

OUR NEWS

24th September 2023



Parramatta City Uniting Church
inc. Parramatta Mission, with its values of *Grace,*
Inclusion, Dignity, Faith & Hope.



Parramatta City Uniting Church acknowledges that we worship, work, witness and serve on the land of traditional owners, the Burramattagal clan of the Darug people. We pay respect to the original custodians of the land, and acknowledge elders past and present, and emerging leaders.

The Girl in the Red Dress

Parramatta City Uniting Church

Sunday 24th September 2023

Combined Service -

Matthew 20:1-16

Rev John Barr



Who is the girl in the red dress? Let me explain.

As a young man, the highly regarded Australian author Richard Flanagan, was one day sifting through some colonial paintings in the Hobart Museum when he came upon this watercolour. It's a picture of a small Aboriginal girl in a red silk dress bound with a black velvet band. Flanagan was quite taken by this painting and, after making an enquiry, discovered the girl's name is Mathinna.

Mathinna was one of the few First Nations people who survived the horrors of the Black War in Van Dieman's Land when a violent, murderous onslaught by colonial authorities took place against First Nations people who resisted British occupation.

Things came to a head when over 2,000 settlers, including the military, took part in a massive offensive called the "Black Line". This effectively herded First Nations people, who had lived on their ancestral lands for millennia, at gunpoint into the south-east corner of Tasmania leaving them at the mercy of their captors.

Mathinna's parents were the Lowreenne people from Tasmania's south-west. In 1833 Colonial government policy dictated that all remaining First Nations people be deported to Flinders Island in nearby Bass Strait. Here Mathinna was born two years later.

Not long after her birth Mathinna was taken from her parents by the colonial authorities with the intention of educating her out of aboriginal ways. Mathinna was a bright, intelligent girl and in 1841, at the age of six years, Mathinna was adopted by the governor, Sir John Franklin and his wife, Lady Jane.

The Franklins, like most of colonials, believed in a "great chain of being" where human races were ranked according to a kind of evolutionary theory with Europeans at the top and everyone else in descending order according to their level of "civilisation". Indigenous or First Nations people were at the bottom. Indigenous people were, in fact, seen as scientific curios and it was this thinking that led the Franklins and other subjects of the crown to take the children "for their own good" and "Europeanise" them.

At the age of five years Mathinna arrived at Government House with a kangaroo skin, a rush basket, some shell necklaces and a pet possum. Suddenly she was launched into Hobart's elite, upper class.

At first Sir John Franklin was quite infatuated with Mathinna. The experiment to "raise" her to the level of British society seemed to be working. It was, at this time, that Mathinna's portrait was painted – the girl in the red dress.

But things started to go wrong. Mathinna became what effectively was a "trophy doll" or an "exotic pet" who was put on display as an oddity by the governor and his wife.

A few years past and Sir John Franklin was recalled to London and, at the age of 8, the Franklins quickly abandoned Mathinna. After being given pride of place in the plush governor's residence, Mathinna was dumped in an orphanage and then returned to Flinders Island where she was despised by the white community and alienated from her own people.

As a teenager Mathinna was relocated back to Hobart into a fringe community where, in her abandonment, Mathinna was cruelly consumed by a life of alcohol and prostitution. The Franklins never followed up or contacted Mathinna.

The "experiment" was over and, at the age of 18, Mathinna tragically drowned in a remote creek while intoxicated. Her body was buried together with many of her people, and her remains are believed to been exhumed sometime later to be used by the University of Melbourne for "scientific purposes".

Mathinna's story deeply troubles me. It has been told in a number of places, most significantly by the Bangarra Dance Theatre and now by Richard Flanagan in his confronting novel "Wanting".

I share this story this morning out of a deep sense of grief for people whose lives are impacted, damaged and so often destroyed by the indiscretions, the transgressions or what Professor Marcia Langton refers to as a "base racism" or "sheer stupidity" that underlies some approaches to First Nations people.

Mathinna had little chance. She was condemned by a system which never truly valued her for the person she was.

Friends, this girl in the red dress was foremost in my mind when I read the Gospel text for today from Matthew 20.

