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## Clearing the Way for Jesus

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### Church of the Week

This week, pray for **St Volodymyr's Ukrainian Catholic Church** at 56 Kenny St, Wollongong. The senior minister is Very Rev. Simon Ckuj who is based at St Andrew's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Lidcombe. The Wollongong church has services at 10.00 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month only. [Pray for peace in Ukraine](#).

### Church of the Week (next week)

For prayer next week, is **Holy Dormition Russian Orthodox Church** at 59/61 Wilford St, Corrimal. The senior minister is Fr Dionisius Halim who is based in Ketlyn (Campelltown). Services are held in Slavonic and English languages on the 1st Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. The church is a member of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia (ROCOR). In 2007, ROCOR was reunited with the Russian Orthodox Church, Moscow but retains independence under a separate Primate. Dr Sr Vassa Larin talks about the Ukraine war from a ROCOR perspective [here](#).

### Illawarra Church News

1. The recent **Samaritan's Purse Pleasant Sunday Afternoon fundraiser** held at Albion Park Uniting Church was well attend by over 200 people and raised \$5,500. Lyn Brown's talk and information on Samaritan's Purse in Sudan and Ukraine is [attached](#). Lyn won't be organising a fundraiser next year, so if anyone is interested in taking on the position, please contact [Lyn Brown](#).
2. **The Wollongong Catholic Diocese** is getting two new priests from Vietnam, **Fr Hung Tran** and **Fr Kim Cang Tran** (Tran is a common Vietnamese surname. There will now be four priests in the Diocese with that surname). They will stay at the Cathedral Presbytery from 1st August for about 6 weeks and then commence work in another parish.
3. **Jessica Soden** who runs [Illawarra Vocal Academy](#) in Warilla, has responded to the call to establish a combined church choir. The choir will meet, at least initially, at her studio in 3/10 George St, Warilla. Jessica and her friend Naomi have a vision for two choirs, an all-age choir to sing hymns and gospel music and a choir for young people (14-30 years) to sing contemporary Christian songs. The all-age choir, tentatively called [Illawarra Christian Choir](#) on Facebook, will meet 4:00 to 5:00 pm Saturdays, and the youth choir will meet from 5:00 to 6:00 pm Saturdays. A small group is already meeting to sing Christian songs, so you can just turn up or contact Jessica at [illawarravocalacademy@gmail.com](mailto:illawarravocalacademy@gmail.com). The rehearsal times can change depending on members availability. Also note that the studio is upstairs and has no disabled access. If this is a problem, just let Jessica know. Jessica said, "We have already been invited to perform at the Christian [One Music Festival](#) in November at Kiama run by the Scripture Union."

## Sicm News

- 1. Illawarra Seniors Band** has need of a drummer. If you are interested in joining the band (you don't have to be a senior, just available for day-time performances), please contact Jill White, the Secretary (email: [I.S.Band@hotmail.com](mailto:I.S.Band@hotmail.com)).
- 2.** The new **Illawarra Christian Choir** will be joining Sicm to take advantage of membership.
- 3.** The next issue of **Clearing the Way for Jesus newsletter** will be sent on **Tuesday 27th June**. If your church would like to be a **Church of the Week** at a particular time, just contact me. Church news items, prayer requests, and combined church events can be included in the newsletter for sharing with Christians of the Illawarra. To subscribe to this newsletter please email or message me on Facebook with your email address.

God bless,  
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## Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra

**Illawarra Seniors Band** rehearsals are once a month on a Tuesday morning at 10.30am (these currently vary) at the Port Kembla Senior Citizens Community Hall.

### Monday 19th June, Spirituality in the Pub

After 23 years, the SIP Committee has decided to close, so this will be the farewell gathering.

*Details:* 5:30pm for those who want to share a meal, 7:30-9:00pm for the meeting at Jamberoo Pub.

### Saturday 24th June, Zoe Fundraiser

[Zoe Foundation Australia](#) rescues children from slavery in the sex trade and runs a children's home in Chiang Mai, Thailand

*Details:* 6:00 p.m. Kiama Baptist Church

*Cost:* \$80 for a 2-course meal. There will be entertainment and auctions.

*Contact:* Tony & Margaret Boothroyd 0422 105 533

### Saturday 24th June, Written in Chalk Documentary

Director, Richard Attieh will host a Q & A session after the screening.

*Details:* 7:00 p.m. Kiama Anglican Church, Church Point Centre, 2 Terralong St, Kiama.

[Download further information.](#)

*Cost:* free (popcorn provided)

### Saturday 24th June, "Holding Hope: 60 Years of Lifeline" Documentary Premiere screening

An inspiring compilation of stories about Lifeline. [See Trailer here.](#)

*Details:* 3:00-5:30 p.m. Dapto Anglican Church, 100 Moombara St, Dapto. [RSVP here.](#)

### Tuesday 27th June, Illawarra Seniors Band Concert

*Details:* 10:00 a.m. Kiama Uniting Church, 19 Bong Bong Rd, cnr Manning St, Kiama, concert at 10:30 a.m.

*Cost:* \$10 (includes morning tea)

### Wednesday 28th June, YWAM Winter Worship Nights

*Details:* 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm (includes 1hr worship + a cuppa) at Central Church, 4 Fitzwilliam St, Port Kembla. [Download flyer.](#)

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