

OUR NEWS 2018
18th March 2018



Parramatta
Mission



uniting
church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

Our Vision

A Community Transforming Lives

Our Values, Grace, Inclusion, Dignity, Faith and Hope



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

Parramatta Mission acknowledges that all of our work and our
36 sites are on the land of traditional owners.

We pay respect to the traditional custodians of the land on
which we gather, and acknowledge Elders past and present,
and emerging leaders.

LEIGH Congregation

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PALM SUNDAY (25 MARCH)

Those wishing to join the 'Palm Walk' in Centenary Square – please meet outside the Town Hall at 9.30am and bring some greenery/branches from home to carry with you. **Our combined worship service with Leigh Fijian will start at 10.00am.** Following the service, there will be a Combined Morning Tea in the Coffee Shop. Everyone is invited to bring a plate of food to share. Enquiries: Manas/ Leaders' team.

THANK YOU – LENT EVENT CAKE STALL

Thanks to everyone who bought or baked for us last Sunday. Our Cake Stall for Lent Event raised \$88.00!!! That brings our Lent Event total to \$154.00 so far. We will keep collecting donations for Lent Event up until Easter Sunday. We would like to bring our final total to \$200.00 – The Sunday School.

PARRAMASALA 2018

Thanks to everyone who made this year's Parramasala so special, including everyone who participated in the service and shared a greeting in their own language – The Leaders team.



FULL READING OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK (25 MARCH)

Please speak with Clive asap if you'd like to be one of the readers in this special event **next Sunday, 5.00 – 6.30pm** at Leigh Memorial.

EMERGENCY ASSEMBLY POINT

Our Leigh Memorial congregation is reminded that in the event of an emergency at our site on a Sunday morning, or at any other time, our assembly point is Centenary Square. This is also the assembly point for Parramatta Mission staff working at our site. Emergency 'marshals' for our congregation are Mario and Moses.

MARCH & APRIL DATES @ LEIGH

- **Couples & Friends bus trip** coming soon...happy travels to all!
- The **Congregation Meeting** originally scheduled for 18 March has been postponed.
- **Lenten Study with Clive** – Part 2: Choir Vestry, 10.00 – 11.00am, Saturday, 24 March.
- **Palm Sunday** – Sunday 25 March: 'Palm Walk' in Centenary Square, 9.30am + Worship, 10.00am (Combined). ** Please bring a plate for morning tea & some palms/greenery from home **
- **Full Reading of the Gospel of Mark** – 5.00-6.30pm, Palm Sunday, 25 March @ Leigh Memorial.
- **Maundy Thursday** - 29 March: 'Tenebrae' @ Leigh. Includes a light supper. RSVPs to the Leaders' team for catering purposes by Sunday 25 March.
- Don't forgot the '**Stations of the Cross**' art exhibition at Northmead High.
- **Good Friday** – Friday 30 March – 9.00am service @ Leigh (Combined Service).

PARRAMATTA MISSION COMMUNITY CARE NETWORK BOARD

The Parramatta Mission Community Care Network Board has determined that the minutes of its meeting should be made available to any interested congregation members. The only exception would be matters of a sensitive or confidential nature.

A copy of the minutes of the February Board meeting may be obtained by contacting Robert key on 9624 1797 or robert.key@parramattamission.org.au

WANTED

Readers for a reading of the whole of Mark's gospel in parts.

To be read at Leigh Memorial on **Sunday 25 March (Palm Sunday) between 5pm and 6:30pm.**

Meet beforehand at the church 4:30pm. You will be provided with a script outlining your part in the reading.

Give names to Clive Pearson by 5pm Wednesday 21 March, email cliverpearson@gmail.com phone: 0409523024

Mark is an Easter gospel. It was designed to be read in one sitting probably during the Holy Week / Easter Season.

WESTMEAD Congregation

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We welcome Edmund Perrin who comes to us today to speak a bit about the Stations of the Cross Art exhibition. There are brochures in the foyer as well as information in the newsletters. Please take the opportunity to visit the exhibition and support not only Northmead Uniting Church but also some wonderful artists.

READERS FOR THE GOSPEL OF MARK

The full gospel of Mark is being read at Leigh Memorial Church on Sunday 25th March (Palm Sunday) between 5.00pm and 6.30pm. Readers are asked to meet at the church at 4.30pm. If you are interested in being a reader then please contact Clive Pearson by 5.00pm on Wednesday 21st March.

LENT EVENT

Unitingworld raises money each year to assist with projects overseas, especially with people who are vulnerable. There are brochures on the table in the foyer.

EASTER SERVICES

Monday 26th 11.00am - For people from Mayflower independent living followed by light lunch.

Holy Thursday - 6.00pm - includes a light meal.

Good Friday - 9.00am

Easter Sunday - 9.45am

BREAKFAST BUFFET AND COFFEE CART

The new Breakfast Buffet and Coffee Cart in AJs have commenced and everyone is welcome to be customers of either the Buffet or the coffee cart. The Coffee cart operates from the verandah and it was great to see some people from the congregation enjoying breakfast on Wednesday morning. Please come and support these ventures and say hello to the new staff. Lisa, Nicole, Rebecca and the team have done a great job in getting things ready.