In this parable it's early morning. A landowner hires people to work in his vineyard for the standard daily wage. Additional people are hired at 9am, at noon, at 3pm and again at 5pm. Each group is told they will be given "whatever is right". When the day ends those who laboured for the shortest time receive the standard daily rate. Meanwhile the same amount is pledged to those who had worked since the early morning.

The full day workers are resentful. They claim this is unfair - why shouldn't they be paid more than those who only worked a few hours?

Now, we can read this parable in a number of ways. We can approach this story through the lens of economic justice. What's important here is that the story is not about rewards, rather it's about meeting basic needs.

Justice is defined in terms of what is needed rather than what is deserved.

Secondly, we can take a more religious approach. Here the parable speaks about the nature of God's salvation. For you see, salvation is for all – for those who commit their lives at a young age and serve Christ diligently all their years and those, who on their death beds, at the end of their lives, affirm the faith and open their hearts to gracious love of God.

Thirdly, this parable can be read in terms of generosity. Generosity, for many, comes with conditions. Generosity is tied to meeting all sorts of criteria. But in this this parable Jesus makes it abundantly clear that the generosity of God has no strings attached. God's generosity, which we can understand in terms of grace, is unconditional and free. In God's way of doing things no one is more deserving than the other.

But allow me to offer another reading of the text. I believe this story is about value and worth. Here the focus is not just on economic justice, salvation for all or an abundant generosity that exceeds all expectations.

A hint here comes when, at the end of the day, those who worked from the early morning make a response. They actually don't complain because they feel they have received a raw deal or have been cheated. Rather, if you look closely at the text, you will see they complain because "these last worked one hour, and you have made them equal to us" (Matt 20:12).

The accusation here is that the landowner dealt equally with his workers – long-term workers and those who worked for an hour at the end of the day. In the minds of the long-term workers those had to wait all day for work must have, no doubt, been of lesser value and worth. This would have been so because no other employer considered hiring them.

The long-term workers, therefore, see themselves, as superior, as having special privileges, of being more worthy and of greater value to the landowner. But this wasn't surprising . These disgruntled long-term workers were simply mirroring a common understanding that declares society is a hierarchy of interests, a hierarchy of stations with the deserving rich at the top and the non-deserving poor at the bottom. We are all familiar with such things.

But Jesus has none of this. He unleashes a most radical declaration that even today has the power to rattle the most entrenched interests. Jesus advocates a massive reversal in the way the world is to be seen and in the way we are to live.

Here those who think themselves superior by declaring there are greater and lesser beings, those who believe they are entitled to run roughshod over others for the sake their own interests, those who chose to measure the value of people around them according to their own pretentious, narrow, self-focussed view of the world - are in for a big shock!

For Jesus presents us with a radically new way – a way where inherent God-given value and worth are the decisive factors in the way we relate to others, in the way we live in community and in the way we are the church. This means people are to be accepted, nurtured, guided and loved for who they are and for who they are created to be.

But please note there is more to this new way as declared by Jesus. For, you see it's a way that not only values and gives worth to all. It's a way that calls on the privileged and the powerful to create spaces. It calls those on the higher runs of the hierarchy to stand aside, to let go, to relinquish their places so that the most vulnerable, the most marginalised, the most dispossessed can be recognised, accepted, enriched and empowered.

And this is, of course, summed up most in those confronting words of Jesus: "the last will first, and the first shall be last" (Matthew 20:16).

As I pondered these things, I asked myself – what does this all mean for the girl in the red dress? What does this all mean for Mathinna and for all the Mathinna's of this world?

Moreover, what does this mean for us as a church living in Western Sydney, one of the most diverse, dynamic, complex regions of Australia? What does this mean for us as followers of Jesus in such a vast metropolis of millions which includes some of the most privileged, and some of the most disadvantaged, marginalised people in this nation?

What does this mean for us as we move forward together and as we prayerfully elect our Parramatta City Uniting Church leadership? For, out there, old hierarchies still shadow us, entrenched prejudices remain and the endless quest for status and wealth, continues to be the principal driver for so many people.

Friends, the story of the girl in the red dress is a tragedy that is by no means unique in our history. It has been repeated over and over again – and its being repeated today.

