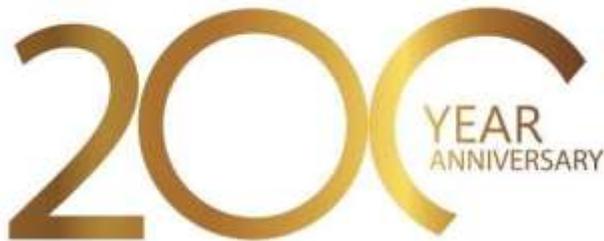


# OUR NEWS

20th June 2021

## *Our Vision*

A Community Transforming Lives



**Parramatta  
Mission**



**uniting  
church**  
in Australia  
Synod of NSW & ACT

1821 – 2021

*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 people of Victoria in yet another lock down with Covid outbreak, and for people everywhere who are affected. We pray for doctors and nurses and people in isolation. that people will remain vigilant and thoughtful of others.
- We pray for the management and leaders of Parramatta Mission as difficult decisions have to be made, and that God will guide all who are involved as there needs to be a new way of helping people who come for help and advice, support and love. We pray for Meals Plus, for Paul and all who provide food and care and a listening ear to so many in need.
- We pray for world peace, and for our own country, Australia, for our families, and for the members of all of the congregations, as life becomes difficult, and for all who grieve. We pray for leaders to rise up through the congregations to enable God's work to spread throughout wherever we are needed.

## 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 Hazelbrook 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: Sunday 10.00am**

**<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>**

**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 Minister • 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reflection Pentecost 4B, 2021, Mark 4: 35-41

Vladimir Korotkov

## Introduction

2021 is the 200<sup>th</sup> year of the journey of the Leigh Memorial community of faith as it has travelled through the passage of time, attempting to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ, in its mission, worship, service and belonging. Of course, the early 19<sup>th</sup> century Methodists who bravely set out on this journey would not have overtly used this language, which emerged out of the uniting of the three churches in 1977. Still, their life would have sought this form of faithfulness and expression.

And, as Parramatta Mission is just emerging out of one end-phase of these amazing 200 years, the divestment and transmission of most of the community services, there would have been many phases and difficult passages through this period. What preceded their landed existence and its challenges were the long, and at times treacherous boat passages from England.

Ships and boat passages for Matthew, Mark and Luke were metaphors for the challenging journeys of discipleship of the different communities after the resurrection of Jesus. It was Gunther Bornkamm in 1948 who wrote that the Gospel writers used difficult boat passages as metaphors of the difficult journey of “the little ship of the [early] church”.

As the passage for this Sunday comes from Mark 4: 35-41, about the drama of a difficult boat passage, let’s examine what is common to us in our journeys, whether 200 or over 2,000 years ago or now.

## The challenges facing faithfulness in history

Our Gospel reading in Mark 4: 35-41 presents a drama of a difficult passage.

This story is one of the six boat trips included in Mark’s Gospel, alerting us to their significance. Ched Myers suggests that two of these trips are used by Mark to dramatize the challenges faced by the communities of faith in his region around 69 ACE.



Mark is not interested in presenting a factually based historical account of this event. His concern was to enable readers to gain insight into how to live as a community of compassion and justice in the face of turbulent obstacles and challenges throughout time and space.

### **Journeying with Jesus is an invitation to move into new ways of thought, compassion and action**

In our story, Jesus invites his followers to accompany him on a boat journey to the other side when a great storm overwhelms their boat. There are around five key themes lurking in this sentence. Briefly stated they are:

- Journeying with Jesus is an invitation;
- As followers we are companions of Jesus, partners in the journey of life to bring new life;
- We are like a ship of followers on the unpredictable seas of life;
- Our destination is to the other side, to the unknown, foreign side of humanity;
- Encountering the great storm signifies that Jesus did not lead his followers into sheltered harbours, but into the unpredictable ebb and flow of human life in all its differences.

In the Hebrew Scriptures the sea is often a metaphor of chaos, threat and danger (Ps107: God hears distress, calms the storm and the waves are hushed).

In this story, Mark presents a Jesus who is to be trusted to lead his followers into the ebb and flow of life, to face its challenges, yet, to also know the peace and accompaniment of the Spirit of Jesus.

