

# PARRAMATTERS

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2020

Parramatta Salvation Army



I really value a good cup of coffee. In fact, if I'm going on holidays (or anywhere new for that matter), I will spend a considerable amount of time researching the best cafes and planning how they will fit into my schedule. If I am holidaying somewhere, I would much rather get up 30 minutes earlier to get coffee from somewhere excellent that is a little out of the way, than stop at somewhere more convenient on the way like a McCafe. Ick. When I've travelled through Asia or America, where a flat white is a little harder to come by, I've been known to pay more for my coffee than I would for my dinner. Most people shudder at the thought of waiting in a big line to get into a cafe or to order a coffee, but to me, that's the stuff dreams are made of - a long queue generally always equals superb coffee. Now, maybe I'm fussy. Maybe I'm just a coffee-snob. Label it however you'd like, but coffee is a priority in my life. I will alter my plans, change my routes, sacrifice a little sleep or walk a little further to get to that perfect cup.

Trivial as my coffee obsession may be, this value drives my behaviour. If I claimed to value good coffee, yet I drank whatever, wherever, with no research or care, I would probably end up drinking a whole lot of bad coffee. How much more so is this the case with the things we value that truly matter? Values are deeply held and felt convictions. Our goals, dreams, and behaviours are driven by our values.

In early 2020, we reimagined our values at 426, and this week we begin our new series, "At the Core: Embracing Our Values at 426" where we will discuss our 5 value statements and how we might let them drive our lives and ministries. Our values can't just be spoken, read or put on a pretty poster that hangs on our wall. They must be lived. We have to keep asking ourselves how our values at 426 will be expressed in our ministries, in our attitudes, in our behaviours and in our worship. It's our hope that you will continue to embrace these values as they shape us into the church we desire to be.

Sarah

# CORPSNEWS

## SAVE THESE DATES!

We Are Nearly There!

As we draw ever closer to moving in to our fantastic building we want you to keep two dates free in your diary. Firstly, we are holding a 'soft' opening on **November 14&15** in which we want you to come and gather in worship. Under current restrictions we can fit 60 people in our new space. So we are going to run the same worship service 4 times: 6pm on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>; 9.30, 11.30, and 4.30 on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. You will need to book in online or by calling the office. You'll then have a chance to have a sneak peek out the rest of the building.

The other date is **December 13**. This is the official opening and ribbon cutting. By then, God willing, we'll finally have our full occupancy certificate. We've invited our Commissioners Robert and Janine Donaldson to be our special guests. This will also be the date for our Christmas Concert.

At the moment the November date is somewhat provisional, but our builders and management team have made significant progress over the last few weeks. Please keep praying that this will continue.

## 426 FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We want to thank those people in the corps who have made a special donation towards the projects being completed for the new location at 426 Church Street. If you would like to make a donation to these projects please contact the office to arrange collection or transfer. Thank you!

## CALENDAR PLANNING

On Tuesday 13 October we are holding our annual corps calendar planning meeting. If you have any dates of personal significant events you would like put in the corps calendar please send them to Sharon via email.

## CHRISTMAS CHEER FUNDRAISING

With limited fundraising opportunity throughout the year and reduced amount from the Red Shield Appeal we are starting our fundraising efforts for the Christmas Cheer project earlier. If you can help (and feel safe) standing by a bucket in a Shopping Centre on a Thursday please let Grant know.

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. 0810288; 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](mailto:parramatta.corps@gmail.com)

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# PRAYERPOINTS

Praying for all students and teaches as they take their Spring break. Especially praying for the HSC students as they prepare for their final exams.



Praying for safety on the roads with people travelling over the October long weekend. Keep safe!



Remember those in our corps community who are facing health challenges and need our prayerful support. Heather Hayes is having surgery on Monday.

We have just heard that Astrida Perkins [Ladies Fellowship] has cancer, so we are praying for Astrida, her family and her friends in the Fellowship as they journey these difficult final days.



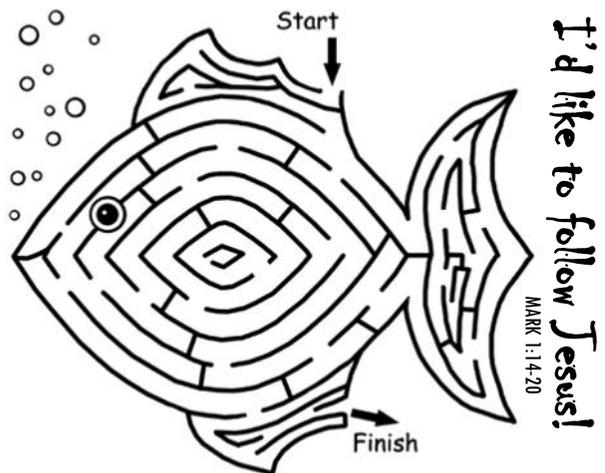
Praying for a COVID19 vaccine.



Keep praying for the IOC [interim occupation certificate] to be issued for 426 Church Street.



*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.*



Check out our Parramatta Corps Facebook Pages: Parramatta Salvos, Children's & Youth Ministries

