

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. Rev Nathan Sandon of Austinmer and Thirroul Anglican Church emailed:

Please thank God for the safe arrival of our fourth child over the past month- his name is Reef. Praise God for the recent summer where we ran an outreach cafe called "**Salt N Light Cafe**" at Austi beach which connected with many of the locals of the Coal Coast, praise God for Melinda who came to faith in our Lord Jesus through this mission. The mission culminated in a fortnight of "Church@thebeach" which is an attempt to make church more accessible and different over summer. We were able to make a few community contacts and so please pray that these contacts would continue to journey with us and please pray for our evangelistic course, out of the summer mission mentioned above, we call "**Taste N See**" where we currently have a bunch of non-believers checking out the good news of Jesus. For the church please pray that we would be loving one another and indeed be the salt and light we're called to be on the Northern Illawarra Coal Coast.

2. World Day of Prayer is on Friday 1st March. The theme is "**Come, everything is ready!**" (Luke 14: 15-24). This year eleven Services are to be held in our region (see Events' list). Slovenia will be the focus of the prayer services this year. For more information go to the WDP Australia website: www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org. Here is a prayer from the Service: -

"Our God, we confess that we have often ignored people living difficult lives in our society — refugees, migrant workers, those struggling with work/life balance, the elderly, ethnic minorities and those devastated by alcohol. Please forgive our self-absorption. Thank you for opening our eyes to these problems. Loving Father, stand beside us in our efforts to change. Thank you for your promise (1 John 1:9) that when we confess our sins, you are faithful and just and will forgive and purify us."

News

1. Carissa Page and Nicole McHenry of the [Women's Illawarra Church Soccer Association \(WICSA\)](http://www.womensicsa.com) are looking for new players and teams to join this year's competition. You can email them at womensicsa@gmail.com. WICSA is associated with the men's [Illawarra Church Soccer Association](http://www.illawarrachurchsoccer.com) whose website says "Our teams span from Bulli in the North to Kiama in the South with a league history of many years. The competition consists of three divisions, with kickoff at 1.00pm and 3.00pm on Saturday afternoons. We actively promote and endorse Christian fellowship on and off the field. Generally, the competition runs from April to September."

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 1st March

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

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

Friday 1st March

Healing Prayer Service and Mass

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

Details: 10:30 a.m. Patients Lounge, Level 3, Wollongong Private Hospital.

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

Sunday 3rd March

Dapto HS Scripture Teacher Commissioning Service

Details: 2:00 p.m. Dapto Baptist Church, 93-97 Emerson Rd, Dapto.

Contact: [Liam Marsh](#) of Dapto School Scripture Board.

Thursday 7th & Friday 8th March

Wollongong Uniting Church Garage Sale

Details: 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 116 Crown St Wollongong.

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.