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*OUR NEWS for 31st December 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*

## Luke 2:22-40

22 And when the time came for the purification, according to the law, of Moses, Joseph and Mary took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, 23 (as it has been written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy") 24 to give a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young doves. 25 And notice this, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, expecting comfort for Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he should see the Lord's Christ. 27 And he came under the impulse of the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought the child Jesus to do for him according to the custom of the law, 28 Simeon received Jesus into his arms and blessed God and said, 29 "Master, now let your servant be released in peace according to your word; 30 because my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you did prepare before the face of all the peoples. 32 A light for revelation of the Gentiles, and for glory to the people of Israel." 33 And Jesus' father and mother marvelled at the things being said about him. 34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "Hear this, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against 35 (and a sword will go through your own soul as well), so that the thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." 36 And there was a prophetess, Anna, a daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Ashes; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, 37 and she was thereafter a widow for 84 years. She did not leave the temple, fasting and serving in prayer night and day. 38 And coming up at that very hour, she gave thanks to God and spoke about him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. 39 And when they finished all things according to the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their city of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong, being filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Here with Richard, Toni, myself, and Michael, at the Youth Hub Christmas party last week. Uncle Greg, local Darug elder, is working with the Youth Hub to assist First People's and to assist all to learn our culture kept alive for tens of thousands of years. The Youth Hub has created a partnership with Westfield Parramatta security who when they notice youth in trouble contact the youth hub first. Additionally, Social workers from Centrelink partner with the Youth Hub to get better outcomes for youth at risk and youth on the street.



Over two years ago we had a young couple who were in rental arrears and had been given their termination notice. I contacted the First National at Auburn and spoke with Mustafa Mohsinpoor to negotiate an extension whilst we work with them to access brokerage through the right services for the rental arrears to be paid. This allowed for us to demonstrate some of the work that we do at Parramatta Mission Youth Services to eliminate homelessness to one of the local businesses which they were extremely pleased with.



Nora Cardile then organised a face to face meeting with Mustafa to discuss further about our services and the importance of our young people who have demonstrated independence but have no rental history to be given the opportunity in the rental market. Mustafa expressed his passion to support our young people which was wonderful to see. This has created an extremely important relationship for us here at the Youth Hub. First National real-estate understand the history of our young people and take great pleasure in supporting them through their accommodation/rental journey whilst we provide case management support.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

# 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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