

Clearing the Way for Jesus

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Approaching Easter

Christ's death on the cross epitomised the gospel of grace and faith. Jesus trusted God with his life in order to save humanity. Pray and meditate on Christ's sacrifice in the weeks leading up to Easter. Jesus did not seek wealth or power, but chose humility. He did not give obedience to God seeking blessing for himself. The Son loved the Father and had compassion for his brothers and sisters. Let us have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus (Phil 2:5), be filled with the Spirit (Eph 5:18) and follow the way of Jesus (Jn 14:6).

As we pray for revival in the Illawarra, let us do so after Jesus' own example, from a humble heart. Revival begins in us. Use Scripture as a springboard for prayer. Here are some Scriptures to use in praying for revival.

Habakkuk 3:2 (NRSV)

O LORD, I have heard of your renown, and I stand in awe, O LORD, of your work. In our own time revive it; in our own time make it known; in wrath may you remember mercy.

Psalms 80:3 (NRSV)

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Isaiah 57:15 (NRSV)

For thus says the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

News & Feedback

1. At the **church copyright seminar** last Saturday about 70 people learnt such things as why the song's title, author and the church's CCLI licence no. should be included with the projected lyrics; how to report the number of times a song is used, printed or digitally downloaded; and what is covered by the video copyright licence. Roslyn Wilson-Green of CCLI said they do not police compliance with copyright legislation, but perform a service for churches in returning royalties to publishers and upholding the rights of writers and performers of Christian worship music. CCLI will answer copyright questions over the phone or with your church leadership/worship team on Skype. Contact details: Christian Copyright Licensing International, phone 1300 225 400, email asiapacific@ccli.com, web: ccli.com
2. **Fr George Condookala, the Catholic Chaplain at Wollongong Private and Public Hospitals**, has started a monthly Service at the Private Hospital. The Service included a mass for Catholics and prayer for healing. The first service was so well attended by supporters, patients and staff that people overflowed out into the corridor. I was one of a few Protestants that came along and was fortunate enough to pray for the sick after the service. Seriously sick patients want to know God cares about them. They receive this assurance through prayer, and they don't ask which church you go to. I look forward to someone being healed. By the way, the staff were very supportive of the service. After all, they are trying to get people healed too.

God bless,
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Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra

Wollongong Gospel Choir Rehearsals – Tuesdays during school terms – all welcome.

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at Wollongong Senior Citizens Centre, 192 Gipps Road, Gwynneville

Contact: [John Sandercock](mailto:John.Sandercock@5icm.org.au) 0499 444 151

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement - Wednesdays 14th March to 20th June 2018

Download: [flyer](#), [schedule](#), [registration form](#).

Details: 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at Woonona Presbyterian Church, Gray St, Woonona.

Cost: \$180 includes registration, text book and course manual.

Contact: [Sue Currie](mailto:Sue.Currie@5icm.org.au) 0422 174 434.

Pre-Easter Service - Thursday 15th March

Includes a cameo play on the Easter theme and a talk by Fr Paul Gurr from Jamberoo Abbey.

Details: 10:00 a.m. for morning tea followed by the service at 10:30 a.m. at Kiama Uniting Church Fellowship Centre, 19 Bong Bong Rd, cnr Manning St.

Mission to Seafarers AGM - Palm (or Passion) Sunday 25th March

Details: 2pm Lot 2, Darcy Rd, Port Kembla. [Download flyer](#).

RSVP 16/3/18: [Louise Del Rio](mailto:Louise.DelRio@5icm.org.au) 4274 6498

Crusade Style Hymn Singing - Standing on the Promises - Sunday 25th March

Accompanied by Jim Powell and Jim Guest on duo pianos

Details: 2:30 p.m. at Corrimal Region Uniting Church, Russell St, Corrimal.

Maundy Thursday 29th March

Good Friday 30th March - Public Holiday

Easter Saturday 31st March - Daylight Saving ends.

Easter Sunday 1st April - Public Holiday

Easter Monday 2nd April - Public Holiday

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