

OUR NEWS
24th February 2019



Parramatta
Mission



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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

UPDATE: COUNCIL NEGOTIATIONS

Land Grab Postponed, but Not Defeated – a word from Keith Hamilton: “Thank you for taking the time to write to your Councillor and City of Parramatta Council. Your actions were fruitful and the City of Parramatta Council deferred the motion to go ahead with the Link proposal that would take 6.5m of land on one side of the Mission, and land from both the rear and the front of 119A Macquarie street...Thank you for your prayerful support of Parramatta Mission as we continue to strive for the better outcome for the good of all people in the city. It is important that while our message is strong, our words need to align with our Parramatta Mission values of grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope.” For information on the next steps in this process & how to show support, check Keith’s latest email and/or updates provided in the newsletter. Thanks again for everyone’s prayers, commitment and graciousness in this crucial matter – the Leigh Memorial Leaders’ team.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2019 – INVITATION

You are invited to share in the World Day of Prayer at Westmead, **10.30am, Friday morning, 1st March**, inc. Morning Tea. This year’s special day is being led by the people of Slovenia with the theme: ***Come - Everything is Ready!*** Enquiries: Beverly.

PANCAKES MORNING

On **Sunday morning 3 March**, just ahead of Shrove Tuesday, the Sunday School will be providing pancakes for the congregation at morning tea time. **Gold coin donations** will be welcomed on the day & form part of our fundraising effort for this year’s ‘Lent Event’. Please see Liz with any queries.

GLOSTER UDY SOCIETY

During Parramatta Mission Week this year, donors and supporters of PM are invited to attend the **Gloster Udy Lunch** on **Thursday 7th March, 12 – 2.00pm at Westmead**. Guest Speaker will be Angela Daynes, Manager, Adult and Family Services. RSVP by 22/2 to jenny.fuda@parramattamission.org.au/ 9891-2277.

MARCH CALENDAR @ LEIGH

- 1 March – World Day of Prayer (Westmead)
- 3 March – Pancakes Morning – Sunday School
- 4 March – Couples & Friends
- 4 – 8 March – ‘PM Week’
- 6 March – Ash Wednesday service
- 7 March – Gloster Udy Luncheon (Westmead)
- 9 & 23 March – Youth Group
- 17 March – ‘Parramasala’ Sunday
- 31 March – Combined Service

Thank you & farewell Betty

The Leigh Memorial congregation has been saddened to learn of the passing of **Betty Westacott**, Alan O'Reilly's mother-in-law. Betty is remembered as a loving Mum to Margaret and Janet, a caring mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grand mother - and a faithful friend. During Betty's time at Leigh, she was an active participant in many women's groups and other congregation activities, while always supporting the work and values of Parramatta Mission. Betty's kindness and her warm smile cheered many others during the course of her life and her faith remained strong into her senior years. A service for Betty will be held at Castlebrook on Friday the 22nd.



Foster your faith this week

Ex34:29-35, Ps 99

2 Cor 3:12-4:2 Lk 9:28-36 (37-43a)

Pastoral message for this week....

Prophets not profits . . .

**“act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with you God”
Micah**

WESTMEAD Congregation

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).

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Westmead will also host the World Day of Prayer service on 1st March at 11.00am. All are welcome to attend. Please see Rev Christine if you will be present. The service will join with people across the world- with a focus on Slovenia.

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.

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, please let Rev Christine know so she can make sure you get a copy of the material.

THANKS

Thanks to the amazing people in the congregation who work behind the scenes. We are so appreciative. Your service for the congregation and wider community is seen and appreciated.

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 9.15-10.45am

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am

팔 번째 주현절 (8th Epiphany of Sunday) 2018년 02월 24일 오후 1시30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) 새 5 장 통 3 장 이 천지간 만물들아 다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 67 장 통 67 장 영혼의 햇빛 예수님

새 439 장 통 496 장 십자가로 가까이

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 전도서 11:1-6

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 주님이 쓰시지만 몽땅연필

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn)

새 325 장 통 359 장 예수가 함께 계시니

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
마태복음 17:1-18

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
마태복음 16:1-17:27

Luke 6: 27-38

27 Jesus said, "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who insult you. 29 To the one who strikes you on the cheek, offer also the other cheek, and from the one who takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt. 30 Give to everyone who asks you, and from the one who takes your things do not ask for them back. 31 And as you wish that people might do to you, do likewise to them. 32 If you love those who love you, what thanks is there? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks is there? Even sinners do that. 34 And if you lend from whom you hope to receive, what thanks is there? Even sinners lend to sinners that they may receive back equal things. 35 But love your enemies and go on doing morally good things and lending without giving up in despair and your reward will be great and you will be children of the most high, because he is kind to the unthankful and evil. 36 Be merciful, as your Father is merciful. 37 And judge not, that by no means will you be judged; and condemn not that by no means will you be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven; 38 give, and it will be given to you; good measure, having been pressed down, having been shaken together, pour out to excess so that it runs over, will be put into your lap. For the measure by which you measure will be the measure returned to you.

