

OUR NEWS
10th March 2019



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

LENT EVENT 2019: FIND COURAGE – BUILD HOPE – END POVERTY

Thanks to everyone's generous support, we raised \$60.00 at last Sunday's 'Pancakes' morning tea. Many thanks to our Sunday School pancake servers. Donations for Lent Event can be given to the Sunday School on any Sunday morning during Lent, or sent directly to Uniting World: <https://www.lentevent.com/>



LENTEN STUDIES

Each Wednesday evening during Lent (6 – 7pm), Keith will be leading a Lenten study hour at the Alan Walker College of Evangelism, North Parramatta. Dates are 13 March – 17 April. If anyone is interested in attending but concerned about getting there, please ask the Leaders' team for assistance.

PASTORAL MATTERS

Farewell and blessings for Hazel Knight, as she moves to a nursing home in the Blue Mountains. *Thanks for all your contributions Hazel and our prayers go with you.* Thoughts also for Joan, Col, Betty, Wilhelmina and Jolame and all the others within our congregation who are un-well or needing additional support. Please convey pastoral concerns to Rev. Manas, the Prayer Chain and/or the Leaders' team.

PARRAMASALA BRUNCH

After the service on **Sunday 17 March**, we'll be sharing a multi-cultural brunch as part of 'Parramasala' weekend in Parramatta. Please bring a plate of food to share. For more on the Parramasala festival, 15-17 March 2019, see <https://discoverparramatta.com/parramasala>. Enquiries: Leaders' team.

COMBINED SERVICE

Please note that a Combined Leigh Memorial & Leigh Fijian service will be held on **Sunday 31 March at 10.00am**. The service will be followed by a combined morning tea/brunch. Please bring a plate.

PM HERITAGE COMMITTEE NEWS:

- During the past week, the Mission gratefully received the donation of a 1904 book from Mr. Alan Brawn, son of the late **Rev. Arthur Brawn**. The Jean and Arthur Brawn Collection of Methodist memorabilia and research materials has been part of our archives since the 1990s;
- The Heritage Committee was recently contacted by Bill Bradley, a descendant of **James Bradley, our first Sunday School Superintendent** from the Lawry Chapel of 1821. James was an emancipated convict and gifted teacher;
- Liz will soon be representing PM in the **'St. John's Cemetery Project'** – funded via the State government's 'Create NSW' grant scheme and involving the research, writing and publication of biographical articles on key figures interred at the historic St. John's cemetery, Parramatta. Liz will be writing about five of the Wesleyan Methodists at the site, including Catherine Leigh, Sarah Draper and Elizabeth Lawry. The project was launched this week by Liberal MP, Geoff Lee;
- Thanks to Linda for another donation of lovely old books for our archival collection. Linda & Audrey's connection to the Mission began with the pioneering **'Staff'** family (not 'Pass' as indicated last week) at our first Chapel of 1821;
- As part of 'PM Week', a **Gloster Udy** luncheon was held at Westmead. A refreshed photographic portrait of Dr. Udy (who served at PM between 1951-1955 & 1973-1988) – is currently being installed in the 'Walter Lawry' Vestry at Leigh Memorial;
- In Spring this year, a **'Parramatta Pilgrimage'** will be held – covering sites of historic significance to the Mission. Details to follow.
- Heritage Committee enquiries: Liz via 9891-2277.



FIJIAN Congregation

Sydney Alliance: Vakananumi tiko vei keda na sota ena macawa mai qo 14 March ena Sydney Town Hall. Vakaraitaka mai o Talatala Geoff Stevenson na Chairman ni Parramatta Nepean Presbytery ni rauta na 200 (gadrevi me yacova sara na 300) na lewe Uniting Church era na tiko rawa ka gadrevi meda sota kece ena 5.30pm ena Pitt Street Uniting Church me vakamacala taki vei keda (briefing) e so na gacagaca ni sota qo ni bera nida qai gole vata kece yani ki na Sydney Town Hall. E dodonu mo register, on line, (cakava rawa qo ke ko se bera ni register) – sega ni rawa ni o curu ke o sega ni register. Kaya o Talatala Geoff ni rua na ulutaga bibi e tu taka ka valataka na Sydney Alliance, sai koya na Sau ni Vale (Affordable Housing) kei na Sau ni Livaliva/Gas (Renewable Energy) ka lewe levu sara vei keda na lewe ni Lotu ena Parramatta Nepean Presbytery e tarai keda.

