



NEWSLETTER

7 March – 13 March 2022

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

NRCC News and Notices

▪ Morning Tea

The food will be served by the volunteer at the counter along with their cup of tea/coffee. The self-serve style morning tea that we are familiar with can be resumed down the track when the congregation feel more confident. Please contact Sharryn if you need any help.

- **Lent Event** calls you to join other Christians in a pledge to give up or take up something in solidarity with those who live with less. From 2 March to 14 April, Lent provides us with opportunities to reflect on our relationship with Christ and put faith into action.

For more information or ideas go to <https://unitingworld.org.au/lent-event-is-coming/>



Community News and Notices

▪ Moderator's Flood Appeal to help devastated communities

The Uniting Church NSW/ACT has launched a special appeal to help those communities devastated by record-breaking floods.

<https://nswact.uca.org.au/communications/newsroom/media-release-moderator-s-flood-appeal-to-help-devastated-communities/>

▪ Resilience and the Human Spirit – Stations of the Cross 2022

April 1 – April 17. 10.00am - 4.00pm daily
Exhibition Space, Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School.
Information: Northmead Uniting Church 9890 5814,
Northmead CAPAHS 02 96304116
<https://www.facebook.com/NorthmeadSOTC>



Since 2007 an annual exhibition has been curated as a fresh way for people to have a deep and rich experience of Easter. Over the past 8 years, the exhibition has grown and developed as a cooperative project of Northmead UCA and Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School (CAPAHS.)

Each year we invite 15 major Australian artists to take 9 months to reflect on a short brief and then to create a particular artwork which we show in a joint exhibition. The artworks come into conversation with each other and invite the viewers to consider Easter texts in new and fresh ways. We want to provide an opportunity for people in the community to engage with some of the deeper life questions that are embedded in the Easter story.

The exhibition will be opened by Sr Rosemary Crumlin, the doyen of modern art and the religious imagination.

Exhibition Opening	Monday 1 st April - 6pm curatorial tour, 7.00pm Opening
Guided Tours	2.00 pm on weekend days or by appointment.
Wine and Cheese Night -	Thursday 7 th April at 7.00 pm
Eremos quiet half day Retreat	Saturday 9 th April from 10am-1.00 pm
Jazz Night	Sunday 10 th April at 6.00 pm
Good Friday	Friday 15 th April at 9.00 am

Reflection of the Week

Many things have been said and written about love. Numerous songs recount stories of love gained, treasured, and lost. Tennyson wrote that it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.

Each one of us has been given a tremendous ability to love. Why? Because we were created by God, and He is love (see 1 John 4:16). His love is the greatest. It is an eternal love—one that is unconditional—not based on what we do or don't do. Rather, the love of God is based on one event: what Christ did for us on Calvary's cross.

No matter what has happened in this life or what you will face in the future, God's love for you will never fail. When you get up in the morning, God's love embraces you. When you lie down at night, it is the love of God that is standing guard over your life. Throughout the day, God is pouring out His merciful love toward you. So essential is the love of God that Paul chooses to mention it first when writing about the fruit of the Spirit (see Galatians 5:22).

If we truly want to be people who love others and love God fully, then we must begin by giving Christ our lives and by asking Him to teach us how to love the way He loves us. Love is a choice that many times we cannot make on our own. People will say hurtful words about us. Some will seek to harm us, and yet the love of God has the ability to cover all sin. Nothing is more powerful than God's love in our lives.

Prayer: Father, Your Word says that no one can comprehend Your unlimited love and that I cannot be separated from that love. Thank You for offering Your love to me, covering my life with salvation. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2).

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Prayers

If you have any prayer requests or would like to know of those with particular pastoral needs to pray for, please contact Robyn,

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