



Parramatta
Mission



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Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS

31st May 2020

A Church-based 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,

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,

Leigh Congregation

PENTECOST 2020

This Sunday, 31 May, our Leigh Memorial and Leigh Fijian congregations will participate in a combined 'Zoom' service for Pentecost – *the coming of the Holy Spirit*. Remember to wear red! Please see the PM website or call 9891-2277 for further details. Artwork: Sunday School's Pentecost 'flames', 2019.



FUTURE PLANNING

The Leigh Memorial Leaders' team are currently engaged in various, future planning processes. When worship services resume, public health/safety measures will need to be securely in place, in addition to live-streaming technologies and other measures to ensure a safe and smooth transition back to our regular routines. The Leaders are also actively involved in arranging representations for our congregation on the forthcoming JNC (Joint Nominating Committee) and CCLM (Combined Congregations Leaders Meeting) – both of which will

be pivotal in securing positive, sustainable outcomes for our congregations and Parramatta Mission going into the future. Please pray for the Leaders team & our other leaders and reps at this crucial time.

OFFERINGS

Congregation offerings to the life, witness & work of our Church & Mission can be made by direct electronic transfer. Bank Account name: Parramatta Mission Giving Direct. Acct. number: 100025901. BSB: 634 634. Please consider regular giving. Thank you. For assistance, chat to Coral or Tracey, 9891-2277.

CONGREGATION PRAYERS

Our congregation's continued thoughts and prayers are with Rev. Manas & Nita, and with all our ministers, their families and our fellow Mission congregations. Queries regarding the recently announced ministry changes and other important developments and transitions at PM may be directed to Keith or Ian.

OUR PM HISTORY – ESSAYS ONLINE

The 'St. John's Cemetery Project' website has just published a second Parramatta Mission historical essay:

<https://stjohnscemeteryproject.org/bio/elizabeth-lawry/>

It details the topical story of Rev. Walter Lawry, his wife Mary and the loss of their first baby, Elizabeth, during a severe epidemic in early Parramatta.

An essay about Catherine Leigh is also available:

<https://stjohnscemeteryproject.org/bio/catherine-leigh/>

CENTRAL BLUE MOUNTAINS DONATIONS

A second, large delivery of knitted items, plus clothing and bed linen from Hazelbrook UC, Woodford/ the Central Blue Mountains arrived at Parramatta Mission last weekend. Coordinated by Mrs. Edna Oakes and involving a number of generous individuals and congregations, the donated goods will make a big difference to those in need this winter. Thank you Edna & Co. for your hard work & generosity, and thank you to Mario & Callum who kindly travelled to the Mountains on successive weekends and made the pick-ups on behalf of the Mission.



Pastoral message for this week....

The Spirit of God continues to be active in the world,
and draws us into community.

Foster your faith this week

Gn1:1-2:4a

Ps 8

2 Cor 13:11-13

Mt 28:16-20

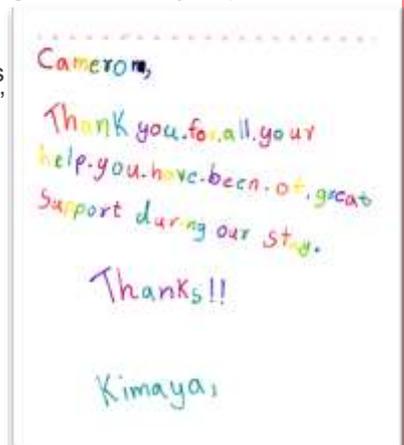
Whilst many hotels chose to close their doors, or only open for quarantine purposes for those returning from overseas, 175 One Hotels & Apartments continued to stay open for those that needed us most – healthcare professionals and families who have had a loved one involved in a terrible accident or require an urgent and often life saving operation. With our high standard of cleanliness, hygiene, and service delivery already in place we implemented several additional measures to support our guests ensuring they had a safe and comfortable experience throughout these unprecedented times.