WESTMEAD WHISPERS

Please feel free to take the March issue of Westmead Whispers which gives more information about some things for the congregation. Please feel free to take an extra one and pass it on.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study - Mondays 2.00 - 3.30pm

Fellowship - Tuesday 3rd April 2.00pm

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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

Play Group – Mondays and Wednesdays 9.15-10.45am

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am

다섯 번째 사순절(5th Lent of Sunday) 2018년 03월 18일 오후 1시30

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 27 장 통 27 장 빛나고 높은 보좌

새 494 장 통 188 장 만세 반석 열리니

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 마태복음 21:28-32

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 포도원 주인의 두 아들

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn) 새 528 장 통 318 장 예수가 우리를 부르는 소리

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

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

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

축도 전현구 담임목

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
예레미야애가4:1-10

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
예레미야 애가 3:40~5:22

SIGA TABU NI GONE: (25 March 2018) E da na lotu cokovata kei ira na Valagi, kerea o Talatala Manas meda sota kece (Qase & Gone) ena Centenary Square ena 9.30am ka tayabe mai ki Vale ni Lotu, tekivu na lotu ena 10.00am. Sa kerei meda kau drau ni niu (palm) mai.

TENEBRAE SERVICE (*Munday Thursday*)-29 March: Lotu cokovata ena 6.30pm, solia mai na yacamu ke ko na tiko.



*Happy Birthday
A.Rogaimuri*

*Dua tale nai s
ausau vou (92nd)*

*Vakarau na
gole ki na
KCO:
10-11 March 2018*



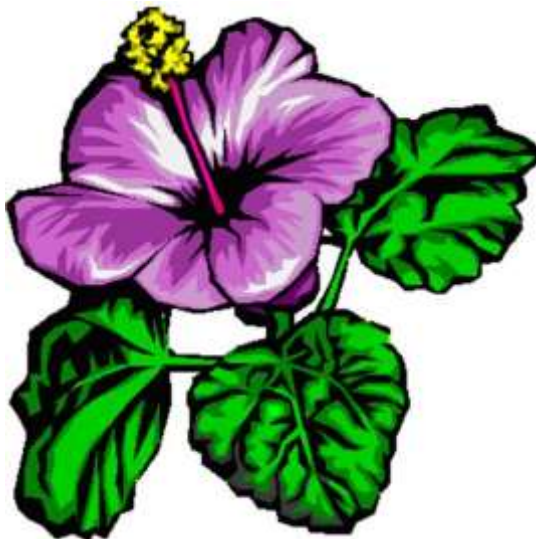
*Soli vunau ko Sitiveni
Rabuka, PM vakacegu
mai Viti*



Date	Vunau	Vunau Lesi	Vunau	Tuvakarau	Tali	Communion
				<u>Vakarau</u>	<u>Veiliutaki</u>	<u>Stewards</u>
25 March	<u>Siga Tabu ni Gone lotu cokovata</u> - <i>sota kece e Centenary Square ena 9.30am</i>					
29 March	Tenebrae Service (<i>Munday Thursday</i>) - <u>Lotu cokovata 6.30pm</u>					
30 March	<u>Siga ni Mate Lotu cokovata kei ira na valagi 9.00am</u>					
1 April	Rev <u>K.Hamilton</u>		<u>S.Foiakau</u>		<u>A.Alison/VKamotu</u>	
	<u>(Vulavou, H/Comm)</u>					

Fijian Congregation

Vakavinavinaka taki na Kalou ena i tavi sa qaravi ena mua ni macawa sa oti: era gole na Gone ki na KCO, marautaki na Siga ni Sucu nodatou Qase Lomani, ka soli vunau na PM vakacegu mai Viti, Sitiveni Rabuka. Me Dokai, Rokovi ka Lagiti tikoga na Kalou ko Jiova ena Leigh Fijian, Parramatta.



Psalm 51:1-2, 15-17

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! 15 O Lord, open my lips, that my mouth may show forth your praise. 16 For you have no delight in sacrifices; were I to give burnt-offerings, you would not be pleased. 17 The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (NRSV)

Reflection

Psalm 51 is a penitential Psalm, used by Christians in the season leading to Easter.

The Church Council has asked me to gather a group to plan for the Strategic Direction workshop the congregations will hold on Saturday 6 May. The workshop will receive the data from the congregation surveys conducted through February. I will be asking the congregation leaders to nominate one to two people to be on a planning group to plan the process for the day.

The Church Council also decided to encourage the three congregations during the month of April to focus their prayers of intercession on particular aspects of the services of Parramatta Mission, in readiness for the planning day.

