

# OUR NEWS

24th November 2019



Parramatta  
Mission



uniting  
church  
in Australia,  
Synod of NSW & ACT

Nothing can  
separate us  
from the love  
of God.  
Romans 8:39



## 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

## **'GIVING TREE' 2019 IS HERE!**

Our Leigh Memorial 'Giving Tree' starts this Sunday, 24 November and will operate for 3 Sundays. Gifts need to be new & unwrapped, and practical options are always greatly appreciated. Many thanks for everyone's kind support. Enquiries: Liz & Mario.

## **INVITATION: UNVEILING of 'BURAGA' ARTWORK**

Members & friends are kindly invited to attend the official unveiling and dedication of 'Buraga' ('Arise') – Leigh Memorial's new artwork by Leanne 'Mulgo' Watson of the Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation. When? 11am, Tuesday 3 December in the church – followed by refreshments.

## **PEACE DINNER**

RSVPs for this year's Peace Dinner are due by 1/12/19 (please see Liz) or call Coral at the PM office: 9891-2277. Keynote speaker: Dr. Deidre Palmer, President of the UCA. No cost. We'd love to see you there!

## **ACCOMMODATION NEEDED**

Young Mum, Kamini, and her son are in urgent need of rental accommodation. This may be in the form of a spare room or a granny flat. Please see Rev. Manas.

## **EARLY ADVENT @ LEIGH MEMORIAL**

Saturdays 30 November, 7 December – 10am: Advent Studies (Clive)  
Sunday 1 December – 12pm: SPOW Christmas Luncheon (Beverly)  
Mon. 2 December – 7pm: Couples & Friends Christmas Dinner (Robert)  
Sat. 7 December – 6.30pm: Peace Dinner (Rev. Manas)

## **PARRAMATTA MISSION CHRISTMAS – 'DONATE A PLATE'!**

Christmas is approaching fast! Support from congregation members and friends is sought in a number of ways, including via donations to both 'Donate a Plate' and the Mission's hamper drive – and by volunteering for the Christmas Day lunch. Please check [christmas@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:christmas@parramattamission.org.au) or call 9891-2277.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Some wonderful colouring-in by our Sunday School @ Leigh & Leigh Fijian children is currently on display in the Coffee Shop. Well done to the children for their efforts. Sunday School @ Leigh will be having its prize-giving, party and a very special Nativity Play on Sunday 15 December at 9.30am. All welcome.

## SAFE CHURCH & WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS 2020

Members who need these important requirements in place are asked to ensure that their WWCCs are up to date for next year and that Safe Church workshop bookings are organised. Thank you.

## CAROLS SERVICE & MUSIC TEAM MORNING TEA

As part of our Christmas Carols Service @ Leigh at 9.30am on 22 December, we will be celebrating the many contributions of our Music Team – plus enjoying a festive, ‘thank you’ morning tea together. Members are invited to bring a plate of food to share - and to wear red & green and/or tinsel. Enquiries: Leaders.

**Ecumenical visit:** A visit has been organised to the St Mary & St Cosman & St Demian Coptic Orthodox Church in Kellyville to enjoy a cultural and religious experience.

**Date:** Saturday 30 November 2019

**Time:** 4.00 - 6.00pm

**Address:** 118-120 Arnold Ave, Kellyville, NSW, Australia

The evening will conclude with a delicious homemade vegetarian dinner.

**RSVP Essential:** The Rev'd Dr Manas Ghosh by **27 November**

Email: [manas.ghosh@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:manas.ghosh@parramattamission.org.au) Mob. 0429892548

- The new Aboriginal painting for Leigh Memorial Church and Parramatta Mission is called 'Buraga', a Darug word meaning 'Arise'. It was painted by Darug artist, Leanne 'Mulgo' Watson, from the Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation.

Please join us in the unveiling of "BURAGA"

3rd December in the Leigh Memorial Church Foyer at 11am

- light refreshments will be served -

*The painting represents the Mission's acknowledgement of the Burramattagal people of the Darug-nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which our church is built and of the site on which our staff, congregations, visitors and those in need have regularly gathered for work, worship, fellowship and support.*

**Artist's statement - 'BURAGA':** "unity, sharing, healing, connections, love..."

# **ADVENT 2019 @ Leigh Memorial**

Please check all arrangements with group/activity leaders. Thank you.