Parramatta Council: Vakaraitaka o Talatala Keith ni sa vakadonua na Parramatta Council (sega ni via rogoca noda kudru na Parramatta Mission) na Development Control Plan ka na tauri “Vakaukauwa” kina e dua na tiki ni qele toka kina na Fellowship Hall kei na Coffee Shop. Kena balebale ni sa na sega ni qaravi rawa na tuvatuva a koto taumada me baleta na kena vakatoro cake taki Fellowship Hall kei na Coffee Shop. Vakavinavinaka o Talatala Keith veikemuni kece ena Veimasulaki, Volavola ki na Parramatta Council kei na Vakaraitaki Kudru (Protest) ka kaya ni na tomani tiko na: (i) veivosaki, veitalanoa kei na Parramatta Council, (ii) waraki na vakasala e so,oka kina na ka VakaLawa , (iii) me tomani tikoga noda masulaka vua na Kalou na sasaga qo. Ena soli na dodonu me bolea (appeal) na Parramatta Mission na vakatulewa ni Parramatta Council ni oti e 28 na siga mai na gauna sa taba kina me kila na lewe ni vanua raraba (public display).

JNC: Kerei meda masulaka tiko nodratou cakacaka na JNC me yaco nona veidigitaki na Kalou.

Mata ki na Church Council: Vakananumi veikeda ni vakasaqarai tiko e dua me noda mata ki na Church Council.

Sunday School: Qaravi rawa vakavinaka nodra keba na Sunday School ena mua ni macawa sa oti. Rauta ni lewe 20 na gone era a gole ka ra marautaka vakalevu nodra veitokani kei ira era taba vata mai vei vale ni lotu tale e so. Vinaka vakalevu na veivuke kei na veitokoni mai vei kemuni na Tubutubu ni a gole vata kei ira na luveta.

Youth: Sota ena kena gauna ena Coffee Shop – nanamaki ki na tuvatuva dau taba ena mona livaliva. “One Christ many Culture” – na ulutaga ni nodra sota na Taba Gone e na Petersham Town Hall ena bogi ni Siga Vakarauwai sa oti. Vakavinavinaka taki na kena yadravi ka ra vakauqeti tiko na Taba Gone mera lakova na vei sota vaka qo me rawa ni buli cake tikoga kina nodra bula Vaka Yalo kei na vei kilai kei na Gone Turaga ko Jisu Karisito.



Date	Vunau	Vunau	Vunau	Tuvakarau	Tali	Comm
		Lesi	Vakarau	Veiliutaki	Vunau	Stewards
17-Mar	Campbelltown	V.Kamotu	A.Allison	M2	M3	
24-Mar	Fiji Parish	S.Toa	S.Qata	M3	M1	
31-Mar	COMBINE SERVICE WITH LEIGH MEMORIAL					

LENT & EASTER

@ LEIGH MEMORIAL CHURCH, PARRAMATTA
MISSION, 119 Macquarie St; Parramatta



“A Way Other Than Our Own”

LENT:

Wednesday 6 March: Ash Wednesday worship – 7.00pm

Wednesdays 13 March – 17 April: Lenten studies, Alan Walker College
of Evangelism, North Parramatta, 6.00 – 7.00pm

Sunday 14 April: Palm Sunday procession, 9.45am/ worship, 10.00am

EASTER:

Thursday 18 April: Maundy Thursday ‘Tenebrae’ & light meal – 6.30pm

Friday 19 April: Good Friday worship – 9.00am

Sunday 21 April: Easter Sunday worship – 10.00am

*The Leigh Memorial and Leigh Fijian congregations of Parramatta
Mission &*

*the Uniting Church in Australia/Parramatta Mission Chaplaincy,
Western Sydney University*

Enquiries: Rev. Dr. Manas Ghosh & Rev. Dr. Amelia Koh-Butler
via 9891-2277



Pastoral message for this week....

In constructing a great State,
are we building a good life?

Foster your faith this week

***Dt 26:1-11 Ps9 1 :1-2, 9-16
Rom 10:8b-13 Lk 4:1-13***

***STATIONS OF THE CROSS ...
at Northmead 2019***

Monday April 8 to Sunday April 21 -- 10 am to 4 pm

***In the Hall of Northmead Performing Arts High School
End of Campbell Street, Northmead***

For information and special events see our

Facebook page

Stations of the Cross at Northmead 2019

***Group visits can be arranged during opening hours:
A limited number of guided tours for groups can be arranged in
the evenings***

Bookings: Northmead Uniting Church office.