Ched Myers suggests that for Mark this drama of difficult passage reflects the cross-cultural challenges facing the churches of his time.

That real-life social hostility threatens to drown the community.



In Mark, Jesus seeks to rescue this difficult passage and the winds of opposition.

As in our story in Mark, so throughout history, the community of faith struggles to respond adequately to needed changes. At times it misses the moments to trust the Unseen God to journey together with the Spirit of Jesus through turbulent situations to create new forms of community,

challenge new injustices.

There is nothing sadistic in the invitation of Mark's Jesus to set out into chaos, threat or danger. Rather, what is at threat is a healthy, fair, compassionate and just community of faith and society.

As Friedrich Nietzsche has suggested, it is even in the "good" Christian actions, like the Christian missionaries in colonial periods, that we can create destructive events, practices, structures and policies? As Ched Myers has reminded us, "social reality is apprehended out of and through the cultural meaning systems we inhabit."

I understand this story of Jesus in Mark as an invitation to regularly and critically assess the social, cultural and political systems and structures that we inhabit; that we unconsciously support; that shape our identities, mark out our place according to our gender, race, class, ethnicity and sexual preference, often in unequal power relations.

Charlotte Higgins recently wrote an extremely disturbing article in *The Guardian (UK)* about the re-emergence of patriarchy: She writes, "a term that was derided and abandoned a decade ago has come roaring back to life. We had thought we have moved past the era of gender structural inequality.

...at its simplest, it conveys the existence of a societal structure of male supremacy that operates at the expense of women – rather in the way that 'white supremacy' conveys the existence of a societal structure that operates at the expense of black people."

Paradoxically, some on the political right have enthusiastically taken up the term – regarding it not as an evil to be stamped out, but as a "natural" difference between the genders, ordained by God or biology, to be protected against rampaging feminism. Who decided it was "natural"?

It is time we did more than just respond to justice issues, a reactive strategy! It is time we constructed "thought collectives" to perform systemic analysis based on local life-worlds and plan and act, for this is what Jesus calls us to do.

Constructive and creative action doesn't just happen, it requires education. In 1955 the African American woman Rosa Parks refused to comply with the Jim Crow law that required her to give up her seat to a "white man". But "... Rosa Parks didn't just wake up one morning and spontaneously decide to sit on a seat near the front of a bus. She thought about her non-violent, but high-risk action, and debated it with other leaders. She trained at the Highlander Folk School, in the mountains of Tennessee, where civil rights leaders and organisers systematically educated themselves on the strategies and tactics of others in history who sought social change." (Michael Gecan, Community Organiser in the USA).

## **Conclusion**

Jesus challenges the power of the storms of life and cross-cultural battles with compassion and grace, stills and calms individual and community terror and invites reflection and re-invention: Where is your faith? Which means, assessing what shapes one's meaning system that causes divisions, and to seek new ways of being together, and express love and justice: always becoming 'one and equal.'



# Leigh Congregation

## 200<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY THIS SUNDAY!



Our combined 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary service and luncheon will be held at Leigh Memorial this Sunday 20 June from 10.00am. The worship portion of our program will include guest preacher, Rev. Simon Hansford, Moderator, NSW/ACT. Thanks to Robert (task group convener), Revs. Clive & Vladimir and the whole organising crew for their considerable support, time and talents over many weeks & months in the

planning of this weekend's event. It is greatly valued by us all. Welcome to everyone – including our old mates and special guests – and let's enjoy the blessings of community and friendship as we celebrate together on this landmark occasion.

### 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 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 PM from 1 July, please see the pastoral team/leaders.

### PM YOUTH DELEGATION – “GROWING UP UNITING” CONFERENCE

The UCNHS (Uniting Church National History Society) Conference took place last weekend @ the Centre for Ministry, North Parramatta. A group comprising 10 young adults & leaders from the three PM congregations attended with people from across NSW & Australia.



Thanks to Samantha, Ofa and Liz for leading our PM delegation – and to the Mission Council for its generous support regarding the development of our young leaders. Our contingent was the largest – and youngest! – of any congregations represented and our young people were widely praised for their presence & their positive level of participation. Let's celebrate our young people!

