



OUR NEWS  
30th May 2021

*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.

# Prayer Points

*The people of Parramatta Mission invite you to pray for*

## Our Community

- We give thanks that some small gatherings are starting to take place. We give thanks for welcoming cafes and the disciplines we have learnt to help keep us all safe
- We give thanks for coffee, tea, muffins and spiritually encouraging conversations.

## PM Westmead

- We pray for all who grieve the loss of loved ones, and especially think of Matthew who recently lost his wife, Lydia.
- We give thanks for the ministers who are supporting the congregation in the worship services. We pray for Staff and Management and leaders of Parramatta Mission in these times of change.
- We pray for the troubled areas of the world, and at this time think of the people in the Gaza Strip. We pray that fighting will cease and there will be time for talking.
- For all places where Covid 19 is out of control, and particularly think of all people in India, and pray for all of the families who have lost loved ones.
- We give thanks that Australia is managing this pandemic in a safe way, and pray for continued guidance in how it is managed.

## PM Korean Faith Community

- We pray for the Korean community in Western Sydney and for the revival of the church.
- We pray especially for Nak Su Baik, Kyeong Ok Hyeon (Those who are not in good health).

## PM Leigh Memorial

- We pray for all PM congregation members, leaders and staff who are unwell, or having tests or procedures - and/or suffering from anxieties surrounding work, study, family life or health.
- We particularly remember Betty, Bruce, Himmi, Liz, Jolame and others in need of additional support at this time, including those who are separated from their families or grieving. We also remember those within our congregation who are devoted carers.
- We pray for those within our neighbourhoods and communities who are in need of support, friendship and inclusion in the face of marginalisation and loneliness.
- We pray for our PM ministers, leaders, managers and staff during this period of transition and new beginnings - and offer our hopes for strength, wisdom, guidance and inspiration to infuse participation and decision-making at this crucial juncture.

# Prayer Points

## **PM Fijian**

- We pray for those who are going through transitions from school to beyond.
- We pray for the Synod Pulse Team and Ofa's role as a newly commissioned Pastor in the Team, resourcing youth ministry across NSW/ACT.
- We pray for the guests at the Bula Feeding Ministry and Meals Plus and our wonderful volunteers. We pray for those who are unable to meet because of rain or storms and for those who have been sleeping rough.

## **Wider Work**

We pray for Glenfield Uniting Church

## **For Our Combined Parramatta Mission Team**

- May God guide all our workers and volunteers to live out our values of grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope.
- Rev Vladimir, Rev Mary, Rev Clive, Chaplain Sarah, Robert, Coral, Rev Hyun Goo - and their families, as they support us to serve in mission.
- We ask for God's help to bless the world. AMEN

## **Service & Zoom Information**

**Parramatta Mission Leigh Memorial Worship**

**Time: Sundays 9.30am**

**<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/5199089657>**

**Meeting ID: 519 908 9657**

**Or Dial by your location +61 2 8015 6011 Australia**

**Westmead Uniting Church Worship**

**Time: Sundays, service starts at 9.45am...**

**[ZOOM: https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/3958336709](https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/3958336709)**

**Westmead UC Bible Study**

**Time: Mondays 2pm**

**<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/95043695512>**

**Meeting ID: 950 4369 5512**

**Or phone in +61 2 8015 6011 Australia**

**Parramatta Mission Leigh Memorial Fijian Worship**

**Time: Sundays 11.15am**

**Join Zoom Meeting <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/9134913679>**

**Meeting ID: 913 491 3679**

**FROM THE INTERIM LEAD MINISTER**  
**Trinity Sunday, 2021 • John 3: 1-17**

**Rev Vladimir Korotkov**

***Beyond the telling of it!***

*The Word is everything to the child, both father and mother, teacher and nurse.... The nutriment is the milk of the Father, and the Word alone supplies us children with the milk of love, and only those who suck at this breast are truly happy. For this reason, seeking is called sucking; to those infants who seek the Word, the Father's loving breasts supply milk. Clement of Alexandria, ca. 180 A.D.*

*This statement, ... written by a revered early church theologian, presents us with an androgynous image [partly male and partly female] in appearance] of a loving God who is both Father and Mother. Paradoxes leap from these statements, shatter our mental categories, and startle us out of old patterns. We are reminded that God surpasses all human constructs of gender and cannot be neatly contained in any verbal or pictorial packages. Paradoxes, especially those concerning gender, hint to us that God is (as Alan Paton said of his homeland) wonderful "beyond all the telling of it."*

**1. Along with the OT and other religions, we agree that God is incomparable**, a profound mystery who seeks to relate to human beings in each time and place! Out of this inexplicable relationship we seek to learn how to speak about God in human language.

