will include entertainment and a delicious two course vegetarian meal plus some seasonal treats. (Please see Samantha if you'd like to make some mini Christmas puddings for dessert on the night). **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.



HELPERS NEEDED: PARRAMATTA MISSION SHOWCASE

Do you have some time to spare on **Monday, 27 November** between **10am and 3pm**? Our congregation is going to part of a 'Congregations' information table at the Centre for Ministry, North Parramatta during Parramatta Mission's 'Showcase' event for PM staff. If you're able to join our crew on the day, please see Callum by next Sunday.

LEIGH Congregation

CONGREGATION DONATIONS: CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS

Parramatta Mission hamper donations should include the following items: **Pasta, pasta Sauce, tinned ham, tinned fruit, long life custard, pudding, lollies, chips, nuts, chocolates, coffee, tea, long life milk, long life juice and other non-perishable, sealed/long life items** which will provide a really special Christmas for those in need. Members can drop hamper items at this & next Sunday's 9.30am services and we'll ensure that they reach their destination. All hamper items must be delivered to the Mission no later than 30 November. The Mission's appeal also includes requests for donations, volunteer helpers and the sponsoring of hampers. To offer assistance with any of the above or to find out more about this year's appeal, please enquire via volunteer@parramattamission.org.au, the PM webpage or phone 9891-2277.

CHURCH LIBRARY

If you are able to lend Neil a hand with our borrowing library, please see him at one of our next 9.30am services. Thanks Neil for all you do to keep us reading!

UPDATE HAPPENING NOW - CONGREGATION ROLL

Members: Forms to update your contact details are currently available from Samantha.

STARTING NEXT SUNDAY GIVING TREE!

Our traditional 'Giving Tree' will operate during morning services on **26 November, and 3 & 10 December**. Practical gifts are a great option for kids, teens, men & women, including caps/sun hats, sunglasses, wallets, toiletries & socks. Wrapping paper & sticky tape are also needed. Kids' toys must meet safety standards and not require batteries.
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.

MARKET MORNING

Our market morning managed to raise over \$450 which is a good result for selling a number of items at a low price. We are trying to do smaller fundraising events across the year. Any ideas are always welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS

Karen graduated last week from a course called CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education). She has completed this to strengthen the ministry she offers as she visits people in gaol. It requires a lot of work and so we wish Karen well.

PRRAMATTA 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. As this appeal will finish soon please give your donation soon as we need to purchase the gifts for the children.

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.

WESTMEAD Congregation

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

성령강림절 제24주(Pentecost Sunday) 2017년 11월19일 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 10 장 통 34 장 전능왕 오셔서

새 149 장 통 147 장 주 달려 죽은 십자가

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 신명기 5:31-33

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 출애굽에서 가나안 사이

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn) 새 545장 통399 장 주의 약속하신 말씀 위에

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
에스더 5:1-14

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
에스더 3:7~8:17

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 wasewasw qai soli mai na yacana me vakadewataki vei Fil Kamotu ..
- PM Show Case: Me vakayacori ena 27 Noveba e UTC, kerei me dua noda teveli; ke so e galala ka rawa ni vakaitavi kina qai tukutuku mai
- Supply Minister: Meda vakanananu tiko yani ena ulutga qo me vaka a vosa kina o Talatala qase Keith
- Veiqaravi Vakaitalatala: kerei meda veitainoa tiko ena ulutaga qo me vaka a vosa kina o Talatala Keith
- Masumasu: Kerei meda veivakauqeti ena noda matamasumasu
- Gauna Ni Lotu: Levu tiko na bera kerei meda totolo mai me tekivu na Lotu ena veimama ni tinikadua (11.30am)
- (11.15am)
- Toso na bogi ni veianuyanu ki na 1st December

“O koya ena vakalevulevui koya ena vakamalumalumataki, ia o koya ena vakamalumalumutaki koya ena vakalevulevui.” (Maciu 23: 12) Oqori nai vakarau ni tamata dauveiqaravi se ko koya e guta me dua nai liuliu vinaka, ka lomani mai vei ira na tamata, me vaka a mai vakaraitaka ko Jisu e nona bula voli vakatamata e vuravura.

DATE	VUNAU	VUNAU LESI	VUNAU VAKARAU	TUVAKARAU VEILIUTAKI	TALI VUNAU	COMMUNION
26th	Fiji Parish	J.Foiakau	S. Tuiloma	M1		
3rd Dec	RevK.Hamilton Vulavou/Holy Communion		S.Toa			I.Foikau/ A.Voce
10th Dec	I.Foiakau (M/ Worship)		A.Allison	Youth		

Pastoral message for this week....

