

Clearing the Way for Jesus

The newsletter of the Illawarra Prayer Network links Christians and churches from Helensburgh to Gerroa, promotes prayer and facilitates church unity. A printer-friendly 2 x A4 PDF file of this newsletter is available at www.5icm.org.au/index_files/ipn.html. Please send prayer requests and feedback to prayer@5icm.org.au.
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Prayer

1. Trisha Hart of Grace Church Shellharbour emailed the following suggestion for prayer and action.

My prayer request is that those of us, who are safely established within the church
"reach out beyond themselves"

Finding a way to meet others, one person each week, a shop keeper, a butcher, a Councillor, a community group leader and so on.... to offer them our prayer support

Join with me to have courage to keep going, and inviting our Community to learn more about prayer, and the God who answers prayers.

2. I visited the [International Christian Church](#) at Berkeley last Sunday. The majority of the church are Filipinos but there are Australians too. The church has two Bible study groups, one in Tagalog and one in English. Ps Roger Lingal asked for prayer support from the network for a monthly Christian broadcast he is doing on community radio VOX FM 106.9.

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Hours of Grace

Wollongong Public Hospital Chapel – 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday 12th May 2018.

Prayer for the patients and staff at the hospital. The flyer description reads "An opportunity for the wider community to come along and join in prayer for the hospital patients, staff, management, those who are sick, and those not cured by any medicine. We will also pray for those who are addicted to drugs and alcohol. All staff and patients are welcome to meet Jesus during these Hours of Grace." The chapel is on level 1, through the main entry and turn left.

The event is organised by the hospital chaplains into one-hour time slots. Please help ensure the day is fully covered and register which hour you will be attending by phoning Fr George Condookala (Catholic Hospital Chaplain) on 0468 348 571, or email George.Condookala@dow.org.au. Worship musicians are welcome to contribute.

As of yesterday, the **Illawarra Prayer Network** will be leading from 10 a.m., a Catholic Mass is scheduled for 11am, the Anglican Chaplain will be leading at 1:00 p.m., and Uniting Church at 3:00 p.m. The Catholic [Jesus Youth](#) group will fill in any vacant time slots.

If you plan on attending between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., please [email](#) me.

God bless,
Derek Thompson,
Illawarra Prayer Network

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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@wollongonggospelchoir.org.au) 0499 444 151

Thursday 10th May - Ascension Day

Hours of Grace, Wollongong Public Hospital Chapel - Saturday 12th May

Prayer for the patients and staff at the hospital organised by the hospital chaplains in one-hour time slots from 8am to 8pm in the Chapel, Level 1 (turn left in Main Entry).

Please register which time you will be attending by phoning Fr George Condookala (Catholic Hospital Chaplain) on 0468 348 571, or email George.Condookala@dow.org.au. You can come and go at any time.

Sunday 13th May - Mother's Day

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Sunday 13th to Saturday 19th May

[Download prayers](#) from the World Council of Churches website.

Jamberoo Lay Carmelites Reflection Day:

Contemplating Our Care for Creation - Saturday 19th May

Facilitated discussion on *LAUDATO SI, letter from Pope Francis* by Rev. Linda Chapman, Rector of Anglican Parish of Moruya. [Download flyer](#).

Details: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. St Matthews Catholic Church, Jamberoo

Cost: \$20 per person or \$25 per couple (study guide included, morning tea and light lunch provided, please inform contacts about any special dietary requirements).

RSVP Contacts: Mary Clarke 4232 2970 or Gabrielle Fogarty by [email](mailto:mary.clarke@stmatthews.org.au).

Pentecost Sunday 20th May

Taizé Prayer Gathering - Sunday 20th May

Ecumenical Taizé style prayer and worship open to all. [Download flyer](#).

Details: 6:00 p.m. St Paul's Catholic Church, 251 Tongarra Rd, Albion Park.

Whit Monday 21st May

Illawarra Prayer Breakfast - Friday 25th May

Speaker: Liberal Party Senator for Tasmania Eric Abetz

Details: 7:00-8:30a.m. Main Auditorium, Wollongong Salvation Army, 11-13 Burelli St, Wollongong.

Cost: \$50 each or table of 10 for \$450 [Register here](#).

National Day of Thanks - Saturday 26th May - National Sorry Day

For the **Community Focus** this year we are Thanking:

People who contribute in a positive way to the vibrant cultural tapestry of Australia.

People who work in **Schools** across our Nation.

The **Personal Focus** is about the Unsung Heroes in your life and community.

Albion Park Community Fun Day - Sunday 27th May

Organised by C3 Church Shellharbour. There'll be a sausage sizzle, a variety of market stalls, a petting zoo, jumping castle, great coffee, and an auction - all to celebrate community and support our ongoing community work in Bushwarra, Papua New Guinea!

Details: from 12 noon at Albion Park Community Hall, 8/10 Russell St.

Cost: gold coin entry per person, and for some activities

Healing Service and Mass - Friday 1st June

All welcome. Mass will be celebrated for Catholics by Fr George Condookala. Prayer for healing by Fr George and Derek Thompson of the Illawarra Prayer Network.

Details: 10:30 a.m. Patients' Lounge, Level 3 to the right of lifts, Wollongong Private Hospital

See the [Sicm Events page](#) for more events and regular events list.