

## 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](http://www.5icm.org.au/index_files/ipn.html). Please send prayer requests and feedback to [prayer@5icm.org.au](mailto:prayer@5icm.org.au).  
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### Prayer

**1. Bruce Fairhall** attends **Dapto Baptist Church** and emailed a prayer request for a new group.

"Prayers are sought for the recreated Christian camera group at Dapto, to be known as **THE CAMERA CREW**. We meet monthly at Dapto Baptist Church, and each meeting involves image sharing on a given topic, a tutorial and supper. We also plan two photographic "excursions" on a Saturday each year and two family dinners, to increase our social interaction. New members are welcome: Please contact the Secretary, Bruce Fairhall - [bruce@fairhall.id.au](mailto:bruce@fairhall.id.au)."

**2.** Pray for the region's **schools**, both staff and students, at the start of the new school year. May students learn more than facts and figures, and learn the skills they will need to navigate life, all the way to heaven. Don't forget those who teach scripture in schools, chaplains and counsellors. Give thanks for, and pray blessing upon, the many parents who volunteer their time and services in support of schools.

**3.** After 12 years, **Abbess Mary Barnes** completed her term of office at **Jamberoo Abbey**. The nuns have been praying for discernment as to her replacement over the past year and have elected **Sr Hilda Scott**. "The nuns of Jamberoo Abbey ask you to please pray for Sr Hilda Scott who has been elected abbess of our Benedictine community."

### News

**1. Fr Mark De Battista** of **St Patrick's Catholic Church, Port Kembla**, is promoting the upcoming Australian tour of acclaimed composer, virtuoso pianist and powerful inspirational speaker, **Eric Genuis**, in celebration of the church's centenary. Eric will play 18 concerts in Catholic parishes across the Wollongong Diocese in February and March. He will also make appearances at a number of Catholic High Schools and a handful of NSW prisons. Eric is accompanied on the tour by a world class violinist, cellist and vocalist. The Catholic media release says, "Eric's concerts consist entirely of original compositions that are peppered with stories, lots of humour and audience interaction" and "are for all who seek hope and purpose in their lives." For details of concert dates, venues, and online bookings visit [www.ericgenuistour.com](http://www.ericgenuistour.com).

**2. World Day of Prayer** (Friday 1st March) is the largest annual ecumenical event in the Illawarra. This year eleven Services are to be held across the region (see Events' list). Resources are available on the [WDP website](http://www.wdp.org.au).

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](#) 0499 444 151

### **Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th February**

#### **60th Anniversary Franklin Graham Tour**

The Franklin Graham tour event celebrates 60 years since the Billy Graham Crusade in 1959.

Details: 7:30 p.m. Sydney International Convention Centre. Contact: [Langdon Stewart](#)

### **Sunday 24th February**

#### **Kiama HymnSing**

Hymn and chorus singing followed by afternoon tea.

Details: 2:00 p.m. Kiama Uniting Church cnr Manning & Bong Bong Sts.

Contact for song requests: Reuben (4233 2490) or Gail (4232 1630)

### **Friday 1st March**

#### **World Day of Prayer Services - "Come, everything is ready!"**

Slovenia will be the focus of the prayer services.

**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 11:00 a.m. Macmillan St, Helensburgh

Contact: 4294 1204

**St David's Anglican Church** 11:00 a.m. Roxburgh Ave, Thirroul

Contact: 0408 673 556

**Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church** 11:00 a.m. 47 Balmoral St, Balgownie

Contact: 4283 4091

**Wollongong Salvation Army** 10:00 a.m. 11-13 Burelli St, Wollongong

Contact: 0417 698 776

**Warrawong Anglican Church**, 11:00 a.m. cnr Cowper St & First Ave.

Lunch will follow. Participants asked to bring a plate of food to share.

Contact: Phillis Coulstock 4261 1957 or 0403 207 573

**Immaculate Conception Catholic Church** 10:30 a.m. Princes Hwy, Unanderra.

Contact: 0419 989 608

**St John the Evangelist Catholic Church** 11:00 a.m. 24 Jerematta St, Dapto.

Contact: 4261 4982

**Albion Park Uniting Church** 11:00 a.m. Russell St, Albion Park

Contact: 0414 689 480

**All Saints Catholic Church** 10:30 a.m. 19 College Ave, Shellharbour

Contact: 0407 061 559

**Kiama Anglican Church** 10:00 a.m. 1 Terralong St, Kiama,

Contact: 0424 466 935

**St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church**, 10:00 a.m. 166 Fern (Cnr Jupiter St)

Gerringong.

Speaker: Mrs Peg McEntee OAM. Contact: 0428 317 014

### **Saturday 2nd March**

#### **Port Kembla Baptist Church Mini-Fete**

Enjoy a sausage sizzle, Devonshire tea, home-made cakes, plants, pre-loved clothes, white elephant, crafts, books and toys and much more.

Details: 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. cnr Illawarra & Cowper St, Port Kembla

### **Saturday 9th March**

#### **Agape Children's Home, Thailand - Support Dinner**

Keiraville Uniting Church are holding this fund-raising dinner for the 2 children they sponsor at the Agape Home in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Venue: 6:00 p.m. Farmborough Grove Retirement Village Admin Centre, 66 Waples Rd, Unanderra. Cost: \$25 for Thai food, Thai dancing, other food and entertainment.

Tickets and Enquiries: [Robyn Johnson](#) 0414 307 910. [Download flyer.](#)

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