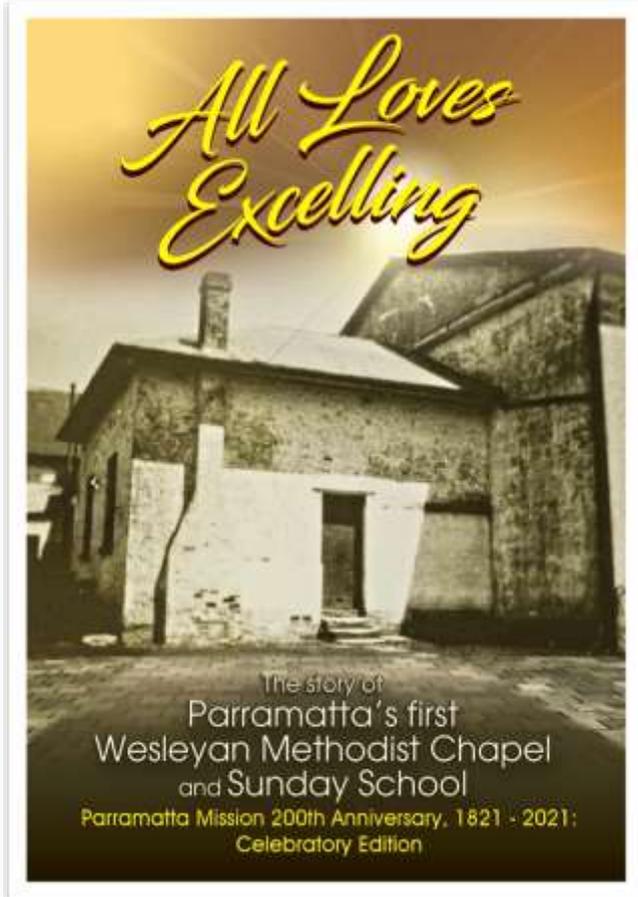
## 200<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY HERITAGE SNIPPET:



Pictured above are Henry Fiander, Bruce Booth, Meredith O'Reilly and Pat Woolnough (O'Reilly) at St. John's Church, Parramatta in June, 1985 – on the day that Leigh Memorial Church/ Parramatta Mission celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Leigh Memorial in 1885. In the background (right) are Jeff Sanderson, Richard Manton (who came as Walter Lawry – his ancestor) and Gloster Udy (who came dressed as John Wesley, the founder of Methodism). The celebration began with a service at Leigh Memorial, then the congregation walked up Macquarie Street to St. John's – re-enacting the walk that Rev. Samuel Leigh (Parramatta Mission's first minister) made with the Wesleyan Sunday School children to St. John's each Sunday in the 1820s for an extended 'Sabbath' experience. In 1971, Parramatta Mission had celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its broader commencement and the opening of the first Chapel of 1821, with another historical dress-up day and parade around Parramatta's main streets. And – here we are now – celebrating 200 YEARS! Many thanks to everyone who is attending our celebration this weekend and who has generously supported us in multiple ways over such a long period. History is a joy in itself – and an important inspiration for making the most of the present and striving for a wonderful tomorrow. Let's do so with hope in our hearts & gratitude for all those who went before us. Blessings – the Parramatta Mission Heritage Committee, 20/06/21.

### ANNIVERSARY BOOKS FOR SALE – 20 JUNE

Copies of our soon to be released 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book – **'All Loves Excelling – Celebratory Edition'** – will be on sale at the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service & Luncheon on 20 June at a cost of **\$20**. The books contain a history of our first Chapel, a 200 year overview of Sunday School/ Youth programs, current congregation photos and lots of other special features. Enquiries: Liz.



