



Parramatta
Mission



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in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS

5th March 2020

A close-up photograph of a vibrant green palm frond, showing the intricate details of the leaflets and the central rachis, set against a soft, blurred background.

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

PALM SUNDAY



This Sunday, 5 April, we will be sharing our Palm Sunday worship online or on paper. Please join us! ¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the king of Israel!” **John 12: 12-13.**

SUPPORT AVAILABLE

We hope that everyone is keeping well. Please let the pastoral team or the congregation leaders know if you need any form of additional support during this challenging time, including practical help if unwell or in isolation. Call 9891-2277, or contact Rev. Manas, 0429 892 548. Members are also encouraged to ‘phone or email a friend’ and check on each other’s well-being at this time – plus vulnerable people in the broader community. Every gesture makes a difference!

SMALL ‘CARE’ GROUPS



Leigh Memorial has established small ‘care groups’ within our congregation so that everyone is well-connected and informed at this time. Members of our ‘care groups’ are also asked to phone, text or email someone this week and simply have a chat. Sharing our feelings and experiences, and looking after our mental health is crucial during this period.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Parramatta Mission is making weekly worship, bible studies, prayers and other resources available on its website: <https://www.parramattamission.org.au/> (follow the links through ‘Congregations’) – and also via traditional post. Contact 9891-2277 or wecare@parramattamission.com.au if you would like to be added to a contact or mailing list. If you’re interested in participating in an online worship or study program but don’t know how – that’s fine. Many of us are in the same boat! Just contact Rev. Amelia: 0427 955 157 or Rev. Clive: cliverpearson@gmail.com if you would like some guidance.

RESOURCES FOR KIDS

Parents & carers are reminded that Lent & Easter colouring-in pages and Sunday School learning material are readily available via email or post on request. Kids are welcome to scan and send us their colouring-in and we will display it online! Please don’t hesitate to contact our Sunday School teachers, Anne & Samantha via LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com. A helpful UCA children’s ministry site for ‘at home’ Sunday School education and age appropriate kids’ activities is: <https://childrensministry.org.au/curriculum/>

MEALS PLUS – PLEASE DONATE

Parramatta Mission's Meals Plus program is in urgent need of funds. Meals Plus provides meals, basic aid and referrals to a growing number of people. The demand on Meals Plus and reception has increased. There are a lot of new people. The meals are provided as takeaway. Every donation helps. Please go to <https://www.parramattamission.org.au/donate/> or call 9891-2277. Assistance is coming from many different quarters. Donations have been gratefully received from members of our three congregations. We are also receiving donations from new contacts in the community. One example of a community donation is from Rev. Manas's friend from the Australian Imam's Council who donated bags of frozen vegetables.

Pastoral message for this week....

“Our services are still open supporting those in need as we live by grace and walk in faith and hope”

Foster your faith this week

Acts 10:34-43 or Jer 31:1-6

Ps 118:1-2, 14-24

Col 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43

Jn 20:1-18 or Mt 28:1-10

LOOKING FOR A GOOD READ?

For those at home and looking for a good read to pass the time, please note the following: An e-version of our **Luminous** book (about the Leigh Memorial stained glass windows) is now part of the Camden Theological College's 'Illuminate' program – or what is described as “the Gateway to the History of our Churches”. It can be found at: <https://illuminate.recollect.net.au/nodes/view/12949>. Another online source is an essay about **Catherine Leigh** (wife of Samuel Leigh and a landmark, pioneer missionary, midwife and teacher – and interestingly in the context of our own time, one of many Parramatta victims of a severe 1831 epidemic). It is available at <https://stjohnscemeteryproject.org/bio/catherine-leigh/>. If you are interested in either borrowing or purchasing our Parramatta Mission 2018-2019 Heritage booklets about pioneer missionaries **Samuel Leigh** and **Walter Lawry**, this can also be arranged. We are happy to email, post, or drop them off to you on request. Please contact LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com or leave a message at 9891-2277.

COVID-19

In this difficult time, we, all of us at Parramatta Mission, are taking every measure to support our staff, pastoral team, congregants, clients and community. We continue to monitor and make adjustments. Our services remain open, though how that is undertaken has changed. We continue to support those in need. Some of our services are virtual. People are being fed and accommodated. We continue to 'walk' beside people in their journey of recovery. Our church services are online. There is increased pastoral contact and daily reflections. Our care activities are still happening. **We live by grace and walk in faith and hope.**

All of us are learning new skills. Until a fortnight ago I had not used zoom or teams. Now I use both every day and some days Skype as well! Our workloads have increased, and the intensity has increased. Please make sure you take self-care, time out. Go for a walk. We all still need at least one day but preferably two per week off. I heard this recently: 'we are created by God, loved by God, sustained by God.' That does not mean we are sustained to overwork! We do our part and rest in God to do God's part.

