

OUR NEWS
11th August 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.

Homelessness is not simply “house”-lessness. To be homeless is to lack roots, ties to place, and a sense of belonging. Extending hospitality re-establishes connection, welcoming everyone into a safe, personal, and comfortable space, a place of respect and acceptance and friendship . . . including them in a life-giving and life-sustaining network of relations.

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

PASTORAL UPDATE



Last week, our Year 12 students: Johana, Shalaane, Ulita & Gabe, commenced their 'Trial' exams ahead of the HSC. Thoughts & prayers for these wonderful young people of our congregation and blessings in the very busy weeks that lie ahead. The loving prayers of the congregation are also with our Chairperson, Bruce, as he recovers from a brief hospital stay, and for Col, Jolame, Mae, Betty, Joan, Hazel & all of our members and friends who are having health challenges – and/or who are unable to worship with us. Please contact Rev. Manas or the Leaders' team for prayerful and practical care and assistance as needed.

TOILETRIES DRIVE FOR PARRAMATTA MISSION



On all the Sundays in August, we'll be having our annual toiletries donations drive for Parramatta Mission. Donated items need to be unopened & in-date and may include soap, shampoo, personal tissues, face or hand wipes, disposable shavers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, moisturizer, deodorant, lip balm, sunscreen etc. Please bring items to the coffee shop on Sunday mornings. Enquiries: Liz or Samantha/ the Sunday School team.

Thanks for everyone's generous support.

PRESENTATION TO MANAS

Following a presentation made to Manas at the recent Abraham Conference, Moses – on behalf of the Leaders team & the Leigh Memorial congregation – made a second presentation to Manas during 'Take 10' last Sunday. A beautiful shawl/scarf was given in recognition of Manas's over two decades of **service to inter-faith ministry and ecumenical and multi-faith liaison**, including via Abraham Conferences and International Day of Peace Inter-faith Prayer Services. Many thanks were expressed to Manas & Nita for their length of service in this vital field and their compassion and dedication. The next International Day of Peace service will be held at the Fellowship Centre on Saturday 21 September, 2 – 5pm. Support from the

congregation will be greatly valued, including as volunteers to welcome visitors & to assist with afternoon tea. Enquiries: Manas/Leaders.



SAVE THE DATE

Monday 26 August, 7.00 – 9.00pm – ‘Vital Ministry Conversation’ – Church Council Extraordinary Meeting, Lifeline Training Room, Fellowship Centre. Open to all members. Further information to follow.

Pastoral message for this week....

Let's confront homelessness . . .

“learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan, plead for the widow”

The Bible

Foster your faith this week

Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:1-2, 8-19

Heb 11:29-12:2 Lk 12:49-56

HELP WANTED

English speakers to provide some conversation practice for an Afghani refugee woman and her adult daughter. They are located in the Parramatta/Merrylands area. If you are interested or want more information

please contact Allison Forrest
(Assistant Chaplain at Western Sydney University).

Phone 0425 231 412



 Lifeline's

Out of the Shadows

A walk to remember those lost to suicide

You can make a difference by participating in Lifeline's Out of the Shadows - national suicide prevention walks held to coincide with World Suicide Prevention Day.

Join us as we walk to raise awareness, remember those lost to suicide and unite in a commitment to prevent further deaths by suicide.

Walk with us on

TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2019

Meet at (and returning to)

153 GEORGE ST PARRAMATTA

5.00AM START

Followed by breakfast BBQ

RSVP for catering

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/out-of-the-shadows-walk-paramatta-tickets-68094738195>



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Lifeline

Western Sydney



아홉째 성령강림(9th Pentecost of Sunday) 2019년 8월11일 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 14 장 **통 30 장** 주 우리 하나님

새 150 장 **통 135 장** 갈보리산 위에 십자가 섰으니

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 시편 53:1-6

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 하나님이 없는 세상

성찬 및 봉헌 송(Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 324 장 **통 360장** 예수 나를 오라하네

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) **새502장** **통 259장** 빛의 사자들이여 어서가서 (1)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
에스겔 21:18-32

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
에스겔 120:40-23: 21

WESTMEAD Congregation

FELLOWSHIP MEETING + MEALS PLUS MONTH

It was great to hear Paul Moussa from Meals Plus speak at our meeting on Tuesday. We have a better understanding of how Meals Plus works and how the food, clothing, bedding, toiletries and money contributions to Meals Plus are used. During the remainder of August we would like to collect food/money for meals Plus to help them restock after the cold of winter. Paul suggested canned goods (with ring pull lid), longlife goods, 2 minute noodles (light and easy to carry for those who are living rough). Cereals etc are always welcome as are some of the larger items such as rice. Thanks to all of you for your generosity, care and prayers. **The next meeting of the Fellowship will be a bus trip on 3rd Sept. More details to follow.**

OPEN DOOR BOWLS

The next Bowls day is Wednesday 14th August. All are welcome to attend.