There has been an overwhelming response of thanks from our guests for 'keeping our doors open' - from the young couple from Bathurst that stayed with us the past 3 months pre and post birth of their baby girl due to her being born with gastroschisis (a birth condition where the intestines & other organs develop outside of the baby's body), to the young lady who was airlifted in a critical condition from outside of Mudgee after a horse riding accident & her parents stayed with us the entire month of April, to the grandparents & father of two young girls who were critically injured in a car accident in a remote NSW town who needed a place to stay while the girls are in the Children's Hospital, to the 3 Doctors, 2 Nurses and 2 aged care workers who are staying with us to reduce the risk of them contracting the virus from their housemates & also reduce the risk of them taking anything home – these are just a few examples - this is who we stayed open for - this is why our staff continue to turn up to work each day, most still having to catch public transport whilst always being extra cautious to ensure they remain COVIDsafe for their team & guests. This is what we call 'Hospitality with Heart'.

I would like to sincerely thank our wonderful hospitality team at 175 & Wesley Apartments for the dedication, commitment, and genuine care you provide to our guests throughout these difficult times.

Enjoy reading the heartfelt thank you messages from our guests and how we 'made a difference' during their recent stays.

Warm regards,
Cameron Westman
General Manager - Hospitality



ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

our 4 month old son
has been in hospital ICU
for 5 days and we
couldn't be happier
with the outstanding
service here. ✨

Thankyou so much for
being so accomodating
to us in this difficult
time.

Great cleanliness made
us feel safer during
this covid-19 also.

Thankyou!

very lovely staff - front
desk and cleaners 😊

Jake + Andrea

Hi

My name is Kathy my room for the past 5wks has been 114.
At this moment I may not be returning to the hotel as they have
transferred my sister to our home town hospital.

I'd like to thank everyone for their kindness help & happy smiles
through some tough times. You helped in so many ways.

The general manager you are amazing and it shows through all your
beautiful reception staff to the chirpy maids. Thanks for your
kindness. I hope to visit again in normal travel circumstances.

Take care and keep well through this health care hard times.

All the best

Kind regards

Kathy x

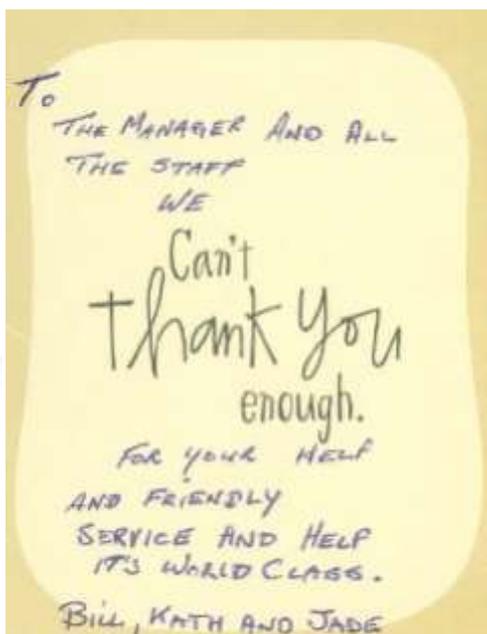
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

YOU CANNOT BETTER
OR IMPROVE ON NEAR
PERFECTION!
RECEPTION STAFF ALWAYS SMILING
YOU GUYS PERFORM THE
HOSPITALITY ACT TO
THE LETTER WITH EASE
& COMFORT IN EVERY
POSSIBLE MANNER!

THANK YOU & KEEP UP
THE GOOD WORK!

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Acts 2:1-13

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there was a sound from out of heaven like a violent wind or breath and it filled all the house where they were sitting, 3 and there appeared to them tongues as of fire being distributed and sitting, one on each of them, 4 and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit emboldened them. 5 Now there were living in Jerusalem Jews, devout people from every nation under heaven; 6 when this sound happened the multitude came together and were confounded because each one heard them speaking in their own language. 7 And they were amazed and wondered saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear each in our own dialect in which we were born, 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and the ones inhabiting Mesopotamia, both Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 both Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, 11 both Jews and converts, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them speaking in our tongues the great deeds of God." 12 And all were amazed and greatly perplexed, saying to one another, "What do we make of this?" 13 But others, mocking, said, "They are drunk with new wine."

