



NEWSLETTER

4 April – 10 April 2022

Revive
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NRCC News and Notices

▪ Palm Sunday

This Sunday the youth have prepared a special All-Age Palm Sunday service to help us feel what it might have been like the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem. It has been a great encouragement to see their enthusiasm and their willingness to prepare and present this special service.

- What might you have felt as you stood in the crowd?
- What would you have called out to Jesus as he rode by?

NRCC **EASTER** SERVICES

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR

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| FRIDAY 15TH APRIL | SUNDAY 17TH APRIL |
| GOOD FRIDAY 9 AM A SERVICE REMEMBERING THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST | EASTER SUNDAY 9 AM COME AND MEET THE RISEN ONE CELEBRATE NEW LIFE & NEW HOPE |

NORTH ROCKS COMMUNITY CHURCH
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▪ Four preachers while Steve is on leave

Anne (24th Apr), Robyn (1st May), Steve T (8th May) and Sue (15th May) will be preaching while Steve is away. It will be a great blessing to listen to their messages for us. Please invite your family members or friends who might want to join our Sunday services and our fellowship.

While Steve is away please contact Robyn (pastoral matters), Jenny or Cathy (worship and other church related matters).

▪ **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

Guided Tours

Wine and Cheese Night -

Eremos quiet half day Retreat

Jazz Night

Good Friday

Monday 1st April - 6pm curatorial tour, 7.00pm Opening

2.00 pm on weekend days or by appointment.

Thursday 7th April at 7.00 pm

Saturday 9th April from 10am-1.00 pm

Sunday 10th April at 6.00 pm

Friday 15th April at 9.00 am

Reflection of the Week

Read Romans 16.

Paul's parting words to the church in Rome disclose three important characteristics of an authentic disciple of Jesus: Christians love one another, protect the Truth, and give thanks to God.

Love one another. Most of Paul's letters end by emphasizing the importance of participating in genuine, loving relationships with fellow believers. From the list of names in Romans 16, we see the apostle cared deeply about each individual person (not just the church as a whole) and no doubt prayed for the believers of the cities he visited by name.

Protect the Truth. Paul also understood we can't properly love people if we don't also love Truth. That's why we must protect Truth and stand against the greatest harm to the Christian community—the undermining of God's Word. As believers, we must allow the Bible to have authority over our lives. When we give Scripture its proper place, it will weed out any false teaching that threatens to take our eyes off Jesus.

Give thanks to God. Like Paul, whose gratefulness for his salvation and sanctification is apparent in each of his epistles, we too must readily praise God for our redemption and renewal. As authentic disciples, we must daily thank our Lord not only for calling us but for transforming us day by day into people who reflect our glorious Savior Jesus Christ.

Prayer: God, thank You for Your grace and compassion for me, a sinner. I praise You for the wonder of Your love displayed through Jesus Christ and the precious gift of salvation. May You be glorified eternally! I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I rejoice because of you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil" (Romans 16:19).

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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, Steve or Pastoral Care Team.
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