Can we learn from this? Can we avoid such tragedies now and in the future? Can we, as a church, live out a new way, a way that says no to ethnocentrism, no to hierarchies that rank races and cultures, no to racial stereotypes, no to class distinctions, no gender discrimination and no to the devaluing and exploitation of those who are most vulnerable?

Can we as Christians, one and all, bear witness to a community where Mathinna and so many like her will be first?

Jesus sets the challenge before us today. May we be faithful to his calling.

Amen.



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

Synod of NSW & ACT

Parramatta City Uniting Church

In accordance with Regulation 3.3.2 the Church Council, in consultation with the Congregation Leaders Team, has sought nominations for the positions of Leader of the Congregation and Member of the Church Council.

Clause (c) of the above Regulation states that to be elected, a person must *“receive the support of a majority of those participating in the ballot”*

As prescribed by the Church Council, the persons named below have submitted themselves to actively serve on either the Congregation Leaders Team and/ or the Church Council in accordance with the circulated role description documents tiled:

Leader PCUC - Role Description and
Member PCUC Council – Role Description.

1. Nomination for Leader of the Congregation

| | |
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| * Akisi Alison | Leigh Fijian |
| * Anare Seru | Leigh Fijian |
| * Bruce Bennetts | Leigh Parramatta |
| * Callum De Réland | Leigh Parramatta |
| * Cherrie Liang | Northmead |
| * Epeli Semani | Leigh Fijian |
| * Fiona Bennetts | Leigh Parramatta |
| * Jan Delandro | Leigh Parramatta |
| * Jan Robson | Westmead |
| * Ken Murray | Northmead |
| * Liz De Réland | Leigh Parramatta |
| * Lorna Porter | Westmead |
| * Maggie Thorn | Northmead |
| * Margie Gray | Leigh Parramatta |
| * Marica Sadrata | Leigh Fijian |
| * Mere Vulaono | Westmead |
| * Meryn Obrien | Northmead |
| * Moses Vedamuthu. | Leigh Parramatta |
| * Peter Fragar | Northmead |
| * Robyn Fragar | Northmead |
| * Stuart Hills | Westmead |
| * Susan Stevenson | Northmead |
| * Tupou Moeofo Kamotu | Leigh Fijian |

2. Nomination for Member of the PCUC Council

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| * | Anare Vocea | Leigh Fijian |
| * | Callum De Réland | Nomination withdrawn |
| * | David Norris | Leigh Parramatta |
| * | Gary Ingles | Northmead |
| * | Ian Gray | Leigh Parramatta |
| * | Moses Vedamuthu | Leigh Parramatta |
| * | Rob Eagleson | Northmead |
| * | Sandra Pengilly | Northmead |
| * | Sitiveni Nasalo | Leigh Fijian |
| * | Susan Stevenson | Northmead |

In preparation for the Congregation Meeting on Sunday 24th September 2023, I commend their names to you for prayerful consideration of their gifts and skills as they seek to participate in their chosen designated role within the Parramatta City Uniting Church.

Grace & peace

Robert Key
Returning Officer

07.09.2023

Foster your faith this week

Ex 16:2-15 Ps 105:1-6, 37-45

Phil 1:21-30 Mt 20:1-16

Leigh Memorial

WELCOME TO COMBINED WORSHIP!

We look forward to seeing everyone at Leigh Memorial this **Sunday, 24th September @ 10.00am** for our PCUC combined service (Onsite + Zoom). All welcome.

PASTORAL NEWS

Our warmest prayers remain with all those in our worship community who are unwell, grieving or facing other challenges at this time. Details for the ministry team are in the newsletter. Congregation enquiries:

LeighMemorialUniing@gmail.com

CONGREGATION MEETING

This Sunday 24th September from 10.00am, a Combined PCUC service & Congregation Meeting (inc. the election of leaders) will take place at Leigh Memorial, followed by a congregation lunch in the Fellowship Centre next door. Further details are available in the newsletter. Important: Due to Uniting Church regulations, only those physically present onsite at Leigh Memorial on 24/9 will be permitted to participate in the voting. "Many thanks" to everyone who has contributed to the planning of the service and meeting this Sunday, and all those involved in the lunch preparations.