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**Sunday 24 November** – *Giving Tree* starts (3 Sundays) (Liz)

**Saturday 30 November** – 10.00am: *Advent Study* –  
'Emmanuel – God with Us' (Clive)

**Sunday 1 December** – 9.30am: *First Advent Candle* lighting (Manas)  
12.00pm: *SPOW Christmas Lunch* (Beverly)

**Monday 2 December** – 7.00pm: *Couples & Friends Christmas Dinner* (Robert)

**Wednesday 4 December** – 7.00pm: *LEAP* (Manas)

**Thursday 5 December** – 6.00pm: *Church Council +  
Congregation Leaders Dinner Meeting*

**Saturday 7 December** – 10.00am: *Advent Study* – 'The Sermon on the  
Mount' (Clive)  
6.30pm: *Peace Dinner* (Manas/ Leaders' team)

**Sunday 8 December** – 9.30am: *Second Advent Candle-lighting* (Manas)

**Saturday 14 December** – 10.00am: *Advent Study* – 'Whatever you did for one of  
these' 6.30pm: *Youth Group Christmas Party* (Samantha)

**Sunday 15 December** – 9.30am: *Third Advent Candle-lighting* (Manas)  
*Sunday School Nativity Play, Prize Giving & Party* (Liz/Samantha)

**Thursday 19 December** – 6.00pm: *PM Carols in Centenary Square* (Keith)

**Sunday 22 December** – 9.30am: *Fourth Advent Candle-Lighting & Carols Service*  
(Manas/Music Team)  
7.00pm: *Blue Christmas* (Manas)

**Wednesday 25 December** – 9.00am: *Christmas service* (combined)



Further enquiries: Reception - 9891-2277/ LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com

## ANGEL TREE

Today is the last day for collecting for Angle Tree there will be boxes in the foyer for people to place donations as you are able. Again, we are aiming to support 10 children which is a cost of ap.\$300. Thank you for your generosity!

## OPEN DOOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party on the 18<sup>th</sup> is for all who would like to attend. Pease RSVP to Sue or Rev Christine.

## NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE (NICM) CELEBRATION

We are invited to the Opening of NICM on Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec from 10.00-11.30am. All are welcome to attend and see the beautiful renovation of the Old St Vincent's Boys home, which is the Westmead Campus of Western Sydney Uni (RSVP Rev Christine) We hope to build more connections across the coming years.

## END OF YEAR AND CHRISTMAS

As we move quickly to the end of the year and Christmas there will be a number of parties and Services.

- Christmas Service with Mayflower followed by a light lunch Monday 16<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am.
- Congregational Christmas/Multicultural celebration Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> followed by food.
- Christmas Remembrance Service Monday 16<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm.
- Carols and Lessons Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Christmas Day Service 9.00am.

Rev Christine hopes to have a special Children's Service-date and time to be decided.

## HEALTHY NOVEMBER

In the lead up to the Christmas season we want to try and assist in us all being healthier. The scriptures speak of the body being a temple so being healthier is something for us all to aim for. Likewise, as we age (and we all do) it is important to try and keep active, both in mind and body. So on Wednesdays during November we are trialling some fun Body groove exercise from 12-12.30. It is moving and walking (no running involved at all) and you can move in whatever way you are able. Please see Rev Christine for more details.

WESTMEAD

### DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS

with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm Last Day Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

Fellowship- Christmas Party Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Time Out Café (TOC)- Tues/Thurs 11.00-1.30pm Last day Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec

Play Group – Mondays and Wednesdays 9.15-10.45am

Last day Wed 11<sup>th</sup>

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm

Last day Wed 18<sup>th</sup>

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am

Last day Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

# Christmas Day LUNCH

Wednesday 25th December 2019



Join us for our

## CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH CELEBRATION

Parramatta Mission are hosting Christmas Day Lunch.  
We welcome everyone to attend.

Wednesday 25th December 2019

Where: Parramatta Mission Meals Plus  
Ground Level, 119 Macquarie St, Parramatta NSW 2150

Lunch will be served from 11am until 2pm.

To ensure you are able to be seated with minimal waiting time, please  
arrive after 11am and before 1pm.

There will be plenty of food available for all.

There will be lots of food, entertainment and great company.