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

This Bible reading is troubling. It says love your enemies. Fair enough. Sometimes however, that is very difficult, and maybe we then need God's help. But, this does not condone a person staying in an abusive relationship. It does provide guidance in how we might treat others with whom we are in conflict. We should always act in the good interests of all involved. In some circumstances, such as family and domestic violence, that might mean withdrawing from the relationship. Our PM values of grace and dignity can assist us in guiding how we respond even in difficult circumstances. Setting boundaries is for the well-being of all, even the person who wants to cross the boundary.

2 years extension to the placement of the Senior Minister / CEO

The Parramatta Nepean Presbytery last Saturday concluded the discernment process regarding a two-year extension of myself. Each of the three congregations, the Church Council and the Presbytery were involved in this discernment. Many others were engaged in discussions along the way. Many have assisted in the discernment process of the past two years which culminated in last week's conclusion. Thank you. It has seemed good to both the people and to the Holy Spirit that Parramatta Mission continue this journey that began with my commencement (Church term is induction) on 4 February 2008. We now have clarity for the next two years, while also engaging in a deliberative process for our future beyond that time. We give thanks to God and pray that together we give glory to God over the next two years through this journey together.

Civic Link

Tomorrow night the City of Parramatta Councillors will be asked to decide on the Civic Link. Parramatta Mission's request is that the matter be delayed until there is a workshop with all of the affected land owners (there are multiple) between the railway station and the river. It is noteworthy that the civic link will not directly connect with the river in a straight line of sight from the railway station, as the heritage house, Willowgrove, blocks the way to the river, and the State Government decided this past week that it will not be demolished.

Lent commences 5 March with Ash Wednesday

This year the congregations are encouraged to use the daily devotion by Walter Brueggemann, *A Way Other Than Our Own*. I have ordered copies, which will be made available. People may wish to make a donation towards the costs, but the cost should not prevent anyone participating. The book is also available on Kindle. Each Wednesday night through Lent I will lead a 1-hour discussion of that week's reflections at AWCE 6-7 pm. I will also lead a discussion at Westmead during the daytime – details to follow. During Lent each congregation is encouraged ask 6 people, one each week to share for 1-2 minutes in worship of their reflections of that week.

Stations of the Cross is an annual event at Northmead High School

Stations of the Cross Exhibition is a collaboration of Northmead High School and Northmead Uniting Church. This year Parramatta Mission are joining in. Fourteen artists have been asked to either paint or sculpture an item on one of the stations that also speaks to a contemporary theme. This year the Stations of the Cross Exhibition will be from 8-21 April. Consideration is being given to how we can incorporate this into our Lenten devotions, including a possible group visit which might coincide with one of the Lenten discussions, mentioned above. More details to follow.

Red Mass

Last week I had the privilege of representing Parramatta Mission at an inaugural (for Parramatta) Red Mass at St Patricks Cathedral in Parramatta. The first Red Mass was in 1245 in France. It is called red because the vestments worn are red, representing the fire of the Holy Spirit. It involves people in the justice system and marks the commencement of the Law Term year.

Conclusion of Supply Ministry

Rev Dr Clive Pearson will conclude his supply ministry with the Fijian congregation this week. Today there will be a celebration at the conclusion of the Leigh Fijian service, about 1:30 pm. Thank you, Clive, for this ministry over the past six months. Clive and Rev Mary Pearson leave in coming days for six months overseas, including significant time with family in Scotland. Best wishes to both.

Progress on calling a Fijian Minister

The process to call a minister to the Leigh Fijian congregation is in the final stages. Two candidates met with the Joint Nominating Committee yesterday (Saturday).

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

FIJIAN Congregation

Rogo mai na Bose ni Presbytery: A vakayacori na bose ni Parramatta Napean Presbytery ena Siga Vakarauwai sa oti (16th Feb) mai na Blacktown Uniting Church. Qo e vica na ka au nanuma ni dodonu meda kila:

- Vakayacori na veidigidigi (secret ballot) ka lewe levu (overwhelm majority) e vakadonua me toso tale na veiqaravi nei Talatala Keith me rua na yabaki yacova na Feperueri 2021.
- Sydney Alliance (14th Mar) kerei meda yaco vakalewe levu yani ki na Sydney Town Hall ena veivosaki taki kina na ka e tara noda bula raraba – Sau ni Vale (Affordable Housing) kei na Livaliva & Gas (Renewable Energy). E gadrevi meda register on line – veitaratara kei Ofa se Chairman.
Vakadeitaki nona rawata na Lay Preachers' Course o Samu Sadrata.

Noda mata ki na Presbytery ko Ini Foiakau & Sosi Toa.

