



# NEWSLETTER

14 March – 20 March 2022

**Revive**  
**Restore**  
**Reach Out**

## NRCC News and Notices

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

## Reflection of the Week

Many believe that their spiritual journey is complete once they have professed their faith in Christ. However, just as wedding vows are only the beginning of a marriage, so a profession of faith is only the beginning of something much greater: a daily, living relationship with Christ.

The apostle Paul was a man zealous for his religion. But after a life-changing encounter with Christ, Paul's desire to grow in love for Jesus caused him to regard all his accomplishments as trash. In Philippians 3:8-9, after going through his laundry list of religious accomplishments, Paul boldly states, "What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, . . ."

Loving Jesus begins with a dissatisfaction with your current level of loving Jesus. A love for Jesus starts with a yearning to know Him and love Him more than anyone or anything in life. This love leaves no room for complacency or mediocrity because Christ is always worthy of more.

When you come to the point of saying, "Lord, my love for You is so pathetic, so shallow, so superficial, and so self-centered," this is when you have taken the first step in the right direction.

Jesus longs to nourish our minds with the Truth. He longs to fill our hearts with His love. He longs to lift our imaginations to new heights. He longs for us to surrender our wills so that He may fill us with His. But it all begins with dissatisfaction.

There is no end to knowing and loving Jesus. That is the business of our life on earth and the focus of our worship in eternity. God is constantly inviting His children to know and love Him more every day. Hold nothing back today as you seek to love Him with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to examine my life and recognize where I have fallen out of love for You. Help me to repent and begin to grow in love for You every day. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul" (Deuteronomy 4:29).**

### **E - give** (Direct Electronic Giving)

**Account Name:** North Rocks Community Church  
**(BSB):** 634634 **Account Number:** 100025906

### **Prayers**

If you have any prayer requests or would like to know of those with particular pastoral needs to pray for, please contact Robyn, Steve or Pastoral Care Team.  
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## Ministry Leaders

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### Church Council

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson

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### Team Leaders

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