

PARRAMATTERS

SUNDAY 26 JULY 2020

Parramatta Salvation Army



AUGUST X FACTOR

Once again August will be our corps 'X Factor' Month with theme: 'Community Matters' - being and building a Christ centred community. This will be an opportunity for us to gather in small numbers [COVID safe] to explore God's word and share what it means for us. These small gatherings are called 'Huddles'. We'd encourage you to look outside your regular groups to see who else you might invite.

What is a huddle?

- ◆ It's 3-6 people meeting together in an informal way to intentionally have a conversation about Scripture and faith.
- ◆ Huddles meet regularly, once a week or once a fortnight, (we'd love you to try and meet weekly during X-Factor month)
- ◆ If possible, meet in person but you can also use a connecting program like 'zoom'.
- ◆ Can be cross-generational.
- ◆ Has a facilitator [prompter], not a leader.

What you need to do:

Contact and invite 2-4 people into your huddle. Then decide on a day and time that is suitable for you all to meet. Write it in your diary and put it on your phone calendar. Finally, agree on who will be the facilitator.

What we will provide:

Every week we will supply a bible reference, a sermon [notes will be available if you are not online] and questions to use within your huddle.

If you have any questions about the huddles please email Sharon or Grant.

*All nations, all generations,
all people... all about Jesus.*



PRAYERPOINTS

As we continue praying through the Corps Directory this week we will be praying for: Brian & Lyn Baines; Gary & Rebecca, Kayla, Lauren, Jemma Battersby; Rachel Betteridge; Lorraine & Vince Bignell; Glenn Backa; Bruce & Lois Bowie; Gordon Bowie; Barrie & Barbara Browning; Nathan & Sophie, Sebastian, Alex, Darcy, Jemima Browning; Catherine & Martin, Adam, Isaac, Kiara Bust.



Praise God for the safe arrival of Oliver William Philip Sparkes.



Praying for HSC students as they begin their trials: Kofi Maison, Ryan Briggs, Kayla Battersby, Chelsea Carger, and Scarlett Betteridge.



Remember those in our corps community who are facing health challenges and need our prayerful support, especially with the extra caution required due to the threat of the coronavirus.

Bruce Gough has been in Westmead hospital; Stephen Coia at Norwest.



If there is someone or something you would like us to pray for please contact the office by Tuesday for it to be included in the newsletter.

CORPSNEWS

CONGRATULATIONS!

There is a new baby boy in the Vos clan! Oliver William Philip Sparkes. Congratulations! Enjoy this precious new life Phillipa, Shannon and Georgia.

GREEN TEAM

This Saturday 25 July we are working on the planter boxes at 426 Church Street. Instead of going to the gym this week, here is an opportunity to do a physical workout! As it is still a construction site there will be limited access to areas of the building and a number of conditions to adhere to. If you are able and interested in helping us please contact Sharon to let her know of your availability.

We will also be having a 'planting' day in early August so if you would like to volunteer for that event please let Sharon know. There will also be an opportunity to be part of a 'green team' that will care for the planting and other aspects of the building. Stay tuned for more information about this team.

YOUNG ADULTS

Café Church was a time of fellowship and worship last Saturday afternoon for the youth adults of our corps. Guest speaker was Kate Cathcart. The young adults tried out some of the furniture we have acquired for 426 café!

PHOTOS FOR 426 MURAL

Hi everyone! As our new church building is continuing construction, we are gathering a range of photos of experiences you have had within the Salvation Army. We wish to use photos that you submit in addition with other photos to create a wall mural emphasising the Salvation Army emphasis of "Love, Hope and Compassion". This mural will feature on a wall near the newly built Café. In order to receive your photo, we need you to submit them electronically. You can do this by visiting this link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1YIEzcAhM9DdcT3V78MIXpvP8iEoKY1A6?usp=sharing>

Once you click or copy and paste the above link, you will be in Google Drive. Here you can upload your photos. If you have never used Google Drive before, I have made a video on submitting photos with an instructional sheet. It is really easy! To use Google Drive you will need a GMAIL account or Google Email address ie john.smith@gmail.com. If you do not have a Google Account, it is free to register and takes 5 minutes. Please watch this video for a full instructional walk through on using Google Drive. Video Link - https://youtu.be/_TqX__ywY00

STAY SAFE!

With the coronavirus now detected in the Western suburbs of Sydney again, we need to ensure the safety of the vulnerable in our community. The wearing of masks are now mandatory in Melbourne and Mitchell shire; and are also suggested for the areas of Sydney most at risk. If you are unable to buy a mask there are patterns online that you can use.



FELLOWSHIP DAY 2020

I invite you to access the website acw.org.au for information regarding this organization. At 10.00 am on Friday 31 July, there is to be a virtual service for Fellowship Day 2020. The theme is *Moving Forward in Faith*, with the subtitle, *Joy for the Journey, Making Wise Decisions*. On accessing the website, scroll down to 2020 Fellowship Day 2020. The site is easy to follow. You are invited to join in the service if you are able.

Pamela Freeman

*Thanks for sharing your memories!
Troy [on behalf of 426 Creative Projects team]*

If you would like to give to the kingdom building activities in and through our Corps by transfer please use the following details: **BSB 032078; Account No. 000810288; Account Name - The Salvation Army, Parramatta.** Please include an applicable reference on the transfer so we can accurately record the gift.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please send your details to parramatta.corps@gmail.com

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