May we be people of light
and imagine the best for each other

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

Foster your faith this week

Ez 34:11-16,20-24 Ps 100

Eph 1:15-23Mt 25:31-46

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus told this parable. 14 “For it will be like the time when a man went on a journey from home, called his servants and entrusted to them his possessions, 15 and to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each servant according to their ability, and then he went on his journey. 16 The one who had received five talents immediately went out and traded them and gained another five. 17 Similarly, the one who received two gained another two. 18 But the one who received one talent went away and dug the earth and hid the silver coin his master had given him. 19 Later, after a long time the master of the servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And the one who received five talents came and brought another five saying, “Master, you gave to me five talents; look, I gained another five”. 21 And the master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of you master”. 22 Also the one who received two talents approached and said, “Master, you gave me two talents; look, I have gained another two”. 23 His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master”. 24 And the one who received one talent also approached and said, “Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter; 25 and I was afraid and I went away and hid your talent in the earth; look, have what is yours”. 26 And answering his master said to him, “You evil and lazy servant! You knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Therefore it was necessary for you to place my silver coins with the bankers, and I would have received mine with interest. 28 Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has ten talents; 29 for to everyone who has, more will be given, and they will have in abundance; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken from him. 30 And cast the useless slave into the outer darkness; there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.” (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

Many and varied are the interpretations of this text. It is the middle of three parables told by Jesus. All three are about wisdom and choices. This parable refers to a talent. A talent in the time of Jesus was money. The point however, may not be about money; it could be the talent is equated to the gospel that Jesus preaches; it should be shared not buried. Those who know the good news should share it with all people. Further, acting out of fear always buries good outcomes. The third servant lived out of a framework of scarcity. The first two lived out of a framework of abundance. The first two took risks and obtained an increase. The third minimised the risk to almost zero and achieved no increase. There is much here to reflect upon.

This week we received the momentous news that an overwhelming majority of Australians voted yes for marriage equality. Naturally, as someone who voted yes, I am pleased. I am also mindful of those who voted no. Like many, I hope the matter is soon finalised through the federal parliament making the intentions lawful.

At the same time, we must all be respectful of each other. As I have said previously, our PM values, grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope, can guide us in our relationships with one another.



Here are some of the PM managers and team leaders at last week's meeting at our Tuggerah office. Our meeting focus was habit 5 of the 7 habits of highly effective people, by Steven Covey. Paul, our facilitator, with the red tie, led us on the habit of 'first seek to understand then to be understood' – which aligns with the prayer of St Francis. Covey's point is effectiveness and influence is increased, when we listen first, and with empathy.'

We need your continuing help with our development plans for Macquarie St Parramatta (Epworth House, Leigh Memorial Church and the Fellowship Centre). Following negotiations with Council we have amended our plans. It is important our supporters of the development write new letters of support to Council. We have draft letters available to assist. We are sending these draft letters to people who have previously provided their email address. If you wish to be added to the list and receive an electronic version of the draft letter, please email Donna at donna.kelly@parramattamission.org.au The letters need to be submitted by 27 November. The new letters need to include some of the following words:

I continue to support this project and consider the changes to the amended proposal to be minor changes:

- ◆ Changes to our car parking spaces to meet Australian standards;
- ◆ A new link between Fellowship Centre and Epworth House;
- ◆ Relocation of the waste bins;
- ◆ Extension to the residential lift;
- ◆ Change to lift access in Basement 1;
- ◆ Change to ground floor levels; and
- ◆ Indicative location of landscaping and public art.

Ian, Ulysses, Alan, Robert, Manas, Christine, Sosi and myself can provide further information, if required.

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

BIBLE STUDY & PIZZA

Uniting

The Combined Young Adults from Leigh Fijian and Parramatta Centenary Invite other young adults to join them for a night of Pizza and Bible Study

PARRAMATTA CENTENARY UNITING CHURCH
48 SORRELL STREET NORTH PARRAMATTA

SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

6-8PM



Enquire and Special Dietary Requirements: Dorelle 0432 026 026

Invitation to Members of Cumberland Zone

May MacLeod series.

Dr Sathianathan Clarke

Tuesday 21st November

7.30 pm to 9.00 pm at the

Centre for Ministry

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH STUDY

You are invited to participate in a research study on the experience of grief and loss when moving into a retirement village and what coping strategies individuals use in this transition to retirement village living.

The study is being conducted by Dirk Van Doorene, a Master of Arts (Pastoral Counselling) student from the School of Theology at Charles Sturt University.

The researcher is seeking older adults (over 70) who have moved into a retirement village in the previous 6 to 18 months and have made the transition with their partner. Only one partner of a couple can participate in the study. It will involve a semi-structured interview of 1-1.5 hours with the researcher.

It is hoped that this research study will inform community understanding of the overall well-being and mental health of older adults and thus will contribute to the best practice of pastoral counselling, pastoral care and ministry in this particular ministry context.

If you meet these criteria and are interested in this study, please contact Dirk Van Doorene by email dvdorene@gmail.com or by telephone 9686 3003 for further information before making a final decision to participate.



Dirk Van Doorene

Prayer Points

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

- ◆ *PM congregations at Parramatta and Westmead, and hospitality, community and clinical/mental health services that extend right across Greater Sydney to Blue Mountains, 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. The establishment of the 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, Auntie 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.*
- ◆ *Rev Alan and Laurette Jackson and family following the diagnosis of terminal cancer in Laurette.*
- ◆ *UC congregations of the Cumberland Zone: Dundas/Ermington, Northmead, North Rocks – today holding the closing service for Rev Phil Swain after 14 years, Carlingford, West Epping, Centenary, Wentworthville, Holroyd, Greystanes, Grantham Heights, Parramatta Mission, Auburn.*
- ◆ *For the worship, witness and service of West Epping Uniting Church.*
- ◆ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea*

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

Contacts

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Leigh Fijian Congregation: 9891 2277

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

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