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Meals Plus

[www.parramattamission.org.au/christmasday](http://www.parramattamission.org.au/christmasday)





# CHRISTMAS CAROLS @ LEIGH MEMORIAL CHURCH!



*Come and join us for a morning of Christmas  
carols, fellowship and good news at  
Leigh Memorial Church,  
119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta.*

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*When? Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 9.30am.  
The service will be followed by great coffee & tea  
and some very 'festive' treats.*

***ALL welcome!***



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### Luke 23:33-43

33 When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified Jesus and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothes. 35 And the people stood by watching; but the leaders scoffed at him saying, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the chosen one." 36 And the soldiers also mocked him, approaching him offering sour wine 37 and saying, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself!" 38 And there was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." 39 One of the criminals who was hanged, blasphemed him saying, "Are you not the Christ; save yourself and us." 40 But the other criminal answered him and rebuked him saying, "Do you not fear God; because you are under the same judgment. 41 And we indeed justly; for we receive back what we deserve for our deeds. But this man has done nothing wrong." 42 He also said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)





## Reflections

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church year. It is known as Christ the King or Reign of Christ. The Bible reading above seems at odds with such a statement as Christ as king. He is put to death. His coronation is on and through crucifixion. That would be disastrous except that according to the Scriptures, Jesus rose again from the dead. Among other things, this points to hope beyond the grave. It speaks to the Christian affirmation of the identity of Jesus as Son of God, or God who came among us as a human. Christian hope arises in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead; nothing can separate us from God, and the great barrier, death, is broken down.

Noteworthy are the words from the cross by Jesus to one of the two thieves, "Today you shall be with me in paradise." That speaks of a God of grace. This is a very different understanding about God to that portrayed by an ex-footballer last week. Of course, Australia has had bushfires for millennia. The Aborigines used fire – cool, warm and hot fires - to farm the land and to coral animals for food. But these fires are starting earlier in the year, winter. Our staff in Taree inform me that a fire on the mid-north coast has been burning since August and it can't be put out. These fires are more ferocious and on a larger scale than previous. But this is not some vindictive action of a god bent on retribution and destruction. These fires are more to do with a heating world. We have unpredictable weather patterns and prolonged drought. When was it normal to have 40 degrees in October? We ought to be doing something about it.

It is true not all people accept there is climate change. Some would say leave it to God to sort it all out. But, if I came to your house to stay, you would have every reasonable expectation I would look after it and leave it better than I found it. If the world in which we live is God's, ought we not look after what is God's?

A note to all: George Street Parramatta will become a two-way street from Friday 29 November.

Next Sunday is the start of the new church year. The season is called Advent. There are only four Sundays before the big day. It is time to put the Christmas tree up and get ready for Christmas.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



## Our story

Act for Peace's work began in 1948 with the sending of food and other provisions to help refugees and internally displaced who had suffered during World War II. This important work was carried on when, on Christmas Day in 1949, the Reverend Frank Byatt of Victoria placed an empty bowl on the dinner table and asked all present to give what they considered to be the cost of the meal.

Frank urged his guests to reflect on their good fortunes and encouraged them to do something selfless for the people around the world who are victims of disease, poverty and violence. This small but significant gesture of charity has resonated deeply with thousands of Australians and has shown that we all have the ability to make a difference, no matter how small the gift.

Since the first Christmas Bowl began, over the past 67 years you have helped to provide food, shelter, education, healthcare and training to help the world's most vulnerable prepare for, cope with and recover from conflict and disaster. As the international aid agency of the [National Council of Churches in Australia](#) and a member of the global ACT alliance, Act for Peace helps communities affected by poverty and conflict in more than 130 countries.

With your support, Act for Peace supports partners to respond to emergencies and implement long-term humanitarian and development program and advocacy initiatives responding to the needs of communities in protracted conflicts or disaster-affected regions. Act for Peace is currently working with partners in Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Kenya, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka, India, the Philippines, Palestine, Jordan, Iraq, Indonesia, as well as in the Pacific and with refugee communities in Australia.

We will continue to work together with passionate people like you to build the foundations for real and lasting peace, and make a growing difference to communities where it's needed most.

**Masumasu** Me vakabibitaki na noda masumasu vaka matamasumasu, vakavuvale. Me ra nanumi na veiwekani era donumaka tiko na gauna dredre: Terry Butler kei Talatala Amelia Koh Butler, noda qase lomani o Adriu Rogoimuri , Niko Balavu, vuvale na Banuve kei Vunivalu, vuvale na Ravetali kei na Tuiloma, vuvale nei Sosi Toa, vuvale na Dovibua

**Veidigidigi ni Veiliutaki ni Lotu** ni suka na Lotu ni kua. Eda vakauqeti me da vakaya gataka na veisolisoli talei e soli vei keda me tara cake kina na matanitu ni Kalou ena vanua vou eda sa mai bula kina

**Vuli ni Dauvunau** Kerei me da tomana tiko na noda lesoni ka sa vakarautaki vei keda ka vakacavara vinaka na yabaki oqo. Assignments are due!

Seeking anyone who is keen to help with administrative tasks, including Fijian insert to Our News weekly newsletter, update Fijian website page and facebook page, and/or is keen to help with youth and leadership, please contact Ofa.