Parramatta Council: Kerei meda Masulaka me Veisau nodra Vakatilewa na lewe ni Parramatta Council ena nodra via taura “Vakaukauwa” e dua na tiki ni qele ka tara toka kina na Coffee Shop kei na Hall e Vale ni Lotu e Parramatta.

JNC: Tomani tiko nodratou veitalanoa (conversation) kei rau na Talatala ena Siga Vakarauwai ena noa (23rd Feb), kerei meda masulaka tiko me yaco nona veidigitaki na Kalou.

Veisiko: Kerei me tomani tiko na veisiko ke gadrevi na veivuke, tukutuku mai vei Vakatawa se Chairman.

Masumasu: Nuitaki sa tekivu na sota vaka mata masumasu ka tomani na masumasu VakaVuvale.

Mata ki na Church Council: Gadrevi me dua ma mata vou ki na Church Council, tukutuku mai vei Chairman ke dua e bole me qarava na i tavi bibi qo.(mata ena gauna qo – Emosi Rogoimuri, alternate member – S.Toa)

Sunday School: Kids Camp Out: 2nd – 3rd March. Kerei so na qase cake mera laki veivuke nodra qaravi na gone ena gauna ni keba.(veitaratara kei Sireli & Levi Tuiloma, Vakatawa, Chairman)

Youth: Sota ena bogi ni Vakaraubuka ena 7.30pm ena Coffee Shop.

Date	Vunau	Vunau	Vunau	Tuvakarau	Tali	Comm
		Lesi	Vakarau	Veiliutaki	Vunau	Stewards
3-Mar	Rev K.Hamilton			M1		S.Tuiloma
	Vulavou H/Comm					S.Toa
10-Mar	Rev A.Koh-Butler			Youth		
	Multicul.Worship					
17-Mar	Campbelltown	V.Kamotu	A.Allison	M2	M3	

Parramatta Mission Week

4th - 8th March

**Parramatta
MISSION**

**20
19
week**

Each year during the week surrounding Shrove Tuesday we celebrate 'Parramatta Mission Week'.

The week of events provide opportunities to hear from our team firsthand about the work we are doing throughout the community including the issues of homelessness, poverty and mental illness. It also celebrates the diversity of the people who contribute to the work of Parramatta Mission, its employees, congregations, advocates, donors, volunteers, clients, customers and visitors.

Join us for our events, celebrating everyone who makes Parramatta mission great

To R.S.V.P. or for more information contact fundraising@parramattamission.org.au

**monday
4th**

PM Showcase Day

Parramatta Mission staff and congregations are invited to share with each other the great work they are doing within their services.

1pm - 5pm: Centre for Ministry 16 Masons Drive, North Parramatta. All staff and congregations, welcome.

**tuesday
5th**

Pancakes in Meals Plus

All are welcome to join us for Shrove Tuesday pancakes during our lunch service

11.30am - 1pm: Meals Plus 119 Macquarie Street Parramatta

**wednesday
6th**

Volunteer Thank You Breakfast

To thank those who generously donate their time to assist us in our work.

8am - 9.30am: Coffee Shop 119 Macquarie Street Parramatta

**thursday
7th**

Gloster Udy Lunch

Featuring an update from our Women's Services and celebrating those who have generously donated to these services.

12pm - 2pm: 175 Conference Centre, 175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead

**friday
8th**

Wesley Apartments Celebration

Celebrating the great work that Wesley Apartments does in providing accommodation for families with children in hospital, and those who contribute to its success.

5pm - 7pm: Wesley Apartments, Hawkesbury Rd Westmead



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CHAPLAINCY

If you are feeling overwhelmed and need to explore some coping tools.

If you want to explore some spiritual questions like "How am I most at peace with myself and others?".

If a discussion in class makes you want to understand other people's religious beliefs and practices or has made you feel angry or hurt.

If you want to clarify your own beliefs.

If you are needing to find a community of like-minded people.

If you are wondering about your sexuality and the implications for the relationships in your life.

If you want to be a better friend to someone.

If you want to discuss involvement in local or global social justice or ecological sustainability issues.

If you need someone to listen. Or if you just need a friend.

Talk to us at Chaplaincy

Multifaith Centres on all campuses

chaplaincy@westernsydney.edu.au

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/chaplaincy>

Find us on Facebook: Western Sydney University - Chaplaincy



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 Koh-Butler, Young Adult and their Families.*
- ♥ *The JNC work of calling a Minister of the word for the Fijian Congregation.*
- ♥ *PM Westmead: Gary family, Scott, Sushila and her family, Reg and Heather, Robyne and Phil. All farmers and their communities, Sharon, Keith and Noeleen, 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, 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 Cabramatta Uniting Church.*
- ♥ *We join the World Council of Churches in prayer for Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Andorra, Monaco and San Marino.*

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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PM WSU Chaplain : Rev Dr Amelia Koh Butler 0427 955 157



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