



Parramatta
Mission



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Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS

5th July 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,
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



A PRAYER FOR WINTER

Dear Lord,
We choose to trust that there will be a
spring for every winter
and a hope for every despair.
Give me grace to see every winter through
the eyes of hope.
Give me a heart that rejoices in the delights
and sorrows of each passing year – and a
soul that grows warmer and stronger with
each winter that it endures. Teach me to
believe in spring and to rejoice in, and
utilise, its powers of renewal. Amen.

(adapted from an original prayer by Gregory Coles)

CCLM UPDATE

The newly formed 'CCLM' (comprised of representatives from the Leigh Memorial, Leigh Fijian and Westmead congregations) is meeting soon. Goals in the formation of the CCLM include bringing together leaders of the Mission's congregations for discussion and decision-making on a range of key matters, in addition to providing opportunities for more efficient and inclusive communications and sharing – and the formation of a fresh and unified vision as we approach a new era in the life and work of Parramatta Mission. The CCLM will also be closely linked to the Mission Council. Our Leigh Memorial reps are Bruce, Fiona, Samantha, Moses & Johana. NB: Congregation updates regarding current and forthcoming structural and ministry changes will follow in a variety of accessible formats. Further information to follow. Enquiries: Leaders' team.

REV. MANAS – LEAVE

Today Rev Dr Amelia Koh-Butler will lead the communion service, involving candidate for the Ministry, Sunil Baek. Manas is on study leave for three weeks. Please consult the Pastoral team or leaders for assistance, or call 9891-2277.

CONGREGATION PRAYERS

Our congregation's thoughts and prayers continue to be with our PM ministers and their families during various transitions. We also pray for our Leigh Memorial reps on the Leaders Team, Church Council and CCLM and for all those diligently engaged in future planning for our churches and the Mission.

LIVING FAITHFULLY IN THE MIDST OF MANY RELIGIONS

Members are encouraged to participate in Clive's Saturday morning 'zoom' study series on this important topic. Zoom connection details are available from the office, 9891-2277.

WARAMI!

Tune in to 'Warami Live', 12 – 2pm on Sunday, 5 July – a free online concert featuring indigenous musicians and dancers, and commemorating National Sorry Day, National Reconciliation Week and Burramatta NAIDOC. 'Warami' is a Darug word meaning 'good to see you'.

<https://www.discoverparramatta.com/warami>

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.

UNITED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Thinking about doing a course? UTC at North Parramatta is the Sydney campus of the Charles Sturt University School of Theology and an accredited theological college of the Uniting Church in Australia. UTC's Semester 2, 2020, will run from July to October and Semester 1, 2021 will run from March to June. Various courses are on offer, from single subjects to intensives, undergraduate degrees and postgraduate programs. To discuss subject options, availability, costs and current on-campus classes and distance study, email student@nswact.uca.org.au NB: UTC also houses the Camden Theological Library, with excellent books available for borrowing. For further information about UTC, go to: <https://www.utc.edu.au/utc/>

Pastoral message for this week....

Jesus said:

“Come unto me all who grow weary and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.”

Foster your faith this week

Gn 25:19-34

Ps 119:105-112

Rom 8:1-11

Mt 13:1-9, 18-23

Fijian Congregation

Advance Notice:

'Living faithfully in the midst of many religions'

Encountering Other Faiths
Types of Christian Responses.
'Shared Stories, Rival Tellings': The Abrahamic Faiths
Jesus, the *Qu'ran* and Muhammad.

You are welcome to join into this online study.

Saturday 11, July: 10am to 11:30 am.

Thursday 9, 16 July: 7pm to 8pm
(Fijian congregation)

Fijian Youth Fellowship

Friday 3 July. 7:30pm-9:00pm

Contact:

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Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3602745736>



성령강림후 5주일 (5th Pentecost of Sunday) 2020년 7월 05일 오후 1시30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 독상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

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

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 19 장 **통 44 장** 찬송하는 소리 있어

새 270 장 **통 214 장** 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **빌립보서 1:26-30**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 그리스도의 복음 앞에

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn)
새 352 장 **통 390 장** 심자가 군병들아

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 하나님이 기뻐하시는 삶을 사는 성도님들이 되시기 바랍니다.

폐회찬송(Final Hymn) **새502장** **통 259장** 너 시온아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
벤전 4:12-19

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
벤전 3:13-사1:31

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

16 Now to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market places who call to others, 17 and say, "We piped music to you, and you did not dance. We sang songs of grief and you did not mourn". 18 John came and he fasted and drank no wine, and they say, "He has a demon". 19 The Son of man came and he ate and drank and they say, "Look, at this man, he is glutton and wine-drinker, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is justified by her works.

25 At that time Jesus answered and said, "I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you concealed these things from the wise and intelligent and you revealed them to infants; 26 yes Father, because it was well-pleasing before you. 27 All things were delivered to me by my Father, and no one has come to know the Son except the Father, neither has anyone come to know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 28 Come to me all who grow weary and those who have been burdened and I will refresh you. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am meek and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls; 30 for my yoke is easy to bear and my burden is light."

