

OUR NEWS  
4th August 2019



Our Vision  
A Community Transforming Lives  
Our Values,  
Grace, Inclusion, Dignity, Faith and Hope.

**2019 Homelessness Week  
4th - 9th August**



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

## TOILETRIES DRIVE – FROM THIS SUNDAY



On all the Sundays in August, we'll be having our annual donations drive for Parramatta Mission. Our toiletries drive is in its 4<sup>th</sup> year – and has always provided multiple items for collection & distribution to those in need of practical assistance and the blessing of hospitality. Donated toiletries 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 etc. Please bring items to the coffee shop on Sunday mornings. Enquiries: Liz/ Sunday School team.

## AUGUST CALENDAR

**Sunday 4:** SPOW Lunch (Single People of Worth) – Beverly

**Monday 5:** Couples & Friends – Robert

**Wednesday 7:** LEAP (Leave Everything & Pray) – Manas

**Saturdays 10 & 24:** Youth Group – Samantha

**Sundays 4, 11, 18 & 25** – Toiletries drive – Sunday School

## ABRAHAM CONFERENCE – *Thank you*

Many thanks to all involved in the Mission's hosting of the 2019 Abraham Conference last Sunday. A team of volunteers from the **Leigh Memorial leaders' team & congregation**, plus the Mission's **Paul Moussa**, looked after set-up/pack-up, PA, the welcome to attendees, afternoon tea & more. Earlier in the day, Paul had also spoken at Leigh Memorial's 9.30am service regarding Meals Plus – including providing many valuable insights for those present. Special thanks go to **Rev Manas** for his leadership at the Conference. At the conclusion of proceedings, Bruce and Moses, representing Leigh Memorial, made a public acknowledgement of Manas's contribution to inter-faith ministry over many years and presented him with a gift. More photos from the event are included in this newsletter. Our next inter-faith gathering will be the **International Day of Peace Prayer Service**, 2 – 5pm on Saturday, 21 September in the Fellowship Centre. *All welcome!*



# **ABRAHAM CONFERENCE: HEALING MEMORIES MAKING HISTORY**

*Genuine encounters in the present will redeem our past for a different future.*  
**Parramatta Mission: Fellowship Centre, 28 July, 2019**

The keynote speaker at the Conference was Rev. Dr. Diego Sarrió Cucarella, Rector of the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies in Rome; the Moderator of this Conference was John Cleary and the panellists representing the three 'Abrahamic' Faiths, were: Rabbi David Freedman, Judith Levitan, Dr. Emmanuel Nathan, Prof. Diane Speed, Prof. Ismail Albayrak and Makiz Ansari. Warmest thanks were expressed by leaders & attendees at the event to Manas and the "wonderful congregants who are always so welcoming and helpful."





## COUPLES & FRIENDS AUGUST MEETING



All are invited to the next Couples & Friends Club meeting on Monday 5th August at 7.30p.m. in the Fellowship Centre. Manas and Nita Ghosh will share some of their wonderful experiences of their recent train trip from Moscow to Beijing. Of course, a delicious supper will complete our meeting.

### Next Lay Preacher Evenings

Mondays August 5 AND August 12 from 7pm-8.30pm

(no dinner, refreshments only -

feel free to bring your dinner if you are coming straight from work)

In WSU J.G.31 The WESTMEAD - Western Sydney Uni building near the railway station, (building J), Ground Floor, Room 31.

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**"TO-DAY 4th August,**

**which means it is time for our**

**SPOW Lunch**

**Single People Of Worth**

**We are off to Merrylands Bowling Club  
after Church to enjoy a delicious lunch."**

## 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



## **Annual Interfaith Pilgrimage**

A group of thirty six people from a number of different Christian denominations including fifteen members of Leigh Memorial and six from the Hindu community visited the Sikh Temple at Glenwood on Saturday 27 July.

Two Sikh youth leaders – a man and a woman gave a presentation of Sikh religion, their values, practices and their contribution in two World Wars and to the

Australian community. There was a robust QA time. Then we were given a guided tour of the Temple which is the largest Sikh Temple in the southern hemisphere. Finally we were served delicious vegetarian lunch. It is awe inspiring to know that they feed ten thousand people a week.

It was a great time to building interfaith relationship.

# WESTMEAD Congregation

## **SPOW (Single People of Worth)**

SPOW gather to go to the Merrylands Bowling Club for lunch after church. If you would like to attend please see Rev Christine.

## **FELLOWSHIP MEETING**

The meeting on Tuesday has Paul Moussa as the guest speaker. Paul is from Meals Plus and all of the food, clothing, bedding, toiletries and other donations are given to Paul for distribution. Paul is amazing in this ministry and we are excited to have him share with us. Please feel free to come along and hear Paul on Tuesday from 2.00pm.

