

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. Angela Costi, who attends C3 Believe Church, Wollongong emailed the following prayer suggestion:

“John 17:11, 21, 22, & 23 all speak about Jesus’ desire for unity.

So, my prayer request is Jesus’ Prayer, unity of the whole body, with all its wonderfully different but equally beautiful facets, one body celebrating its head, Jesus!

I pray that all those who truly love His Word, will want to adhere to His heart and come together in unity as one. To honour, love, exalt and celebrate Him, with no other agenda but only Him.”

- 2. School goes back this week.** Pray for students, teachers, and parents to adapt to their new situations.
- 3. The bushfires.** Thankfully, the Illawarra was relatively unscathed by the bushfires even though residents of Jamberoo Abbey were evacuated as a precaution. Local Rural Fire Services were involved in fighting fires on the south coast and in the highlands. Also, many Illawarra organisations and churches have contributed to relief efforts.

News

- 1. Rev. Kath Merrifield** will be inducted as Minister of the Word at **Kiama-Jamberoo Uniting Church** 2:00 p.m. Saturday 8th February at Kiama Uniting Church, 19 Bong Bong St, Kiama ([Facebook Event page](#)). Afternoon tea will be served after the Service.
- 2. Rev. Leigh and Merri Roberts** will be farewelled from **Bulli Anglican Church** Saturday 15th February.
- 3.** Please email me details of your **World Day of Prayer** Services in the Illawarra for advertising in the Events lists.
- 4.** For those Christians who venerate the relics of the saints:

“The relics of Carmelite saint, **St Therese of Lisieux** plus her recently canonised parents, **Ss Louis and Zelig Martin** are coming to the diocese as part of a national pilgrimage in January—April 2020 organised by Catholic Mission in partnership with funeral provider, InvoCare. The pilgrimage will also be raising funds for the NSW Vinnies Bushfire Appeal. You can view the diocesan itinerary for the pilgrimage (which will continue to be updated as more details are confirmed) at: <https://dow.sh/TheresePilgrimage>”

The relics will be in the Illawarra from 20th to 23rd March.

God bless,
Derek Thompson,
Illawarra Prayer Network

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Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra

Wollongong Gospel Choir - Rehearsals recommence 4th February.

7:00 pm at Wollongong Senior Citizens Centre, 192 Gipps Road, Gwynneville. **Due to renovations of the WSC Centre, rehearsals will temporarily be at Cafe Essay at the Salvation Army, 11 Burelli St, Wollongong.**

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

CMS Illawarra Meeting - Thursday 6th February

Craig and Samantha McCorkindale have been working in Cambodia where Craig teaches in a Bible School. Craig will speak on "The Trial and Error Term", about thing they have learnt in their first term. BYO Lunch and mug, tea and coffee provided.

Venue and time: 12:30-2:00p.m., St Mark's Anglican Church, West Wollongong

Contact: [Bev Defty](mailto:Bev.Defty@cmsillawarra.org.au) 4243 6247

Friday Long Lunch with [Brad and Eden Jersak](#) – Friday 14th February

Details: 12pm-2:30pm Central Church, 4 Fitzwilliam St, Port Kembla

Cost: \$60 (places are limited)

Bookings: <http://centralchurch.org.au/WhatsOn/>

Friday Night Wine and Cheese - An Evening with [Eden Jersak](#) - – Friday 14th February

Details: 7:30 pm - 9:00pm Central Church, 4 Fitzwilliam St, Port Kembla

Cost: \$10 Tickets available at door or online at <http://centralchurch.org.au/WhatsOn/>

Saturday with [Brad Jersak](#) - Saturday 15th February

Details: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Central Church, 4 Fitzwilliam St, Port Kembla

Cost: \$40 (includes morning tea, but lunch is not provided, BYO or use local cafes)

Childminding available at \$10 per child.

Bookings: <http://centralchurch.org.au/WhatsOn/>

Prayer Breakfast Launch - Friday 28th February

Speaker: Ps. Rick Prosser

Details: 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at The Woolshed. [RSVP](#)

[World Day of Prayer - Friday 6th March](#)

Theme: Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk; Service prepared by Zimbabwe.

Illawarra Services:

10:00 a.m. Keiraview Uniting Church, 34 Fisher St, West Wollongong

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