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflection

Pentecost Sunday is another feast day in the church year. Since the church year began last December with Advent, we have journeyed through Christmas, Epiphany, Baptism of Jesus, Transfiguration, Lent, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Sunday, the season of Easter, and on Thursday of the other week, Ascension. Until now the primary focus has been on Jesus and his identity as the Son of God. God as Creator who is like a Father and Mother, and the Holy Spirit, have also featured. This Sunday we have a new theme : Pentecost. It is related to 50 days after Easter. Pentecost introduces the theme of the Holy Spirit of God at work in the gathered church and in the members of the church scattered throughout the world, and of God's Spirit present throughout all creation.

Those who have been baptised have been baptised into the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Baptism marks the beginning of our journey in the faith and the entrance to the church. In baptism we are joined to Jesus in his baptism, his death, and have the promise of the resurrection. Baptism also marks the Holy Spirit at work in our lives. Baptism marks the giving of spiritual gifts for the building up of the church, and ministry and mission in the world. Each one of us in the church has been given spiritual gifts, a charisma, from God. With each gift comes a corresponding service. Paul writes about the giftedness of every Christian and their corresponding service in his letter to the church in Corinth, chapters 11 through 12.

Here in Acts on the Day of Pentecost, we read of Peter using his gift to preach. Not all are called and gifted to be preachers. Though every Christian is gifted to 'give an account of the hope that is within them' as we are reminded in the letter of 1 Peter (1 Peter 3:15). Some are prophets, some teachers, some are pastors, some evangelists, some administrators – managers and leaders. And that is not the limit of the gifts.

The first call on our gifts, is for the building up of the church. Remembering, that the church is the body of Christ, in which Christ is the head, so we, each part, are given gifts for the smooth functioning of the body, the community of faith.

Of course, it does not end there. God in Christ Jesus has reconciled us, restored us to God. As we use our spiritual gifts both in the gathered church and as the scattered church, our prayer is that people might marvel at the great deeds of God. And more than that, in marvelling, be transformed into people of hope and life in and through Jesus Christ.

Pentecost reminds us that while there are a lot of things we can do on our own, in our own strength, there are a lot of things we can't. We need God's inspiration and energy, God's words to encourage others, or wisdom to make decisions, God's hope to praise God and delight in the creation.

Attached this week is a Vision statement "A Church for all God's People" The assembly of Uniting Church in Australia, 2011, released this statement expressing the commitment to the inclusion of all people in the Uniting Church.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

NEWS

The Pastoral Team provided daily reflections from Lent to Easter then Easter to Pentecost. These are now being collated to be provided in one document, and will be available in coming weeks. The Pastoral Team are currently reviewing the next steps.

The Church Council are holding a workshop, next Tuesday night from 6 pm, as part of the planning for the future.

WESTMEAD Congregation

PENTECOST DAY

Happy Pentecost, for the time when we remember the 'birth' of the Christian Church. Under normal circumstances we would have a special morning tea, however we hope you can still enjoy the day and celebrate the coming and power and joy of the Holy Spirit.

BIBLE STUDY and WORSHIP

Bible Study has recommenced via an online platform called zoom. Please contact Rev Christine for the link to the zoom meetings. Worship will commence via Zoom as of Sunday 7th June. Worship materials will continue to be available for printed format as well as via email. The zoom link for each week will be made available for all who have computer access.

SUSPENSION OF WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES DURING COVID 19 OUTBREAK

As Covid 19 restrictions begin to lift different activities will recommence. Rev Christine is still available but will be working from home. Worship is still happening with printed orders of service and sermons able to be mailed out or emailed out. If you are not receiving them already please contact Rev Christine. You can also access them on the Parramatta Mission website at

<https://www.parramattamission.org.au/faith-and-worship/westmead/>

The Uniting Church Synod of NSW and ACT is still supporting the suspension of activities and worship as the duty of care is very high in relation to sanitisation, social distancing etc. It is likely this will continue for a longer time than many expected.