**Youth** on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November @ 7.00pm, at the Coffee Shop. If you need a ride, please contact Ofa or Sam

### *Congratulations*

Sala, Max and Rogoimuri family on the arrival of baby ***Sitiveni Tremain Lotawa***

### **DECEMBER SERVICES**

Christmas Morning Combined Worship  
There will be **no** Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve Services

## VEIQARAVI ENA LOMA NI VULA O NOVEBA

	Vunau e Parramatta	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Veiliutaki (Tu vakarau)	Tali Vunau
1/12	Vulavou/Holy Communion				
8/12	Cross Cultural Worship				
15/12	Rev. Clive Pearson (TBA)			1	1

23째 성령강림(23th Pentecost of Sunday) 2019년 11월24일 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 64 장** **통 13 장** 기뻐하며 경배하세

**새 415 장** **통 471 장** 십자가 그늘 아래

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **누가복음 13:18-21**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 **주님의 천국비유**

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn)

**새 235 장** **통 222 장** 보아라 즐거운 우리집

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. 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  
계시록 13:14-22

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시  
계시록 2:18-6:17

# **RAISE THE RATE**

## **Invitation: Roundtable On Newstart And The Raise The Rate Campaign**

I am writing on behalf of ACOSS (Australian Council of Social Service) and the Raise the Rate campaign. I would like to invite you, as a representative of a faith community, to a special roundtable with the Raise the Rate team and people who are on Newstart or Youth Allowance and struggling to get by on \$40 a day (or less), to discuss poverty, its impact on our communities, and the campaign to raise these payments: **Thursday December 5th, 10:30 am-12:00pm ACOSS, Level 3, 219-242 Cleveland Street, Redfern**

Despite being a wealthy country, more than 800,000 people live on unemployment and student payments that do not cover the cost of housing, bills, food, transport, and healthcare. Newstart for a single person is only \$282 per week (less than \$15K per year) and has not been raised in real terms since 1994 (Youth Allowance, is even lower). People on this payment are forced to skip meals, are unable to cloth themselves, do without medicines, and struggle with unavoidable expenses like rent and power bills. Socially isolated, lonely, and demoralised, these members of our community are increasingly turning to charities and food banks, who themselves are struggling with higher costs and increased demand. ACOSS believes that lifting the rate of Newstart, Youth Allowance, and related payments would be the most effective first step Australia can take to reduce poverty. We would like to invite you to meet with us, to hear from those directly affected, share your experiences and ideas, and find common ground on how we can work together to reduce poverty in our community. For more info, or to RSVP, contact Raise the Rate campaign coordinator Pas Forgione at [pas@acoss.org.au](mailto:pas@acoss.org.au) or on 02 9310 6216 or on 0444 590 297.

Kind regards,

Pas Forgione. Raise the Rate campaign coordinator.

ACOSS (Australian Council of Social Service).

E: [pas@acoss.org.au](mailto:pas@acoss.org.au)

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

God's love does not separate us  
but draws us together

***Foster your faith this week***

*Is 2:1-5*

*Ps 122*

*Rom 13:11-14*

*Mt 24:36-44*



“Reminder Christmas day lunch is happening again this year. You may remember last year’s event was fantastic and more than 500 people attended our lunch. This year we are expecting up to 1000 guests from across our community. In order to ensure a fun and safe environment we will once again need to utilise the space in the car park. We encourage you to seek street parking which is free on Christmas day. Thank you for your cooperation in helping this day be a huge success.”



# 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: Mae & Stephen, Jolame, Wilhelmina, Joan, Betty E, Hazel, Betty B, George, Neil & Darlene, plus grieving individuals & families including Beverly, and the Grays and de Relands. Also, Manas & Nita, the congregation leaders team, Open Church - and both leaders and members of the Music Team, SPOW, Couples & Friends, Sunday School & Youth Group. Please advise the Leaders' team of any additions to this listing.*
- ♥ *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: Shirley and family, Yvonne, Rietha, Marly, Rita, Ruth, Wendy, Jan's neighbours, Sunny and family, Corey, Lara and James, Judy, Grace, Lisa, 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, Paula and Geoffrey, Garry, Chris and family, Rob, Jodie and Family, May, Rajes (Sandra), Henry, Phyllis, Vita, Al, Mrs G and family, Judy, Shanika and family, Rebecca, Ashima and Anusha Saxena, Lyn, 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 Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger*
- ♥ *We pray for Rooty Hill 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**

## Contacts

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**Westmead Church:** 175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead: 9891 9354

**Senior Minister/CEO:** Rev Keith Hamilton 0417 487 446


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



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