As Christians, we believe that Jesus Christ has reshaped human knowledge about this God. The early church in ancient times began to grapple with the shape of monotheism (*mono*, “one” God), given their encounter with the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

There were many hints of a trinitarian understanding of this one God. But, there is no fully developed doctrine of the Trinity in the New Testament. Only 200 years later Tertullian applied the Greek word “Trinity” to God. At the Council of Nicaea in 325 it was more fully formulated. Yet, there were also many other ways that Christians expressed their experience with God. There were many bitter disputes about correct expressions and language.

**2. Like our sisters and brothers throughout the ages** we are invited to reflect theologically, creatively and relevantly about God for our time and place. Carl Gregg reminds us of the joke by feminist theologian, Sandra Schneider, that “God is not two men and a bird.” Exclusive masculine language is not only limiting for our time, but is irresponsible given its disempowering effects and the stumbling block it creates for all genders that are spiritual seekers of the divine. To demand inflexible formulae for God or the trinity in exclusively male terms, as some male theologians and churches do, perpetuates its assumptions of monarchical and hierarchical power.

The language and metaphors to speak of our experience of God are rich and endless! And this has to be relevant to gender experience.

In his article, *Three is not enough: Jewish reflections on Trinitarian thinking*, David Blumenthal, Professor of Judaic Studies at Emory University, suggestively asks:

Jewish rationalist hesitations notwithstanding, the question remains: If God's being is plural, why only Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Why not Ineffability [inexpressible], Knowability, Intuition, Grace, Judgment, Compassion, Eternity, Awe, Fecundity [greatly productive], and Providence -- all of which are equally integral to the divine whole? If we, who are complex beyond three, are created in God's Image, God must be complex beyond three.

In the 4th century, Augustine cites twenty different creative formulations for the Trinity. In his best-known example, he speaks of God as “Lover, Beloved, Love!” In another formulation, “Mother, Child, Womb.”

**3. Jurgen Moltmann is the Reformed theologian** who has contributed to a contemporary, creative and relevant trinitarian theology. In the mystery of God, he writes, there is a wondrous community. God is no single Lord in heaven, a cold, removed power of providence. He adds, “the triune God is a social God, rich in internal and external relationships.”

Barbara Brown Zikmund develops this way of reflecting:

To believe in a triune God is to suggest that there is an inner relational energy within Godself which spills over into the Christian life. John of Damascus, an eighth-century theologian, describes this way of understanding God by proposing that there is an exchange of energy between the persons of the Trinity by virtue of their eternal love. The unity of the Trinity is not static substance, or even familial relationship; it exists as open and

loving community. John of Damascus uses the Greek word "perichoresis" to describe what is going on within Godself. "Perichoresis" comes from the same root as the word "choreography".

But a truly social doctrine of the Trinity contains the vision of a community of women and men in church and society without privilege or subjection to each other-or to God. Trinitarian theology asserts that relationship is fundamental to God and that community is the foundation of God's interaction with the world. Instead of an unmoved mover, God as community calls us to a shared responsibility for relationality.

**4. In my interpretation, the Trinity is a model and spirituality** for radical community and belonging in contemporary society. The liberation theologian Leonardo Boff observed that contemporary society yearns for belonging and a greater democracy in which there develops a more participatory and family-spirited society. He observes that such yearning is addressed with a theology of the Trinity: the three divine persons in communion is a transcendent model of the human striving for a society that encourages participation and welcomes diversity.

This divine community, in Boff's interpretation, taken from Jesus' teaching in John's Gospel, is a mystery of inclusion, with the divine Three "opening the divine community to the outside and inviting human beings to share in their community and life."

When Jesus in John 17: 22-23, "inserted the Trinitarian community into human history, he calls his followers to eliminate the barriers of distinction and to create a community of equals."