## **OPEN DOOR BOWLS**

The next Bowls day is Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August. All are welcome to attend.

## **SPECIAL PRAYERS**

Please remember Carol in your prayers. Carol has returned to the hospital in Westmead. Ruth has now come closer to Westmead as she convalesces following a broken ankle. Please pray for a good recovery so she might return home soon. Please also pray for members of the congregation who are recovering from illness, who have ill family members and for those who are travelling. Please also 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.

## **THE COFFEE CHALLENGE**

Across the next 2 months we are encouraging as many people as possible to go to a shopping centre, open some general conversation with someone who appears to be alone (and who might be lonely) to encourage them and hopefully make them feel a little more connected to other people. We hope this can happen in all of the congregations in the Mission Zone. We trust that God will enable some amazing conversations to come about. Are you up to the coffee challenge?

## **DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship**

### **Sundays 9.45am**

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August

### **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

팔번째 성령강림(8th Pentecost of Sunday) 2019년 8월4일 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 35 장** **통 50 장** 큰 영화로우신 주

**새 150 장** **통 135 장** 갈보리산 위에 십자가 셤으니

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **창 15:1,2;5-6; 7-18/ 막16:33-38**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 신앙의 주어와 목적어

성찬 및 봉헌 송(Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)  
**새 216 장** **통 356장** 성자의 귀한 몸

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 18:1-18

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시  
에스겔 17:1-20: 26

## Luke 12:13-34

13 And a certain person out of the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." 14 But Jesus said to him, "Man! Who appointed me to be a judge or to be an arbitrator over you? 15 And he said to them, "Beware and guard against every kind of insatiable desire because a person's life does not consist in the surpluses of their possessions." 16 Then Jesus told them a parable, saying, "The land of a certain rich man yielded well, 17 and he reasoned to himself saying, 'What might I do, because I have nowhere to gather my fruit?' 18 And he said, 'This is what I will do, I will take down my barns and I will build larger ones and I will store all my wheat and all my goods. 19 And I will say to myself, "Self, you have many good things laid up for many years; rest, eat, drink and be glad." 20 But God said to him, "Fool, this very night your very life is demanded of you, and the things which you prepare, whose will they be?" 21 So too to the one who stores up things for themselves and is not being rich toward God." 22 "Therefore" he said to his disciples, "I tell you: Do not be anxious about life, what you should eat, nor about your body, what you should put on. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens, that neither sow nor reap, and which have no storehouse or barns, even so God feeds them; how much more valuable are you compared to the birds. 25 And who of you, by being anxious, can add a moment of time to the span of life? 26 If, therefore, you cannot do the smallest thing as that, why be anxious about other matters? 27 Consider the lilies, how they neither spin nor weave; yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as one of these. 28 But if God so lavishly clothes the grass of the field today and tomorrow it is thrown into the oven, how much more will God clothe you, O people of little faith! 29 Do not continually seek what you may eat and what you may drink and do not be anxious about these things. 30 For all the nations of the world seek after these things; but your Father knows that you have need of them. 31 But seek his kingdom, and these things will be added unto you. 32 Fear not, little flock for it has well-pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give them away as gifts to the poor; make for yourselves purses that do not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not fail, where a thief cannot come near, nor moths destroy; 34 for where your treasure is, there also your heart will be.

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

## Reflections

In the parable of the rich fool, above, the person refers to themselves with I, my or self 13 times in 64 words. At no time does he speak about others. His treasure is neither in God nor in others. The issue is not that he is rich, the issue is he is foolish. The broader context in Luke's gospel is a section of teaching that includes the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal son on love of God and love of neighbour in the context of God's love for the whole of creation.





Julie and I recently went on a coach trip in Scotland to Loch Ness. No signs of Ness, but lots of rumours! After boarding the coach with 50 other people, the coach driver/guide, Dan, began. He said he respected everyone on the coach, and included everyone on the coach. He would listen to people and treat everyone with respect, that he loved everyone on the coach. Regardless of their background, race,

gender, ethnicity, ability, he would treat everyone with respect and inclusion and love. I could not help but think of our PM values of grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope, as he spoke. He then said that he hoped that everyone on the coach would treat him with respect, inclusion and love by not talking when he was talking – after all we had paid to hear him be the guide, by not holding phone conversations on the coach, by being back at the coach on time for it to leave each place. He hoped we would all have a great day together, which was particularly important given we would be together for 12 hours. It was a most enjoyable day, and indeed, everyone was considerate, respectful and inclusive. In the afternoon, he took a selfie of us all (after checking for permission) which he would post on a closed Facebook group, which we could join, which we did.