Parramatta Mission is proudly part of the Uniting Church in Australia. It has three congregations and a faith community that are the praying heart. Out of the functions of worship, witness and service, PM undertakes services such as hospitality, community and clinical services. This extends across Sydney, Central Coast, Hunter Valley and Mid-north Coast. Parramatta Mission has developed and continues to develop relationships with local UC congregations where our programs are operating, and even far beyond. Congregations in Wagga, Wagga, Leeton, Narrandera, Cobar, and individuals in congregations at Cowra, Cootamundra, and the Central West and Central Coast as well as right across Sydney provide donations of food, clothing, money and volunteering on a regular basis. The new programs in the Hunter and Mid-North Coast are programs that provide support to people living with a mental illness. In many cases, that means taking people to appointments, to activities, and regular even daily visits to ensure the consumer has taken their medication.

The other week I was in Adelaide for a Uniting Church meeting and I visited a number of UC churches and activities. Clayton Uniting Church has a large spire, and this has influenced their name: the Spire Community.



The manse is now used as a child care centre. Where the sign says “Sunday Worship” is the community garden. The space called the Chapel is used for Adelaide LETS (Local exchange Trading System) is a non-profit community exchange system that allows its members to trade goods & services without the need for direct bartering or money.



Two volunteers in the coffee shop, gaining work experience. On Fridays the Coffee shop becomes a café with about 120 people attending for lunch. People pay what they can afford. They can even trade goods and services.



On the two days I visited the Op-shop it was full of people.



Volunteers working on a boat making project. The project started with refugees, who have now all got jobs

Just like meals Plus, the Spire Community Provides emergency help, food, counselling and advocacy.



Community garden





The front of the Baptist Church in Adelaide. They have replaced their wooden doors with glass doors to increase visibility. I note they church is heritage listed with the National Trust.

Parramatta Mission received word this week that our DA (Design Application) in the Land and Environment Court for the development of 99-119 Macquarie St, has been unsuccessful. Naturally we are disappointed. The decision will affect Parramatta Mission's capacity to assist the most vulnerable people in society. We will however, with good grace and dignity be respectful of the judgement and of the City of Parramatta Council, who opposed us in the Court. The committees of the Mission will receive the full judgement and then assess and make new plans. As they are progressed, we will keep all people of PM both informed and involved. Thank you for your continuing prayers for the members of our committees in their deliberations.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

Been a massive two weeks at Thelma Brown Cottage (an accommodation program for women and their children escaping domestic and family violence) as volunteers from Habitat for Humanity NSW have been painting, repairing and cleaning. Thank you for your hard work, this will make a real impact for women and children in need. More photos on our website.



We would like to thank volunteers from AMP Australia for sponsoring lunch Wednesday at Meals Plus, thank you for your ongoing support



Pastoral message for this week....

Let the seeds of fear and hate die!

Sow hope and justice flows.

Foster your faith this week

Is 7:10-14 Ps 45 or 40:5-10

Heb 10:4-10 Ik 1:26-38

More Prayer Requests for Dundas Ermington Uniting Church



Guidance as we begin the process of seeking a part- time minister;

As an ACC congregation we seek guidance for the U.C. Assembly concerning policy with regard to same-sex marriage deliberations and determination.

Creating a program to assist new Christians in their faith walk;

Being worthy ambassadors of Jesus Christ in our community.

Prayer Points

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

- ♥ PM congregations at Parramatta and Westmead, and the hospitality, community and clinical/mental health services that extend right across Greater Sydney to Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Hunter Valley, Mid-North Coast. This includes programs, activities, support services. Prayers for congregants, staff and volunteers, also for the residents, guests and patients; consumers, clients, and members; callers and visitors, whom we meet and journey with every day of the year.
- ♥ For PM's WSU Chaplain, Amelia, and Westmead Children's Hospital Chaplain, Sara, as they form foundational relationships and serve in their new communities. For international students as they start arriving at 100 George St or enrolling at 169 Macquarie St.
- ♥ PM Leigh Memorial: The Owen & Jackson families, Joan, Marcel, Hazel, Betty, Wilhemina, Col, Aunty Jo, Victoria & family, Jolame, our Leaders team and Sunday School/ Youth teams.
- ♥ PM Leigh Fijian: Adriu Rogoimuri, Emosi and family, Senitiki Qata and family, Sainiana Vute, Akisi Allison, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani.
- ♥ PM Westmead: Keith and Noela, Mary, Jan and her family, Justice and family, Aravind and family, Tanzida, Sushila and family, Eamonn, Nancy, Jean, Angela and Cornell, Paula and Geoffrey, Garry, Chris and family, Rob, Jodie and Family, Rev Veitinia, Flora, May, Rajes (Sandra), Henry, Phyllis, Billie, Vita, Caroline and David A, Col, Al, Mrs G and family, Judy, Shanika and family, Ashima and Anusha Saxena, Lyn, Sheila W, Ruth and Lela, Max, Mr and Mrs S, Sophie and her family, Mark and his family.
- ♥ Staff : new program initiatives, "back room" support services
- ♥ Volunteers : recruitment and training
- ♥ 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 Dundas Ermington Uniting Church.
- ♥ We join with churches around the world to pray for Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam

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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