### **Conclusion**

In the reading in Matthew 28: 16-20, Matthew's Jesus speaks from a place of authority and power, a mountain, yet an authority and power of radical love and inclusivity, of difference seeking relationship with difference. He seeks to inspire all of his followers to live out of and witness to the divine, trinitarian community of love, open and generative, to share that experience with the whole world.

This commissioning is in marked contrast to the Roman Empire of the time. In their commissioning narrative, Romulus "the father of the Roman city" descended from heaven to command, "Go and declare to the Romans the will of Heaven that my Rome shall be the capital of the world to let them cherish the art of war, and let them know and teach their children that no human strength can resist Roman arms."

The followers of Jesus also are presented with a mission, by the God of Jesus, to build a just and life-giving community and society.

The shame of it is that the church or any of us as Christians can lose sight of this and seek power for our own cause.

Abdal Hakim Murad, a Muslim, shared that

the doctrine of Trinity was the most notorious point at issue between Christianity and Islam, and hence was freighted with fierce passions. For the pre-modern Muslim mind, Christian invaders, crusaders, inquisitors and the rest were primarily obsessed with forcing the doctrine of Trinity on their hapless Muslim enemies... Even today in Bosnia, Serb irregulars use the three-fingered Trinity salute as a gesture of defiance against their Muslim enemies.

The crucified Risen Jesus meets us over and over again! Meets us now as John of Damascus imaged it, from out of “an inner relational energy within Godself” which spills over into our life and the life of the world.

As Eduard Schweizer expresses it:

From all eternity God opens [Godself] to us by seeking us out, by loving us. God is thus already in [God’s] inner being favour and love; and the love revealed in Jesus of Nazareth, not to speak of the love [humans] have for each other, derives from the original act of love, from God.

This is the deep meaning of The Trinity, to use the words of Rowan Williams:

“God desires us, *as if we were God*, as if we were that unconditional response to God’s giving that God’s self makes in the life of the Trinity.” Consider this claim in light of Jesus’ command to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:28-34 and parallels). Just as “God loves us as God loves God,” each of us is called to love our neighbor as if our neighbor were our self.

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

***1 Sm 8:4-11***

***Ps 138***

***Cor 4:13-5:1***

***Mk 3:20-35***

# Leigh Congregation

## **COMBINED PENTECOST SERVICE**

This Sunday, 30 May at Leigh Memorial, we will be having a Combined Leigh Memorial & Leigh Fijian belated Pentecost service. All welcome. In-person & zoom options available.

## **PASTORAL MESSAGE**

We continue to hold PM staff and Mission/ congregation leaders/ the CCLM in our prayers, and send our thoughts to everyone in our congregations who is in need of extra care and support at this time. Please contact Revs. Clive & Vladimir, or the congregation leaders, as needed and let us know if you need a pastoral visit, practical assistance, or wish to be added to the prayer list. For further information about up & coming changes at Parramatta Mission from 1 July, please see the congregation leaders.

## **THANK YOU – BLUE MOUNTAINS DONORS**



Many thanks to the wonderful knitters & donors of Hazelbrook Uniting Church and associated churches & communities in the Blue Mountains for their recent donation of multiple rugs, scarves & beanies, plus clothing, bed linen and food to Meals Plus, Thelma Brown & Wesley Apartments. Coordinated annually by Mrs. Edna Oakes (pictured), daughter of the late Rev & Mrs. Brawn, the donations make a big difference each winter as the cold weather sets in. Thank you Edna & Co.!!

## **“GROWING UP UNITING”**

The bi-annual **UCNHS (Uniting Church National History Society) Conference** will be taking place on 11 – 13 June, 2021 @ the Centre for Ministry, North Parramatta. In-person & zoom and full or part-time attendance options are available. Tickets from eventbrite. **NB:** A group comprising young adults from all three of our PM congregations will be attending the Conference. Anyone interested in sponsoring the attendance of a young person is asked to speak with Samantha asap.

## HERITAGE COMMITTEE - WORKING BEE

Reminder - a mini working bee ahead of our heritage celebrations will be held between 1.00pm – 4.00pm on Saturday 5 June at Leigh Memorial. Please give your name to Liz or Mario if you are planning to attend. Come & go as you please. Thank you. Enquiries via 9891-2277.