Translation by Keith Hamilton

Reflection

An authentic life is one marked by consistency between the inner and outer life. It is consistency of intellect and emotions, of intentions and actions. This is not easy. People can truly believe something with their head, but their actions betray their heart.

The verse "Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple, truly I say to you, on no account will this one lose their reward" (Matthew 10:42), compares with "*We played music, and you did not dance. We sang songs of grief and you did not mourn". 18 John came and he fasted and drank no wine, and they say, "He has a demon". 19 The Son of man came and he ate and drank and they say, "Look, at this man, he is glutton and wine-drinker, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!"* Here is a contrast is between hospitality and hostility.

We make choices about being open or closed, to be a great listener, or a closed listener, open hearted or closed hearted, open minded or closed minded. Developing the habit of opportunity opens us up to life, to receive and give hospitality.

Matthew 11:28 *Come to me all who grow weary and those who have been burdened and I will refresh you. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am meek and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls; 30 for my yoke is easy to bear and my burden is light.*” Notice the words *Come . . . take . . . learn . . .* These words address all who feel the weight of burden and stress. Here is the good news of Matthew. All who are weary and tired, yet also of teachable spirit will receive rest and refreshment. Not that it is withheld, but being self-sufficient or closed shuts out the possibility of receiving rest from others and from God.

Indeed, blessed are those who are meek and humble (Matthew 5:5) – having a teachable spirit - for theirs is the reign or kingdom of God. Meekness, humility – a teachable spirit – provides the conditions to know what is real when we see and hear it. It opens the way for authentic living.

Psychosocial Support Program:

In July 2019, the Psychosocial Support Program (PSP) replaced the PHaMs, Partners in Recovery and Day to Day Living (D2DL) programs. Parramatta Mission was delivering those programs in Western Sydney and in the Nepean Blue Mountains (NBM) region. As those programs ended, Parramatta Mission successfully transitioned the consumers to the new PSP program with the aim of providing those consumers continuity of supports with minimal disruption.

There were considerable challenges in winding down programs and implementing new programs concurrently in the first year of operation. The two teams were faced with the task of merging over 150 consumers quickly, completing over 150 intakes and developing comprehensive activities and supports that aligned with the program outcomes with tight timelines. The NBM team, faced enormous challenges with the bushfires and some of the outdoor services had to be redesigned to ensure that consumers remained supported during this challenging period. COVID-19 also tested the creativity of staff who were tasked with providing essential support to consumers in a pandemic environment. Consumers were supported to access new technologies, group activities usually conducted in a physical space are now offered via the internet, and support for consumers testing eligibility for the NDIS did not slow down. Throughout all the challenges of the first year, PSP staff have remained focused on providing a high-quality service to consumers.

Staff have consistently shown that they are ready to overcome any obstacle with their dedication, creativity, and passion for the work that they do.

In 2020/21, the second year of the transition, although Parramatta Mission will continue delivering the PSP service, funding for year 2 of operations has been significantly reduced by the PNHs and this has resulted in smaller teams in the 2 locations. This has meant that some staff member's contracts have come to an end and sadly finished up with Parramatta Mission on 30th June 2020. We thanked the staff for their great work of the past twelve months, and wished them well for the future.

Fundraising Team: Congratulations to our Fundraising Team who in a difficult year increased income by 4%, to \$675,220. This included the highly successful special Meals Plus appeal in March. These funds assist the work of both Meals Plus and Thelma Brown Cottage.

The Pastoral Team: The Pastoral Team continue to monitor the move to in person groups. These discussions are involving the Congregation Leaders meetings. At this stage and for July and August, Sunday worship for our three congregations will continue on zoom. Discussions are underway as to how to have both in-person worship and zoom services when in-person services resume. Noteworthy, the Church Council has responsibility to approve all congregation in-person events and activities. The Presbytery has provided excellent COVID information sessions to assist congregations. The Synod has provided guidelines in line with Government regulations to assist Church Councils in these matters.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



As a provider of food and essentials to those in need, our programs are experiencing increased demand. Thank you to everyone who continues to support Parramatta Mission and Meals Plus during these difficult times.



<https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/record-1-4-million-people-relying-on-food-charity-as-recession-bites-20200701-p55821.html>



WESTMEAD Congregation

BIBLE STUDY and WORSHIP

Bible Study is held via an online platform called zoom. Please contact Rev Christine for the link to the zoom meetings. Worship is held via Zoom as well as Worship materials which are available for printed format sent out by mail 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/>

While there are plans being made for the restart of activities, the duty of care is very high in relation to cleaning, social distancing etc. It is likely this will continue for a longer time than many expected. At present we would only be able to have limited numbers in the church and for other activities. Please recognise that the conservative approach to re-opening is about the care of vulnerable people within the congregation and community.

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**

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: Naomi and family, Carol, Karen and Kath, Rosemary and Peter and families, Matthew's mother, Nyema, Carol, Aunty 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 Faith Community.*

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