"THANK YOU" – OUTGOING LEADERS

After 24 September, a new Congregation Leaders Team will come into being for the 2023-2024 year. While most of the current team is seeking election, we send our *sincere thanks* to those from all the worship communities who aren't nominating for the coming year. Your time, input and efforts as part of the CLT during the crucial processes of the past couple of years have not only been very warmly valued, but have also made a positive contribution to our future pathways.

FUNDRAISING STALL – FOR MEALS PLUS

During lunch after the combined service at Leigh Memorial this Sunday 24 September, there will be an opportunity to support Meals Plus via a purchase from a small fundraising stall selling sundry, excess items from our site, including books. Please continue to pray for Paul & his team plus the many volunteers who support the Mission's community program on a weekly basis.

<https://www.parramattamission.org.au/donate/>

PCUC: 'SAVE THESE DATES....'

Saturday 28 October – Working Bee no. 2 @ Centenary UC from 9.00am.

Sunday 29 October – Combined service + sausage sizzle, 10.00am @ Parramatta Park.

Saturday 11 November – Combined 'Vision' Meeting @ Centenary, 9.00am.

UCA YOUTH CAMP

The PCUC is sponsoring a group of youths from the Leigh Fijian Worship Community to attend a Uniting Church High School Camp (UYC23) at the Collaroy Centre in early October. All the best to this wonderful group of young people.

THE GALLOPING PARSON – BOOK

The Heritage Committee has recently purchased a book called *The Galloping Parson* by Maureen Borrows – about the interesting life of Australian padre Bill ‘Jock’ Steele. If anyone wishes to borrow the book, please see Liz, or you can purchase your own copy via the following email:

Bill.Jock.Steele@gmail.com

ART FROM THE HEART

Artworks created by people accessing Uniting’s ‘Medically Supervised Injecting Centre’ (MSIC) in the city will be on display at 107 Redfern Rd; Redfern between 23 – 30 Sept – or you can view the art online (advisory: some confronting content is included). An online silent auction is also scheduled:

<https://www.uniting.org/artfromtheheart>

THANKS TO OUR ‘WORKING BEE’ VOLUNTEERS!

Many thanks to everyone who helped at the Congregation Working Bee at Centenary UC last Saturday. A second Working Bee is scheduled for Sat. 28 October. Enquiries: Fiona & Susan.





Westmead

SHARING THE HOSPITALITY OF JESUS CHRIST

**24th September - Combined Service Leigh Memorial
Parramatta at 10.00am**

NO WORSHIP AT WESTMEAD TODAY

* This morning a combined PCUC Service will take place at Leigh Memorial Church, Parramatta, from 10.00am.

* After the service, voting for leaders will take place. Please note, due to Uniting Church regulations, your votes can only be taken if you are physically present on that day.

We prayerfully keep those being voted for, and those voting in mind.

* A light lunch will follow.

Sandwiches are on the menu - if you are able to provide a plate of sandwiches, it would be much appreciated! (Jan – for further info.)

* During the luncheon there will be an opportunity to support Meals Plus via a purchase from a small fundraising stall ... a personal opportunity to support the vital work of Meals Plus.

* The Church bus will leave Westmead at 9.15 am to travel to Leigh Memorial for the 10.00 am service.

We look forward to meeting and sharing this important day with other members of PCUC communities.

Last Sunday, Pastor Fil visited us and reflected on forgiveness – thank you Fil for your words to us.

A very Happy Birthday to Jan Robson, from all of us at Westmead – we hope you had a day filled with pleasantness and joy!

For those in the congregation who are burdened by sickness, loss of hope, grief or uncertainty, loneliness, may God be with you especially and help you.



Please read the full Newsletter for details of activities during September.

