



# NEWSLETTER

11 April – 17 April 2022

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## NRCC News and Notices

NRCC **EASTER** SERVICES

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR

<b>FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	<b>SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>
<b>GOOD FRIDAY 9 AM</b> A SERVICE REMEMBERING THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST	<b>EASTER SUNDAY 9 AM</b> 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 (24<sup>th</sup> Apr), Robyn (1<sup>st</sup> May), Steve T (8<sup>th</sup> May) and Sue (15<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> April - 6pm curatorial tour, 7.00pm Opening

2.00 pm on weekend days or by appointment.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April from 10am-1.00 pm

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00 pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00 am

# Reflection of the Week

If we want to grow in intimacy with Jesus, we will encounter distractions, temptations, and difficulties along the way. That is sure. What is not sure is whether we will allow these obstacles to be hindrances to our love for Jesus or whether we will see them as stepping stones for growing deeper in Christ.

In pursuing a deeper love and intimacy with Jesus, there are three things that stifle our relationship with Him: the inability to accept correction, the unwillingness to change, and the temptation to confuse the journey for the destination.

Let's look at the first obstacle: the inability to accept correction. When a godly person points out some of the blind spots in our lives, how do we react? Our willingness to accept correction from a loving Christian brother or sister is one of the greatest indications that we are growing in our love for Jesus.

Secondly, to love the Lord Jesus with all our hearts, we have to be willing to grow and change. Some people are afraid of change and want to cling to the past. They would rather live comfortably than obey Jesus no matter the cost. As believers, our middle names should be change and growth because that is the nature of sanctification. In our efforts to love Jesus more intimately every day, we must realize that whatever heights we've attained, there is more. Whatever level of growth we have reached, there is always further to go in our love for Christ. The day we stop changing and growing is a day of immense spiritual danger.

Finally, the third obstacle to loving Jesus more intimately every day is confusing the journey for the destination. We either see ourselves as a citizen of this world with a passing interest in heaven or as a citizen of heaven passing through this strange land on our way to our final destination. Loving Jesus intimately means that we keep our eyes on our destination and yet serve Him here and now as we await the call of our Redeemer (see Philippians 3:20-21).

*Prayer: Lord, protect me from the complacency, apathy, and pride that would keep me from seeking You wholeheartedly. When I encounter an obstacle in my faith, let it become a stepping stone to growth instead of a source of discouragement. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way" (Colossians 1:9-10).**

## **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.  
Robyn: 0424791916

## Ministry Leaders

**Minister:** Rev. Steve Lee / [minister@northrocks.org.au](mailto:minister@northrocks.org.au) / 0433 698 690

### Church Council

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson

Secretary: Jenny Keyte

Treasurer: Anne Crabb

### Team Leaders

Worship: Steve Lee   Discipleship: Alex Chow   Pastoral Care: Robyn Pike   Fellowship: Sue Vasilevska  
Intergen: Fiona & Cathy   Mission: Steve Turner

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