## 200<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY HERITAGE SNIPPET: MARY LAWRY



A gifted tutor and Sunday School administrator at her brother Thomas Hassall's Anglican Sunday School prior to her marriage to Rev. Walter Lawry in 1819, Mary Lawry, nee Hassall (1799–1825), was Parramatta Mission's first Sunday School teacher. At just 21 years of age, Mary served at the Wesleyan School for two years, before travelling to Tonga in 1823 with her husband and infant son to commence Tonga's first Wesleyan mission. In the spring of 1824, after a brief return to Parramatta, Mary and her young family then travelled to London, where her husband defended himself against charges of misconduct in NSW. Following her courageous efforts at mission sites in Parramatta, Sydney, Tonga and ultimately, south-west England – her early death as a result of childbirth in Cornwall, on Christmas Day 1825, was a great loss to her family and to the Wesleyan movement. It did, however, bring Mary's youthful achievements into sharp focus for her denomination and inspire eulogies on both sides of the globe. We honour Mary Lawry's memory in this, our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

## City Centre Car Park is closing

City Centre Car Park in Horwood Place will close on **30 September** in order to facilitate construction of Sydney Metro West.

Sydney Metro West is a State Significant Project that will double rail capacity between Parramatta and the Sydney CBD, with a target travel time of about 20 minutes.



Read our latest Parramatta metro station project update for more information.

Find alternative parking:



City of Parramatta Council (inc.) May 2022

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WESTMEAD - 9.45AM**  
***Sharing the Hospitality of Jesus Christ***  
**ZOOM: <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/3958336709>**

We are delighted to have Rev. Vladimir Korotkov leading worship today. Being the fifth Sunday of the month, there will be a focus on places of origin, and music.

**COVID Safety:**

1. Covid safe requirements remain in place. It is not necessary to wear masks at this time, and we can sing in church.
2. Please sanitise your hands as you come into the building.
3. Register using the QR code, or ask for help from a leader.
4. Remember social distancing. Leave one empty chair between others, except families.

Thank you for helping to keep us all safe.

Westmead leaders, Karen, Lorna and Jan, met with Coral and Tracey from Parramatta Mission Reception, and enjoyed a delicious lunch in Parramatta Square, and really had a most enjoyable catch up.

Coral and Tracey are right at the heart of Parramatta Mission, being the first people to greet those who seek help. They are also the reason we have this Newsletter each week, and the orders of service and many many other things that we sometimes take for granted.

*THANK YOU CORAL AND TRACEY.*



This Sunday, today,  
**WE WILL BE HAVING A CUP OF TEA/COFFEE AND BISCUITS!**

Won't it be good to enjoy a little fellowship together after worship.  
We must be seated while we have morning tea, Covid requirements.

How time flies! 200 year anniversary is coming up on Sunday 20th June, 2021. for the Leigh Memorial church. All of the congregations are invited to attend a special service, followed by a lunch.

For Westmead congregation, Mario has offered to drive people from Westmead into Leigh Memorial in the bus, for the service. If you wish to go on the bus it is essential to register your name by speaking to Lorna, as soon as you decide.

The service at Leigh will be zoomed and Westmead church will be open for people who may not be able to attend the service in Parramatta, but can watch the service together.

**BIBLE STUDY** meets on zoom each Monday afternoon at 2pm.

**ALL WELCOME.**

Zoom: <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/95043695512>

**OPEN DOOR** will meet on WEDNESDAY, 2ND JUNE, 2021. 1 - 3PM

Come along and enjoy some friendship, games and afternoon tea.

**ALL WELCOME**

**TAI CHI** on Friday 10 - 11am at Uniting Westmead

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION ON ZOOM**, led by Pastor Sarah Bishop

Tuesdays and Thursdays. Time - 6.25 AM

Contact Sarah for the zoom link.