**PARRAMATTA MISSION  
200<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY BOOK –**

***ALL LOVES EXCELLING***

**\$20 per copy**

**\*\* Includes Leigh Memorial, Leigh Fijian & Westmead  
anniversary information + latest congregation photos \*\***

**Pre-orders available: phone 9891-2277.**

네 번째 성령강림주일 (4rd Pentecost Sunday) 21년 06월20일 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 23 장 통 23 장 만입이 내게 있으면

새 415 장 통 471 장 십자가 그늘 아래

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 창세기13:8-18

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 선한 것을 선택한 사람

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn)

새 220 장 통 278 장 사랑하는 주님 앞에

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 (1권)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부  
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시  
잠언28:1-18

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시  
잠언27:1-29:27

# WESTMEAD NEWS FOR SUNDAY 20TH JUNE, 2021

**THERE WILL BE NO WORSHIP SERVICE AT WESTMEAD TODAY**

## HAPPY 200<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TO PARRAMATTA MISSION!

What a milestone! So today those who can will join together with the 3 congregations of Parramatta Mission to celebrate this amazing journey. A time to see old friends, to worship together, to sing together, to eat together. For those of the Westmead congregation who are unable to attend the service, it can be viewed on zoom <http://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/5199089657>

We congratulate all our members and staff now, and in the past, for the wonderful leadership and programs and faithful service to Our Lord through the services, and outreach, to the most vulnerable in our communities.



AT WESTMEAD in the coming week, there will be Bible Study on Monday afternoon at 2pm. Via ZOOM: <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/95043695512>  
All welcome.



### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BIJU FAMILY.**

This week, Biju, Mini, Alysa and Alan received their Australian citizenship, and we could not be more proud and happy for them. This family is a great asset to this country, and also, to the Westmead congregation. We look forward to being able to celebrate with them in the near future. This is a lovely family photo.



**SATURDAY,  
3RD JULY,  
2021**

All interested people of the congregation are invited to attend the Centre for Ministry at North Parramatta for a Day Retreat, with the Northmead and Centenary UCA members.

For all who shared conversation with Rev. Geoff Stevenson last Sunday about a proposal which will be put to the Parramatta Mission Council, this is a wonderful opportunity to share some time with people of these congregations who are already experiencing this new way forward.

To share - Food, Friendship, Faith.

More information will be available very soon. Please think about coming and sharing this day.

**ANOTHER DAY TO KEEP FREE IS, 25TH JULY, 2021,  
being the  
30th Anniversary of Westmead congregation at Queens Road.**

If you have any questions over this week, please contact

Lorna - 0408 365 478

Jan - 0418 438 901

***Foster your faith this week***

*2 Chr 30:1-9 Ps 127*

*Eph 2:19-22 Jn 17:1-11*

# Fijian Congregation

1. **Lotu ena sigatabu oqo 20/06** : Na lotu ena sigatabu oqo na lotu ni va kananumi ni yabaki 200 ni lotu e Parramatta Mission, eda na lotu coko vata tiko kina kei ratou na valagi, ka na tekivu tiko na lotu ena 10am. E na qaravi tiko na vakasigalevu ni suka na lotu e na hall ni vale ni lotu.
2. **Lotu ena sigatabu mai oqo 27/06**: Na lotu ena sigatabu mai oqo na lotu ni veitalatala vei talatala Clive kei Mary. Sa mai cava tiko na nona veiqaravi veikedatou na vavakoso vakaviti. Eratou na veiqaravi tiko kina na Matasiga naba 3.
3. **Lesoni ena macawa mai oqo** : 1 Samuela 17:1a,4-11, 19-23,32-49,57, Same 9:9-20, 133, 2 Cor 6:1-13, Marika 4:35-41
4. Vakavinavinakataki na soqosoqo ni tabagone ena nodratou a gole ena Growing Up Uniting Conference ena 12 Jiune.
5. Vakavinavinakataki tiko ni sa vakacurumi cake mai ena bose ni vavako so ka sa vakadonui mera sa dauvunau ena nodratou valenilotu o tuirara Emosi Rogoimuri, Ratu Meli Donu, Serupepeli Nagatalevu kei Taito Dovibua.

**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 ena sigatabu: 06/06 - 45**



# Pastoral Contacts

Prayer Points may be sent to  
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For a conversation or to contact a Minister, please call  
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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

Rev Hyun Goo Jun (Korean Faith Community) 0433 320 588

Pr Sarah Bishop (Children's Hospital) 0429 912 943

Anare Vocea ( Fijian Vakatawa) 0432 772 852