At one point, Dan said he was not religious, but respected people who were, regardless of their religious beliefs, and hoped that others would respect his views. He went on, that the church coming up on the right always had its door open, whatever weekday or weekend he drove past. He said, he doesn't go to church, but if he did desire to go, or every felt he had the need to go and talk to someone at a church, he would go to that church, because the door is always open and he would know that he would be welcomed and included and respected if he went there.





**LEFT:**

Here with Jo and Paul from PM and Commander Troy Van Tienhoven and Arthur Booby, from HMAS Parramatta, on their return from overseas service, presenting to PM the proceeds of fundraising, over \$500, by the ships company. While the ship is being

refitted over the next 6 weeks, the crew are looking to volunteer at PM.



**RIGHT:**

Here with Paul and Jenny from PM and Alan Drew and Nancy from Alan Drew Funerals. Over the past few weeks, Alan Drew Funerals have presented over 400 blankets they have collected in the Hills District, mostly through a big banner they put up on the chapel on Old Northern Road. Alan shared with me some stories of funerals at Leigh Memorial, conducted by the late Gloster Udy.



Where your treasure is there also your heart will be; where your values are there will also be your behaviour and that will be seen by everyone, even people from the other side of the world.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

# 2019 Homelessness Week Parramatta Programme

## **Sunday August 4th 12 noon**

Official Launch, Bikers Australia Blanket Run, Live Music and Lunch in Centenary Square

## **Monday August 5th 10am - 2pm**

Western Sydney Homeless Connect in Centenary Square and Parramatta Mission. For further info visit [www.wshc.com.au](http://www.wshc.com.au)

## **Tuesday August 6th 12 noon**

Live Music in Centenary Square



## **Thursday August 8th 11am - 12 midday**

Live Music in Centenary Square

## **Thursday August 8th 11.30am - 1pm**

Lunch at Meals Plus: 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta.

## **Thursday August 8th 1.15pm**

Homeless Memorial Service at Parramatta Mission  
119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta.



## **Friday August 9th 11.30am - 1pm**

Lunch at Meals Plus - 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta.

For further information contact Jenny 02 9891 2277  
Parramatta Mission 119 Macquarie Street Parramatta NSW 2150

# Fijian Congregation

I attended the *Sydney Alliance 6 Day National Community Organising Training* held at Wimborne Function Centre, Mulgoa. This program has challenged me and my understanding of concepts such as Power, Relationships, Self Interest, Anger, Community Organising and Leadership. It's also allowed a great space to reflect and learn about ways to further engage in our Fijian community, Church community, and wider Australian community. I would like to thank Rev. Keith Hamilton and Parramatta Mission for sponsoring me and furthering my development as a young Pacific Leader. Vinaka, Ofa.

## Tukutuku E So

Sa na daro tiko na noda tou veisau vunau kei na Fiji Parish ena loma ni rua na vula mai qo (Okosita/Sepiteba), e sa na vunau ga kina o Talatala Tony Floyd.

**Bula Feeding Ministry** Veiqaravi tiko na Bula Feeding ena vei Tusiti e Blacktown. Ni sa sureti na via dodoliga ena nodra vakani na vakaleqai tu ena veiyasa ni koro.

Na veivakani ena Meals Plus ena **2 ni Okotova**, Sa tekivu soli tiko na yaca kei ira era sa bole tiko ena vakarautaki ni kakana. Kerekere veitaratara vei Suguta se dua vei ratou na Volunteers.



Family and friends celebrated Sitiveni Rogoimuri's one hundred nights ceremonial gathering on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July. This marked the end of mourning on Siti's passing.



E kacivi na bula nei nodai tokani, o Fane Fotofili ena mataka ni Moniti nai ka 30 ni Jilulai. Edau tokoni keda o Fane ena veigauna e dau gade mai kina. Sa vakavinavinakataki na bula mamarau ka dau kilai tani kina na marama oqo.

## VEIQARAVI ENA LOMA NI VA NA MACAWA

	Vunau e Parramatta	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Veiliutaki (Tu vakarau)	Tali Vunau
11-Aug	Multicultural Worship	Rev. Ameila KB	Samu Sadrata		
18-Aug	Rooty Hill/Campbeltown	Viliame Kamotu	Sosi Toa	3	M1
25-Aug	Rev. Dr. Tony Floyd		Anare Vocea	1	M2
1-Sep	Vulavou/Holy Comm			3	

### ***Foster your faith this week***

***Is 1:1, 10-20 Ps 50:1-8, 22-23***

***Heb 11:1-3, 8-16 Lk 12:32-40***



### ***Pastoral message for this week....***

Parramatta Mission strives to support people facing homelessness through  
Grace, Inclusion, Dignity, Faith and Hope.

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](http://www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com)

For details contact the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations: [info.cccmr@columban.org.au](mailto: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, Our Sri Lankan brothers and sisters, 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 Canada, USA*
- ♥ *We pray for Katoomba 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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