



NEWSLETTER

26 June - 2 July 2023



NRCC News and Notices

▪ **BUPA Nursing Home Monthly Service**

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in joining the monthly service for the residents and the staff at BUPA North Rocks. Please contact Steve L for more information.

▪ **Men's BASECAMP at Katoomba**

An annual event for men to renew their strength in Christ. 2023 Theme, "Unravelling Our Emotions". 11–12 August 2023. Katoomba Convention Centre. Please contact Alex or Mike for more information

▪ **North Rocks Public School Fete**

NRPS are holding a fete on August 26, 10am-4pm. We have been asked to assist on one of the stalls. Steve T will be organising a roster. Please speak to him for more details or if you would like to help out on the day.

Dates for your diary

▪ CC and the ministry team leaders have discerned together and put the dates of the events/activities for this year on our church calendar. Please feel free to contact any of the leaders if you feel led to participate or want to share your thoughts and ideas.

NRCC 2023 Calendar

May			June		
28	Pentecost	Steve	3	NRCC Women's Retreat	Sue
			17	EQUIP Conference	Robyn
			25	Monthly Youth Gathering	Cathy
July			Aug		
22	Mental Health First Aid	Steve	11-12	Men's BASECAMP	Alex
30	Monthly Youth Gathering	Cathy	27	Monthly Youth Gathering	Cathy

Community News and Notices

▪ Leura Uniting Church retreat

- Saturday, July 1st 10am-3.30 pm
- Venue: Leura Uniting Church – close to Leura Station
- Theme is "Pause for Presence: Thresholds of our Lives"
- Retreat leader is Rev Glenda Blakefield, a member of LUC and a "Circles of Trust" (Parker Palmer) facilitator.
- Food: Morning tea is provided. We ask participants to bring their own lunch or there are cafes nearby.
- Cost: suggested donation is \$20.
- website. <https://leura.unitingchurch.org.au/services-and-activities/saturday-retreats/>

▪ Uniting Church Assembly and Synod News Links

Uniting Church Assembly: <https://uniting.church/news/>

NSW & ACT Synod: <https://nswact.uca.org.au/communications/newsroom/>

Reflection of the Week

Read Matthew 5:1-12.

Today's society would like us to believe Jesus' teachings were for another time. But Jesus' teachings are as startlingly relevant today as they were when He first spoke them—and they are still turning cultural norms upside down. We live in a world broken with the sin of self-worship, where society reveres self-realization. But Jesus' teachings are of a heavenly nature, unmarred by sin. He calls us to live holy lives of Christlike character, full of goodness and humility, to prepare us for the culture of His eternal Kingdom.

Secular culture says, "Happy are the rich—those who die with the most toys, for that makes life worthwhile," but Jesus says, "Blessed are you who hunger and thirst for righteousness because you will truly be satisfied." Society's pundits say, "Happy are you who get even, for this is a mean world," but the Lord of all says, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." While the cultural elite say, "Happy are you when you eliminate godly standards so that you can live your truth," the Messiah says, "Blessed are you who are persecuted because of righteousness, for yours is the Kingdom of heaven."

Jesus' counter-cultural, Kingdom-oriented teachings show us how to develop true character—character that even this broken world commends, though it struggles to understand it. This kind of character cannot be established in any life without a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. For, a life lived beautifully, one that lasts eternally, is the life that follows the narrow road after Christ.

Prayer: Jesus, Your ways are matchless—fully satisfying and offering joy and peace that transcend understanding. Your ways are perfect; may I seek them whole-heartedly by the power of Your Spirit working in me. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness" (1 Timothy 6:11).

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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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Ministry Leaders

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Church Council

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson

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Treasurer: Anne Crabb

Team Leaders

Worship: Steve Lee Discipleship: Alex Chow Pastoral Care: Robyn Pike Fellowship: Sue Vasilevska

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