SPECIAL PRAYERS, SPECIAL MEETING

Please pray for our congregation and the other congregations of Parramatta Mission- that we might grow in discipleship, in faith and increase the numbers of people who are able to assist with the ministries we engage with. There will be a special church council meeting on Monday 26th August at 7.00pm at Westmead. The Church Council is forming a group which needs terms of reference under the heading of Leadership and Pastoral Resourcing Plan (including the succession plan for Senior Minister/CEO which was identified in the Life and Witness Consultation). Interested members of the congregation are also welcome and encouraged to attend that meeting. Please pray for all of us in this discernment process.

THE COFFEE CHALLENGE

Some very interesting conversations have been happening as people have stretched themselves to speak to someone they would normally not speak to. It is wonderful how God is at work in people's lives and our openness to God's spirit enables us to respond and be ready for such conversations. Please continue to seek ways to have a conversation with someone you don't know and see what arises.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 3rd Sept- BUS TRIP

please speak to Lorna, Jan or Rev Christine.

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

Fijian Congregation



Bula Feeding @ Meals Plus:

Looking for a few more volunteers with the Bula Feeding Team to host a Meals Plus lunch on 2nd October. Please contact Tuta if you are available to help serve or donate to the menu. Vinaka

Lunch after Church 18/8: Sa veivosakitaki ena bose sa oti me da na vakasigalevu vata ena 18 ni Okosita, ni suka na Lotu. Me na veitalanoataka kina na veika me baleta na JNC, lesilesi ni Talatala kei na veika me baleta na noda Lotu ena veisiga ni mataka. Kerei me da sa talanoa tiko yani kina vakamatamasumasu

Task Group Mai na Church Council, me lewe rua me matataki keda ena Task Group ka ratou na raica na I lesilesi ni Talatala I Parramatta Mission kei na kenai votavota.

Veisiko kei na Masumasu Eda kerei ka vakauqeti me da veisiko vei ira na wekada era tiko leqa, tauvimate kei ira era gadreva na veitokani, ka tomani tiko na masumasu ena vei yasani koro

VEIQARAVI ENA LOMA NI VA NA MACAWA

	Vunau e Parramatta	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Veiliutaki (Tu vakarau)	Tali Vunau
18/8	Rooty Hill/Campbeltown	Vili Kamotu	Sosi Toa	3	M1
25/8	Fiji Parish	Anare Vocea	Akisi Allison	1	M2
1/9	Vulavou/Holy Comm			3	
8/9	Multicultural Worship	Sam Sadrata	Ini Foiakau		

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-13

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for the proof of things not seen. 2 For by this people of old obtained the witness of elders. 3 By faith we understand that the world was fashioned by the word of God, and thus the visible was made out of the invisible. 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go forth to a place which he was about to receive for an inheritance, and went forth not knowing where he was to go. 9 By faith he sojourned in a land of promise as a foreigner, dwelling in tents, with Isaac and Jacob, the coheirs of the same promise. 10 For he looked with expectation to the city, with firm foundations, whose builder and maker is God. 11 By faith even Sara conceived, even when she was beyond the age, since she deemed faithful the one who had promised. 12 Therefore from one, as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of heaven and as innumerable as the sand on the seashore. 13. These all died in faith, not having obtained the promise, but having seen it and greeted it from afar.

Translation by Keith Hamilton

Reflections

A hymn that both responds to and expresses the ideas of the Bible reading above.

TIS 691 Faith will not grow from words alone

1. Faith will not grow from words alone,
from proofs provided, scripture known;
our faith must feel its way about,
and live with question-marks and doubt.

2. The pattern Jesus showed, we share:
life comes through death, hope through despair.
God is made known in brokenness,
And faith feeds on God's emptiness.

3. The church still tells how Jesus came
through death to glorious life again –
the strangest story! Yet, maybe,
our faith will thrive on mystery.

4. Faith takes the little that we know,
and calls for hope, and tells us: Go!
Love and take courage, come what may;
Christ will be with us on the way.



ABOVE: Can you see the street number 119, and the name The Fellowship Centre, The additions to the signs on our building in Parramatta.



ABOVE: A new set of round tables and chairs for Meals Plus.



ABOVE: Parramatta Central Rotary collected a car full (almost literally!) of blankets and non-perishable food and fittingly enough presented them to PM during Homeless Week.