Leigh Fijian

- 1. Lotu ena macawa oqo 24/09:** Na lotu ena macawa oqo na lotu cokovata kei na PCUC. Ena qaravi tale tikoga na veidigidigi PCUC.
- 2. Lotu ena macawa mai oqo 01/10:** Na lotu ni macawa mai oqo ena qaravi tiko kina na lotu vulavou. E na vunau tiko kina ko Pastor Filikesa Kamotu kei ratou na tabagone. Veiliutaki na soqosoqo ni tabagone. Na tali ni vunau vei qaravi na soqosoqo ni tabagone. Ena qaravi tale tikoga na sakaramede ni vakayakavi ni Turaga.
- 3. Lesoni ni macawa oqo 18/09 – 24/09** Lako Yani 16:2-15 Same 105:1-6, 37-45 Filipai 1:21-30 Maciu 20:1-16
- 4. Lesoni ni macawa mai oqo 25/09 – 01/10** Lako Yani 17:1-7 Same 78:1-4, 12-16 Filipai 2:1-13 Maciu 21:23-32
- 5.** Na keba ni tabagone na Uniting Youth Camp ena macawa 2 mai oqo ena qaravi tiko e Collaroy Center, Collaroy. Tekivu ena I ka 03/10 – 06/10.
- 6.** Vakavinavinaka levu vei ira na “working bees” ena sasamaki ena valenilotu mai North Parramatta ena vakarauwai sa oti.

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

Veinanumi ena Masu : Kerei meda veinanumi tikoga ena veimasulaki vei ira na nodatou qase kei na vuvale ra sotava tiko na dredre ko Mereoni Kamotu, S Qata, Akisi Dovibua Baranski, Dia Allison. Ko ratou na veiliutaki tiko ena nodatou vavakoso vaka viti kei na veivuvale kece sara ena loma ni nodatou vavakoso. Na nodratou vei qaravi na Bula Feeding. Me nanumi na FNC ni tou na veiwaseitaka na vei qaravi kei na tolu na valelotu Cambelltown, St Mary kei Berala. Ena qaravi tiko na FNC ena vula ko Jiulai ni yabaki mai oqo 2024 e Stanwell Tops.

Gadrevi na noda veinanumi ena masu vei ira na lewe ni vavakoso era mai sasaga kei na nanumi talega ni nodra vuvale mai Viti.

| 시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church | | 23-37 |
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| 17 성령강림 주일 (17th Pentecost of Sunday) 2023년 9월 24일 오후 1시30분 | | |
| 개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) | 왕이신 나의 하나님 | 다함께 |
| 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 9 장 통 53 장 | 하늘에 가득찬 영광의 하나님 | |
| 기도 (Prayer) 주기도문송 635 | 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지 | 다함께 |
| 성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) | 이사야 10:20-23 | |
| 말씀(Preaching)———— 전현구 담임목사 | 남은 사람과 살아남은 사람 | |
| 봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn) | 새 336 통 383 | 환탄과 찰박 중에 |
| <p>나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)</p> <p>1. 시드니 조은교회에 오신 여러분을 주님의 이름으로 환영합니다.</p> <p>3. '매일성경' 묵상과 '공동체성경읽기' 통독으로 말씀을 적용하며 매일 주님과 동행하는 삶 살아가시길 바랍니다</p> <p>4. 어려움을 겪는 이웃들을 위해 함께 중보기도 해주시기 바랍니다.</p> <p>5. 하나님의 기쁨인 전도사명에 동참하시길 부탁드립니다.</p> | | |
| 폐회찬송(Final Hymn) | 새 501장 통 255장 | 너 시온아 이소식 전파하라 (1절) |
| 축도 | 전 현구 담임목사 | |
| QT나눔 & 성경공부 오후4:00 | 수요기도회: 오후 7시 영왕기 상 9:10-28 | 새벽기도회 : 오전 6시 왕상 8:54-11:13 |

Hymnfest

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Sunday 24 September, 2pm

at St Alban's Anglican Church

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Help us 'lift the roof off' the church with sacred song.

All welcome!

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— ST AUGUSTINE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Amazing Grace
Onward Christian Soldiers
Morning Has Broken
Now Thank We All Our God

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
To God Be the Glory
Abide With Me
Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer
How Great Thou Art



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Can you come to our Pasifika rally on climate with Minister Chris Bowen- Pasifika Empowered 2023?