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Luke 4:1-13

1 And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the desert 2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing in those days, and when that time was ended, he hungered. 3 and the devil said to him: "If you are the Son of God, speak to this stone that it may become bread." 4 and Jesus answered, "It has been written that humanity shall not live by bread alone." 5 And leading him up he showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the inhabited earth in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Jesus: "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, because it has been delivered to me and I give it to whomever I wish; 7 therefore, if you worship me, it will be all yours." 8 And answering, Jesus said to him, "It has been written: You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve." 9 And he led him to Jerusalem and set him on the gable of the temple, and said to him: "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, off from here; 10 for it has been written: 'God will order his angels to protect you,' 11 and that 'they will hold you with their hands so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones.'" 12 And answering him, Jesus said, "It has been said, you shall not tempt the Lord your God." 13 And having finished every temptation, the devil went away from him, until a suitable occasion. (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

The church season of Lent is 40 days, not counting Sundays, leading up to Easter. If you like, it is a time of getting ready for Easter. For Christians this 'getting ready' involves prayer and reflection on our relationship with God, through Jesus Christ. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. The first Sunday always involves the story of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness. Notice that he was not alone. The Holy Spirit of God was with him. While people often feel alone, and lonely, God always there, and often a person is there as well. We at PM walk beside many people who otherwise might feel alone. Another aspect of this Bible story is that Jesus was tempted to be less than who he was: to worship the wrong things, to seek power for the wrong reasons, to use magical thinking. He resists that temptation. He will be tempted again on the night before his arrest and crucifixion. We can draw strength from this to keep focused on what is life-giving, and resist the distractive temptations of what is life-draining. Of course, it is neither simple nor easy.

This past week has been PM week. It is an opportunity to raise awareness, and to celebrate the achievements.



Thank you to everyone who viewed, attended and participated in our showcase event last Monday at the Centre For Ministry, North Parramatta. It was a fun filled afternoon with excellent presentations from our teams who did a brilliant job in demonstrating what success looks like to them. Equally, a big congratulations to all our nominees, finalists and winners of the Parramatta Mission Exceptional Employees Awards, you are all exceptional! Guest speaker was Dianna Tapp, from World Class Teams. The theme this year was "What does success look like in Parramatta Mission?" The afternoon was recorded and that will be made available to PM.

Pancake Day at Meals Plus. Donations of pancake mix from Pancakes on the Rocks. The pancakes were made by Bendigo Bank which was their first time volunteering with us. Over 250 people received pancakes which is more than the people who typically come to a sponsored lunch. Many people came just for the pancakes. Other areas of our community were involved including WSLARS, the Sydney Street Choir, Homeless Connect representatives and PM employees





Parramatta Mission could not function without our volunteers. Here are some at our thank you breakfast, as part of PM week.

WE 
VOLUNTEERS



Lighting of candles during the Ash Wednesday Service at Leigh Memorial Church



The table setting for the High Tea Gloster Udy Lunch. Well done and Thank you Lisa and Tracey and team at 175. The Gloster Udy Lunch, in honour of the late Superintendent of PM, left a great legacy. The lunch guests are invited to consider what legacy they are leaving.



The Church Council held its first meeting of the year, as part of PM week. Members from the three congregations gathered at 175 for dinner, devotions and communion led by the pastoral team and then deliberation on matters of PM that included reports, a presentation, an update on various projects.

United Theological College will be hosting the launch of [*Cross-cultural Eco-theology in an Indian Ocean Context*](#), the result of a two-year collaboration between Indian and Australian scholars led by Rev Dr David Reichardt, a Uniting Church Minister and Adjunct Research Fellow of Charles Sturt University's Centre for Public and Contextual Theology. Launching the book will be Rev Prof Dean Drayton. Please join us to celebrate this special achievement and share light refreshments: 14 March from 4:00-5:30pm at United Theological College, 16 Masons Drive, North Parramatta. Please RSVP to kwaite@csu.edu.au.

Parramatta Mission is a member of the Sydney Alliance. This coming Thursday, 14 March, the Sydney Alliance Assembly will be at the Sydney Town Hall.

Fifteen hundred community leaders and members, including a contingent from PM, have already registered to attend the biggest public event about cost of living issues ever held in Australia.

Attendees from more than 200 community organisations will attend representing 2 million Australians. They will ask all parties in NSW to commit to a suite of energy and housing costs, including:

- *At least 5000 new social housing homes a year in NSW to meet the housing needs of families on low and very low incomes in our communities;*
- *More security for the state's 2 million renters by removing 'no grounds' evictions in NSW;*
- *A real funded 10 year plan to end homelessness in NSW;*
- *Increased targets for affordable housing in new developments;*
- *A review of Minimum Standards of Rental Houses and Energy Efficiency Standards; and*
- *\$10 million for the first every pilot solar garden in Western Sydney so that renters and people living in units can access renewable energy.*

The Lenten devotions using Walter Brueggemann's book, a way other than our own, has commenced. There will be a 1 hour daytime discussion at Westmead 2 -3 pm each Monday, and an evening discussion 6-7 pm Wednesday at Alan Walker College (AWCE).