Holy Week Devotions

There will be Holy Week Devotions Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of Holy Week. 6:30pm. to 6:45pm.

These online meditative services will follow the themes of this season of the year as expressed through this gospel.

Monday Betrayal Matthew 26:1-3; 14-16.

Tuesday Anointing Matthew 26: 6-13

Wednesday Denial Matthew 26: 26-35

To join on zoom, click on: <https://zoom.us/j/3602745736>

Easter Services

**There will also be Zoom church services on
Maundy Thursday, 7 pm,
Good Friday, 10 am and
Easter Day, 10 am.**

Zoom details are:

<https://zoom.us/j/5450786355>

Meeting ID: 545 078 6355

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

19-14

종려주일 (Passion of Sunday) 2020년 04월 05일 오후 1시30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) **새 1장** **통 1장** 만복의 근원 하나님 다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 8장 **통 9장** 거룩 거룩 거룩

새 270장 **통 214장** 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **요한복음 11:45-53**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 **나는 어디로 가고 있나?**

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn)

새 149장 **통 147장** 주 달려 죽은 십자가

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 오늘 함께 예배 드린 여러분을 주님의 이름으로 환영합니다. 🙏
2. '매일 성경' 말씀으로 주님과 교제의 시간(QT)을 갖고 적용하는 훈련을 합니다.
3. 말씀, 기도, 전도 생활로 하나님이 기뻐하시는 삶을 사는 성도님들이 되시기 바랍니다.

폐회찬송(Final Hymn)

새 502장 **통 259장** 너 시온아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
마가복음 14:53-72

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
마가복음 14:32-15:47

WESTMEAD Congregation

SUSPENSION OF ACTIVITIES DURING COVID 19 OUTBREAK

During this last week we have made the difficult but sensible decision to suspend all Westmead Congregation activities except worship. Please see communication from Rev Christine. Rev Christine is still available but will be working from home.

WORSHIP

During the suspension of worship for during the Covid 19 pandemic in NSW Rev Christine will continue to provide worship materials. For some, this will be via emails and other digital technology. For others it will be via printed material. Most members of the congregation will receive a 'worship pack', which includes material, stones, cross and candles. We encourage you to use these materials at our usual time of worship if possible, or at another time as you are able. Each pack will also include a small set of envelopes for your offering. This practice does not cease just because we are not in the same room however, some people's income will be affected so please give what you are able.

COMMUNION

The next time we are due to have communion is Easter Sunday. As we will not be present together on that day Rev Christine will arrange for communion elements to be delivered (where possible) and there will be a youtube link for you to connect with or a written order of service you may follow. The elements will be blessed before you receive them, but it is one way we can share together even when we are apart. Rev Amelia has also written a service for the sacrament of the empty hands which you can also use. These will be made available early next week.

BOARD AND CHURCH COUNCIL

Please continue to pray for the Board and Church Council members. Please continue to pray for Rev Geoff Stevenson as he continues the work of meeting with the congregations and working with the Church Council.

CALL TO PRAYER

We ask everyone to pray as they are able each day for the world, for Australia and especially for medical staff and others in dealing with Covid 19 Pandemic. May God be with all of us at this time.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- **On hold until early May**

Fellowship- These meetings will occur occasionally.

Please stay tuned for information re bus trips.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Time Out Café (TOC)- Wednesdays 10.00-1.00pm **On hold until early May**

Play Group – Mondays and Thursdays 9.15-10.45am **On hold until early May**

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm **On hold until early May**

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am **On hold until early May**

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, Bruce S, Jolame, Betty E, Joan, Hazel, Beverly, Neil & Darlene, Betty B, George, Robyn & Malcolm, Rev. Manas & Nita, the Leaders team, Open Church, SPOW, Couples & Friends, Sunday School teachers, children and families, Youth Group, inc. this year's HSC students and first time uni students, and all those who are unwell, currently having medical tests or treatment, or grieving. For people recovering from surgery.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Fijian: Adriu Rogoimuri Niko Balavu, 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: Matthew's mother, Nyema, Auntie Jean, William, Karishma and family, Isaac and family, Amelia and her family, Joanna and family, Shirley and family, Faith and her sisters, Yvonne, Rietha, Marly, Rita, Ruth, 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, 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 East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines*
- ♥ *We pray for Campbelltown Regional Mission – Congregation*



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<http://www.parramattamission.org.au/etree>