Uniting Church members are invited to support their Pasifika brothers and sisters in a climate rally with Federal Minister Chris Bowen on Saturday October 7th.

This is a follow-up from the first climate forum held in Penrith in April 2022 just before the Federal election.

As with last year, the Pasifika Empowered 2023 forum is being led by Uniting Church Pasifika leaders. The event will be on the afternoon of Saturday October 7th at the Pullman Hotel in Olympic Park from 1.00pm-4.00pm. The event coincides with Fiji Day celebrations on all day at Cathy Freeman Park, just a few hundred metres away. The theme of Pasifika Empowered is on climate change and its impacts on the cost of living now, and our hopes for a good future – in the Pacific but and also here. We think especially of those who are more vulnerable to the negative impacts of climate change, including communities in western and south-western Sydney.

The two-hour event will include welcomes from First Nations people and our new Moderator, Rev Mata Havea Hiliau, music and song and input on Pasifika theology and worldview. There will be personal stories of climate impacts, input from Chris Bowen and our questions to him.

While the event is led by the Uniting Church Pasifika community, we very much want the wider Uniting Church and community to be part of it. It is an opportunity to be in solidarity with our Pasifika neighbours, as well as voice our own concerns.

It is important to register as seats are limited (about 150).

You [can register here](#)

It would be wonderful to have some members of our Parramatta City Uniting Church community supporting this event.

Please contact Jon O'Brien (Northmead/Centenary congregation) on 0477 725 528 or joobrien@uniting.org if you have questions or need more information.

Prayer Points

The people of Parramatta City Uniting Church and Parramatta Mission invite you to pray for our Community.

Westmead

- For those who are unwell or undergoing medical treatment – We lift up these in Jesus' name for renewal of strength and health to minds and bodies.
- We pray for the devastated regions of Libya and Morocco, for war torn Ukraine, Myanmar and other regions of the world – May aid arrive and be delivered to those in need. May peace arrive in war torn zones – let Your love heal and soothe.
- For the changing climate – we pray that bushfires due to higher-than-average temperatures may be controlled successfully – let your protection be with the fire personnel who go in dangerous conditions.
- For those areas in the world that are battling drought, famine, and disease due to unfavourable climate condition – We humbly ask for rain to arrive and for aid to be deployed and filtered to those who are in need.
- We pray for the upcoming referendum on the Voice to Parliament – May You guide all those who will be voting. Let change and the path to reconciliation become stronger.

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.

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).

Prayer Points

Leigh Memorial

- We pray for members who are unwell, and those experiencing anxiety and grief.
- We prayerfully support those in our local communities who need additional care and support at this time, including people experiencing hunger, homelessness, addiction, family crisis and loneliness, in addition to those who assist them – such as devoted care-givers, nurses, doctors, community support teams and emergency workers;
- We pray for wisdom and inspiration to infuse all current and forthcoming decision-making processes and actions by our dedicated ministry team, leaders, managers and staff – and specifically pray for Paul and the team at Meals Plus, Cameron and the team at Westmead and for the life, witness and outreach work being conducted by our fellow Parramatta Mission & Parramatta City Uniting Church communities;
- We pray for greater mutual respect, compassion and peace throughout the world, and for the realisation of an international spirit of inclusion, acceptance and love for all people.

Wider Work

For our Parramatta City Uniting Church and Parramatta Mission teams

- May God guide all our staff, leaders, members and volunteers to live out our conjoined values of grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope.
- We pray for the work, witness and service of Rev Geoff Smith, Rev Vladimir Korotkov, Rev John Barr, Pastor Fil Kamotu, and Rev Hyun Goo.

Service & Zoom Information

Leigh Memorial

Time: Sunday 9.30am on site & Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 519 908 9657

PCUC online service

<https://northmead.uca.org.au/>

Westmead

Time: Sunday 9.30am on site

Leigh Fijian

Time: Sundays 11.15am on site

Pastoral Contacts

Prayer Points may be sent to
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119 Macquarie Street Parramatta NSW 2150
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IN TIME OF PASTORAL NEED

Please contact our ministry team with any pastoral needs

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| ◇ Rev Vladimir Korotkov (Supply Minister) | 0431 759 573 |
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