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

WESTMEAD Congregation

LENTEN STUDY

During the season of Lent we will be using a Lenten Study and as many people as possible are invited to use the study. It will be used at Bible Study each week and there will be other opportunities to join with people from the 3 congregations of Parramatta Mission. If you are interested in doing the study, even if it is to be done at home, the books are available in the foyer. They cost \$16 but please feel free to donate whatever amount you can. If you are unable to do so then please see Rev Christine.

CHANGE OF BOOM GATE CODE AT 175

The code for the boom gate has been changed. **Please see Rev Christine for the new code.** It is important we do not share this with others. The car park is available for members of the three congregations, the motel staff and guests and staff from Parramatta Mission there on church business. If you do not have the code please go to reception and ask for the day code. We are researching the usage of the car park to assist us with the future needs in a redevelopment. Staff at reception need to know who is on the premises at all times so this is also a matter of safety. Please leave your name, number plate and a contact phone number for the staff to contact you in case of emergency. This information will only be used for emergency or to assist in research (excluding private information).

MEMBERSHIP AND CONFIRMATION

Rev Christine will be starting some sessions on Membership and Confirmation. Some people have already spoken to her but if you would like to be a part of this then please speak to her soon. There will be 4 sessions on either a Sunday after church or a Monday afternoon at 5.00pm (with a light meal).

PRAYING FOR PARRAMATTA COUNCIL

Please pray for Parramatta Council as we negotiate appropriate changes to their request for land from PM and our desire to build in a way which both assist the council in their desire and fulfils the work we seek to do with the most vulnerable.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 5th March 2019 2.00pm

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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

Play Group – Mondays and Wednesdays 9.15am -10.45am

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00pm - 3.30pm

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00am -11.00am

첫 번째 사순절 (1st Lent of Sunday) 2018년 08월 10일 오후 1시30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) 새 5장 통 3장 이 천지간 만물들아 다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 21장 통 21장 다 찬양하여라

새 439장 통 496장 십자가로 가까이

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 고린도 후서 3:12-4:2

말씀 (Preaching)- 전현구 목사 권견과 선임전

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn) 새 257장 통 189장 마음에 가득한 의심을 깨치고

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 새해 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) 새 502장 통 259장 빛의 사자들이여 어서가서 (1)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
느헤미야 10:1-39

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
느헤미야 9:9-12:47

Prayer Points

The people of Parramatta Mission invite you to pray for:

- ♥ *PM congregations and staff. For headspace, the Parramatta redevelopment negotiations. The people we contact every day that we might exhibit the values of grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Memorial: The Briggs, Ali & family, Shane and his friend, Elizabeth & family, Wilhemina, Gloria H, Ian & family, Brian & Marcel, Joan, Hazel, Betty E, Col, Betty B, Victoria & family, Darlene & Neil, Jolame & the Open Church team, Sunday School & Youth. Let the Leaders know of any additions*
- ♥ *Lyall Weaver and Family following the death of his father. We remember in our prayers other members of staff who have had recent family bereavements.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Fijian: Adriu Rogoimuri, Senitiki Qata and family, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani, Terry Butler, Young Adult and their Families.*
- ♥ *The JNC work of calling a Minister of the word for the Fijian Congregation.*
- ♥ *Lorraine, Gary family, Scott, Sushila and her family, Reg and Heather, Robyne and Phil. All farmers and their communities, Sharon, Keith aNoeleen, Debbie and Michael, Kevin, Jean, Caroline and David A, Josh and his family (Kerryn, Peter and Ben), Mrs E and family, Mary and Aloy and the boys, Silvano, Jinky, Isabella and Gerard, Mary, Justice and family, Aravind and family, Tanzida, Nancy, Paula and Geoffrey, Garry, Chris and family, Rob, Jodie and Family, May, Rajes (Sandra), Henry, Phyllis, Vita, Col, Al, Mrs G and family, Judy, Shanika and family, Ashima and Anusha Saxena, Lyn, Lyn's Dad, Sheila W, Ruth and Lela, Mr and Mrs S, Carmen and Rob, David and Christopher.*
- ♥ *UC congregations of the Cumberland Zone: Dundas/Ermington, Northmead, North Rocks, Carlingford, West Epping, Centenary, Wentworthville, Holroyd, Greystanes, Grantham Heights, Parramatta Mission, Auburn.*
- ♥ *We pray for Camden Country Uniting Church & Camden Uniting Church*
 - 1. pray for gospel conversation to happen at Pancake Night (Tues 5/3)*
 - 2. pray for our aged care ministries—that outreach to older people will be effective in meeting their needs, especially their need of Jesus.*
 - 3. pray for our leadership—that we be leading 'in step with the spirit.**Thankyou Robyn, Pastor Camden Country UC.*
- ♥ *We join the World Council of Churches in prayer 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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