OFFERING

Offerings are able to be dropped off at 175 reception or can be done electronically. Please see Rev Christine for bank account details for Westmead.

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.

May God especially be with those who are involved medically, cleaning, serving, in supermarkets, Chemists or other businesses and all the unseen people making a difference to keep us all safe.

Thought for the month: *Just as Jesus told his disciples he would send a comforter the Holy Spirit comes to us in our times of need. May we continue to live as Jesus' witnesses.*

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship-

Sundays 9.45am via zoom from 7th June

Bible Study- Via Zoom Mondays 2.00pm

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**

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

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm **On hold**

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am **On hold**

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

19-22

성령강림 주일 (Pentecost of Sunday) 2020년 06월 31일 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 9장 **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) **에스겔 43:1-7; 고린도 전서 2:9-13**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 영광과 능력의 회복

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn)

새 182장 **통 169장** 강물같이 흐르는 기쁨

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 전 세계가 전염병으로 힘들 때 주님과 동행하시는 성도가 됩시다.
2. '매일 성경' 말씀으로 주님과 교제의 시간(QT)을 갖고 적용하는 훈련을 합니다.
3. 말씀, 기도, 전도 생활로 하나님께서 기뻐하시는 삶을 사는 성도님들이 되시기 바랍니다.

폐회찬송(Final Hymn)

새502장 **통 259장** 너 시온아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
고전 1:18-31

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
고전1:1-4:6

Women's Bible Study

Anyone interested in joining via a zoom meeting .

A time to be arranged during the week .

If anyone interested could they please suggest some time slots that would suit them (either a daytime or evening)

Reply to Samantha Vulawalu via email

(samantha.vulawalu@gmail.com)

or mobile 0423 668 043



ZOOM Services: Weekly services for Leigh Memorial 9:30 am and Leigh Fijian 11:15 am are on Zoom.

Join

Zoom [https://zoom.us/j/5450786355?](https://zoom.us/j/5450786355?pwd=THZJSmY5ZFBIQ0pEbDZKeFJkZmxQUT09)

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Meeting ID: 545 078 6355. **Password: 647303**

Congregants are reminded that you can continue to support the work of your church. The bank account details for Giving Direct (Offerings) is:-

Bank account name: Parramatta Mission Giving Direct

BSB: 634634

Account number: 100025901



Prayer Points

The people of Parramatta Mission invite you to pray for:

- ♥ *PM congregants and staff. The people we contact every day that we might exhibit the values of grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Memorial: Rev. Manas & Nita, Mae & Stephen, Liz & family, Bruce S, Jolame, Betty E, Joan, Hazel, Beverly, Neil & Darlene, Betty B, George, Robyn & Malcolm, the Leigh Memorial Leaders team, the Church Council, our fellow PM congregations, Open Church, SPOW, Couples & Friends, our Sunday School teachers and children, Youth Group, and those who are unwell, currently having medical tests or treatment, or grieving – plus – all those impacted by COVID-19, inc. community members who are unwell, unemployed or at the frontline of medical, mental health, pharmacy and scientific care.*
- ♥ *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: Carol, Karen and Kath, Rosemary and Peter and families, Matthew's mother, Nyema, Carol, Aunt Jean, 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, Heather and family, 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 Parramatta-Nepean Presbytery that extends from Galston to Bargo, Lidcombe to Blackheath.*
- ♥ *We pray for Galston Uniting Church.*

More Prayers for Glenbrook (St Andrews) Uniting Church - We give thanks - that living in a beautiful part of the world makes isolation more bearable; for technology that helps to keep us connected; that our capacity to adapt and innovate has been more than we thought possible; for the commitment of all the congregation to remaining connected and especially those who stay in touch with and deliver material to members who don't have internet access. We pray for - those who are living with a heightened level of anxiety and fear; those who have family and friends in countries where the virus is more active than here in Australia; for those whose lives have been directly touched by COVID 19; for any who, despite our efforts, are feeling disconnected from our community.

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