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Biju Chako - 0420 275 396

Mere Vulaono - No. 28 - 0488 137 067

Alysa Biju - Technology Support 0467 674 251

Your weekly offering can be made electronically:

Account Name: PM DIRECT WESTMEAD BSB634634

Account Number: 100046885

# Fijian Congregation

1. **Lotu ena sigatabu oqo 30/05 na sigatabu ni Penitiko:** Na lotu ena ma cawa oqo eda na lotu cokovata tiko kina kei ratou na valagi. Ena tekivu na lotu ena 10am.
2. **Lotu ena sigatabu mai oqo 06/06 :** Na lotu ena sigatabu mai oqo, na lotu vulavou ena veiqaravi tiko kina ko Talatala Clive ka na qaravi tale tikoga na sakaramede.
3. **Lesoni ena macawa mai oqo :** Aisea. 6:1-8; Same. 29; Roma. 8:12-17; Joni. 3:1-17.
4. **Bose ni Vavakoso:** Na bose ni vavakoso vakaviti ena qaravi tiko ena macawa mai oqo (05/06). Ena tekivu tiko ena 4pm, ka na qaravi tikoga e na coffee shop e valelotu.

**Lolo kei Na masumasu** - Veinanumi ena lolo kei na masumasu ena vei Vukelulu mai na 6am – 12pm se 6am – 6pm. Soli tu na galala ke o rawa ni qarava.

**Masumasu Sema** - Na noda masumasu sema vakai vavakoso ena matai ni veivakarauwai ni veivula mai na 7pm – 7am

**Veinanumi ena Masu :** Kerei meda veinanumi tikoga ena veimasulaki vei ira na nodatou qase Aqriu Rogoimuri, Vilikesa kei Mereoni Kamotu, S Qata, Violet Cama. Ko iratou na veiliutaki tiko ena nodatou vavakoso vaka viti kei na veivuvale kece sara ena loma ni nodatou vavakoso. Na nodrau vuli talatala ko Filikesa Kamotu kei Samu Sadrata. Na nodratou veiqaravi na Bula Feeding.

**Wiliwili ni lotu:** 18/04 – 48, 25/04 – 43, 02/05 – 50, 09/05 – 31, 16/05 - 95

5. **Nodra veiliutaki na tinada na ena Sigatabu sa oti (23/05)**



6. Bula Feeding



Thank you

Naca, Yara, Maca and Sainana for  
sponsoring this week's feeding 🙏🙏🙏  
ABUNDANCE OF BLESSINGS 🙏🙏🙏





Our Meals Plus program can be life-changing for women and children facing homelessness due to family and domestic violence.

Each year, Meals Plus provides over 46,000 warm meals. But it's so much more than just a meal. For women and children facing homelessness due to family violence, it can be life-changing.

In the past year alone, demand for our Meals Plus service has grown more than 10% and by this time next year, we're expecting at least another 1,000 people to join us.

Please consider making a donation towards Meals Plus to assist in changing more lives for the better.

Donate online at <https://www.parramattamission.org.au/2021-tax-appeal/> or phone the office on 9891 2277.

Thank you

# 시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

21-22

첫 번째 성령강림주일 (1st Pentecost of Sunday) 21년 05월30일 오후 1시30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

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 43 장** **통 57 장** 즐겁게 안식할 때

**새 415 장** **통 471 장** 십자가 그늘 아래

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **요한일서 5:1-5**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 **세상을 이기는 승리는?**

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn)

**새 374 장** **통 423 장** 나의 믿음을 약할 때

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 전 세계가 전염병으로 힘들 때 주님과 동행하시는 성도가 됩시다.
2. '매일 성경' 말씀으로 주님과 교제의 시간(QT)을 갖고 격용하는 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  
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시  
잠언 17:15-28

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시  
잠언 16:16-19:14

# Pastoral Contacts

Prayer Points may be sent to  
[wecare@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:wecare@parramattamission.org.au)

For a conversation or to contact a Minister, please call  
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119 Macquarie Street Parramatta NSW 2150  
9891 2277

*Leigh Memorial Church*

119 Macquarie Street Parramatta NSW 2150  
9891 2277

*Westmead Church*

175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead NSW 2145  
9891 9354

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## IN TIME OF PASTORAL NEED

Our two ministers, Clive Pearson and Vladimir Korotkov are available to each congregation and members and your friends; their contact details are listed below.

Rev Vladimir Korotkov (Interim Lead Minister) 0431 759 573  
Rev Dr Clive Pearson (Supply) 0409 523 024

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## YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT THESE PEOPLE FOR PASTORAL ISSUES

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