

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.

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Prayer

- 1. Daniel Lewis**, a teacher at St Joseph's Catholic High School, Albion Park, emailed the following for prayer.

My prayer concern would be for my biology class just going into their last week of school ever and then going to HSC preparations. Maybe this is too specific - just 19 lovely young people from south of Wollongong. Perhaps a prayer for calmness during this period of their lives, but also I pray that these young men and women keep out of mischief and always do what is right and just (or at least try) with some fun along the way. I suppose I will know prayers are answered when I see some smiles after their exam.

Maybe also a quick one for the good people of St. Paul's Parish for resilience and to regroup after this week.

- 2.** The last Sunday in September is recognised by many churches as **Social Justice Sunday**. The theme this year is *A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land*. It confronts the growing challenge of homelessness and housing insecurity in Australia. The Catholic Church provides more information at www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au. Pray for the homeless and for God's people to be mindful of their obligations to the poor and marginalised and to act justly for the homeless.

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8, NRSV)

News

Langdon Stewart of Figtree Anglican Church emailed:-

... in honour of 60 years since Billy Graham crusades in Australia, Franklin Graham is coming to Australia next year for an evangelistic tour, with Crowder doing the music in Sydney on Feb 23/24 2019. Find out more at: <https://grahamtour.billygraham.org>

In preparation for that, around Australia are preparation training events. The regional Wollongong event will be hosted by Figtree Anglican Church on Tues November 13th from 7pm. This is a night of evangelism training and preparation for inviting people to the events, and the way to prepare to be a Prayer volunteer for those who respond to the gospel at the event.

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](#) 0499 444 151

Friday 28th September - last day of school Term 3

Morning Tea & Golden Girls Fashion Parade Charity Fund Raiser

Hosted by Shellharbour Village Uniting Church Friday Friendship Group to raise funds for the farmers of Peak Hill.

Cost: \$5 (includes afternoon tea). Electronic payment facilities will be available for purchases.

Details: 10:00 a.m. at Mary St, Shellharbour Village

Contact: Chris on 0421 881 835

Monday 1st October - Labour Day Holiday

Healing Service and Mass - Friday 5th October

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 turn right out of lifts, Wollongong Private Hospital.

Cross Connections Art Exhibition from 2nd to 26th October

Exhibition by local Christian artists to be opened by Ray & Trish Robinson at **7:30 p.m. Friday 5th October.**

Venue: McKinnon Building (Bldg 67) foyer. University of Wollongong

Enquiries: Trevor Holt 0401 198 140. [Download flyer.](#)

Daylight Saving time starts - Saturday 6th October

Port Kembla Baptist Church Annual Fete - Saturday 13th October

There will be Devonshire tea, sausage sizzle, cake stall, white elephant, pre-loved clothes, plants, crafts, books and toys plus much more...This year we are happy to have local author Hayley Barr launching and signing her new fantasy novel "Fate's Call".

Details: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Corner of Illawarra & Cowper Sts, Port Kembla

Contact: Maggie Thomas 0417 698 042

Monday 15th October - first day of school Term 4

Northern Illawarra Combined Churches Christian Education Board

Annual Fun Run Boardwalk Fundraiser - Saturday 20th October

Details: Start at 9:00 a.m. Bulli Beach Playground. See Board members for sponsorship forms.

Contact: [Graeme Hush](#) (Chairperson) mobile: 0418 297 504

Arts and Crafts Expo - Thursday 25th to Saturday 27th October

Wollongong Uniting Church Women's Fellowship are running the expo of local artisans. All crafts for sale. Devonshire teas available.

Details: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wesley on the Mall.

Contact: Anne Gallagher 4229 3051. [Download flyer.](#)

Bible Society Coffee Morning - Friday 26th October

Speaker: John Harris.

Details: 10:00 a.m. Gerringong Anglican Church, 103 Fern St, Gerringong.

Contact: Barbara Mathie 4234 1576 or 0411 212 874.

Fashion Parade Operation Christmas Child Fundraiser - Saturday 27th October

"Footsies" shoes, clothing, handbags, hat, scarves, jewellery.

Hosted by: 2:00 pm Albion Park Uniting Church, cnr Terry and Russell St, Albion Park

Cost: \$10 (includes afternoon tea)

Contact: Lyn Brown 4256 1487

Sicm AGM - Monday 19th November

Although this meeting is required to meet incorporation and charity status obligations, visitors are welcome to find out how the member ministries are going.

Details: 7:30-9:00 p.m. 1 O'Gorman St, Albion Park

Contact: [Derek Thompson](#) 4256 5780

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