



NEWSLETTER

4 - 10 November 2024



Worship Services Sundays 9am

Guest Preacher

This Sunday Richard Parker will be joining us to share his message with us.

New Rubbish and FOGO Procedures for NRCC

Parramatta Council have introduced new procedures for the handling of household rubbish. How food waste is handled has significantly changed.

Information on the new procedures will be displayed in the kitchen and a second copy will be in the A-frame near the door to the church.

In the Church/Hall kitchen (and also the 134 kitchen) there are now 3 bins:

- a small green FOGO bin for Food Organic material -- this then goes in the Green Council bins
- a bin with no liner which is for recycling items -- this then goes in the Yellow Council Bins
- a bin with liner for other rubbish (but not food) -- this then goes into the Red Council bins.

The Green Council bins are also used for Garden Organics as in the past.

Please ensure that the correct bin is used. If you unsure please check the information displayed.

Dates for your Diary

Craft Group @ 10 am-noon Fridays

Bring along your latest craft project and join us for morning tea and a chat. 10am each Friday in the church.

Nov	
1	Craft Group
3	Survey forms due back
5	Church Council Special Meeting
6	Zoom Prayer Meeting
Dec	
1	Advent

Community News and Notices

Christmas Gift Ideas

There are a number of groups offering different gift ideas this Christmas. Please consider these options this year when buying gifts.



UnitingWorld's Everything in Common Gift Catalogue is out now for Christmas.

It's filled with gifts that fight poverty through health, education, leadership and income opportunities. Shop online at www.everythingincommon.com.au or simply click on the image above.



More than just your average charity card, Tearfund's Useful Gifts contribute to long-term sustainable development projects. When you buy a goat or other useful gift, your gift is contributing to sustainable, long-term development projects run by Tearfund and our local partners. Shop online at www.usefulgifts.org or simply click on the image above.



Through the Christmas Bowl, you are empowering families to find safety, dignity and independence after being displaced by conflicts and disasters. Go to <https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/46872> or click on the above image to donate on behalf of NRCC.

Uniting Church Assembly and Synod New Links

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

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

Reflection of the Week

The parable of the lost coin found in Luke 15:8-10 portrays a woman's urgency to find one of her most treasured possessions.

As is common when something of value is lost, she spares no effort to find her lost coin. You can feel her heart racing in panic as she lights a lamp and sweeps the dirt floor carefully and methodically until she finds what was lost. When she finds it, she is ecstatic, and she includes her friends and neighbours in her joy.

An interesting element of the parable is that the woman lost the coin in her own home. She was not traveling or in unfamiliar territory. She lost her treasure in her day-to-day routine.

The same is true of many Christians. They haven't wandered away from the Father or set off for a distant country to revel in sin. Rather, they have lost the treasure of their relationship with the Lord in their day-to-day routine. At first, the lost treasure may be overlooked. However, the loss will eventually be apparent. Have you lost the treasure of a personal relationship with the Lord who loves you?

Prayer: Lord, I'm afraid that in the midst of my daily routine, I have lost the treasure of time spent with You. Father, forgive me and help me to find it again. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin'" (Luke 15:9).

Prayers for this Week

For Our Church:

- Pray for the word of Christ to be alive and present among us, so that we can teach and encourage each other with wisdom through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.
- Pray for strength and resilience in times of challenge or uncertainty, trusting in God's unwavering faithfulness to guide and support us.
- Pray for the preachers, service leaders, music team, sound team, and everyone contributing to our services, that they may be filled with the Spirit. Pray also for our minister, Church Council, and ministry leaders, asking for wisdom, unity, and effective service during this period of transition.

- Pray for healing and restoration for those in need. Also, pray for those who have completed HSC exams this week.

For the Wider Church:

- Pray for the Uniting Church's assembly, synods, and presbyteries, that they may be led by the Holy Spirit to promote truth, peace, and justice as they carry out God's mission.
- Pray for the continued growth of Christianity in the Global South. Ask for strength and wisdom to face challenges like authoritarian governments, post-COVID-19 mental health struggles, and the need for greater lay involvement in church leadership.
- Pray for Christian Religious Education teachers and students in our schools. Ask God to guide and support them as they share His Word, even in challenging environments.
- Pray for world mission organizations and their missionaries as they share the Gospel across nations. Ask God to provide them with strength, wisdom, and the resources they need for their work.

For Australia:

- Pray for wisdom and guidance for the Australian government as they carry out economic reforms, such as student debt relief and expanding educational opportunities, to bring support and hope to those in need.
- Pray for Australia's international relationships, especially in the Asia-Pacific region. Ask for peace and cooperation among nations.
- Pray for productive and positive trade discussions between Australia and China. May there be mutual understanding and progress in rebuilding trade ties while balancing national interests and security concerns.
- Pray for protection and healing for those affected by the melioidosis outbreak in Australia. Ask for wisdom for health officials and researchers as they work to develop a vaccine and control the spread. Pray also for strength and resilience for the communities at risk.

For the World:

- Pray for comfort for those impacted by the floods in Spain, and for strength and resources for the rescue workers and volunteers helping them.
- Pray for unity and healing after the U.S. election. May leaders and citizens come together with understanding and compassion, creating peace and cooperation for a stronger, united nation.
- Pray for world leaders to govern with wisdom, justice, and compassion. Ask that they have the insight to find solutions that encourage harmony and cooperation among nations.
- Pray for a global spiritual revival, that people around the world may turn to God with renewed faith and hope.

Prayers

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