ABOVE: Attendees at the Half a Million Steps Tuesday 6th August

The past week has been homeless week. If only it was resolved in one week! Across Australia churches like ours and organisations and groups have been raising awareness, and seeking solutions. Homelessness is not having an address. That might mean sleeping on someone's couch, moving from place to place to place. It could also be staying in crisis accommodation, or rough sleeping. It is easy to blame the victim, and sometimes people could have made other choices. Sometimes people are getting out of domestic violence, sometimes it is loss of job, and therefore loss of flat or unit or house. Not many chose homelessness as a lifestyle choice.



ABOVE

Homeless Person's Memorial Service in the Fellowship Hall Thursday 8th August

What we do know is that people who are homeless are at risk of serious health issues, including mental ill-health. They are often the victims of violence and crime. 116,000, up from 105,000 Australians are homeless every night. Every day and night, churches and organisations and individuals work to bring about change. We won't ever stop homelessness from happening, but for every person who is assisted in some way, hope is birthed, and we celebrate. A fortnight ago a woman who has been connecting with Meals Plus for close to twenty years turned up. She was almost unrecognisable. She was well-dressed, well-groomed, had accommodation and a job. Her past had been in the depths, rough sleeping, in and out of prison, mental illness, substance addiction, you name it she was there. She turned up to say, thank you. She said, "You have seen me at my worst, I wanted you to see me at my best." We were privileged to be part of her journey.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

A NEW *Conversation* ABOUT PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM AND REFUGEES

An event to help us understand and reflect further on the issues around people seeking asylum and refugees

🕒 1:45 for 2pm - 3:45pm

Saturday 17 August

📍 St Andrews Uniting Church Auditorium
25 West Market St Richmond

RSVP online at <https://bit.ly/32zKY9x>
or contact Geoff: 0431 246 972 / sueandgeoff.la@bigpond.com

Hear first hand stories from someone seeking refuge
and meet an expert working in the field who can respond to our
questions



SPECIAL SCREENING

THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 6.30 PM

Leigh Memorial Church, 119 Macquarie St, Parramatta

HALF A MILLION STEPS



Uniting



This documentary is a part of the [Fair Treatment campaign](#) to advocate for drug law reform and enhanced access to treatment and harm reduction strategies. In October 2018, as part of the Fair Treatment campaign, 100 supporters walked the 500,000 steps from Dubbo to Sydney to highlight the distance a person in regional NSW may have to travel to reach the drug treatment they need. To find out how to get involved in the campaign go to www.fairtreatment.org. You can view the trailer [here](#) or at <https://vimeo.com/327615416>

Please RSVP your attendance [here](#) or at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/half-a-million-steps-screening-at-parramatta-mission-tickets-66978284853> by 16 September 2019.

800th Anniversary

A SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE SCREENING OF THE
EMMY-NOMINATED FILM BY UNITY PRODUCTIONS FOUNDATION

THE SULTAN AND THE SAINT

Two men of faith, a Muslim and a Christian,
meet face-to-face in a time of conflict to make peace.

Eight-hundred years ago, at the height of the Fifth Crusade, St Francis of Assisi crossed the battle lines between warring armies to meet with Sultan Malik al-Kamil of Egypt. He came on a mission of peace in a time of war. See the dramatic film about their historic encounter. Be inspired to reach out and make Christian-Muslim friendship a reality in our time.

7pm, Thursday
5 September 2019
Event Cinemas
Westfield Parramatta
159-175 Church Street
Parramatta NSW 2150
Tickets \$12

Click this link to purchase your tickets
at Humanitix: [https://events.humanitix.com.au/
the-sultan-and-the-saint-800th-anniversary](https://events.humanitix.com.au/the-sultan-and-the-saint-800th-anniversary)

www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com

For details contact the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations: info.cccmr@columban.org.au, (02) 9672 3616



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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: Jolame, Wilhelmina, Col, Mae, Joan, Betty E, Hazel, Betty B, Neil & Darlene, Victoria & family, Marcel & Brian, and grieving individuals & families including Shane, Elizabeth, Gloria, Ian and friend, the Matutinas, de Relands and Goodins. Plus the Open Church team, Sunday School & Youth Group (especially this year's HSC students: Johana, Ulita, Gabe and Shaalane). Please let the Leaders' team know of any additions.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Fijian: Sosi Toa and family, Adriu Rogoimuri and Rogoimuri family, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani, Terry Butler and Talatala Amelia Koh Butler, Ravetali family, Tuiloma family, Sunday School Ministry, Young Adults and their families, Bula Feeding Ministry, Soup Kitchen Ministry, Samu Sadrata.*
- ♥ *PM Westmead: Marly, Billie Robinson's family-(Jan and family), Ruth, Wendy, Jan's neighbours, Sunny and family, Joyte and her family, Corey, Lara and James, John and Judy, Grace, Gary family, Lisa, 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, Rebecca, 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 join the World Council of Churches in prayer Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia*
- ♥ *We pray for Kenthurst Uniting Church*

Worship Services at

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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