

# PARRAMATTERS

SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2020

Parramatta Salvation Army

COMMUNITY MATTERS:



BEING A CHRIST CENTRED COMMUNITY

## AUGUST X FACTOR

We have started our corps' X Factor month! Have you asked someone to be in your 'huddle'? Why don't you find a few people who you haven't met with before! This is a great way for our corps to gather while we cannot meet on Sunday's in the one location. Over next five weeks 'huddles' will be meeting to explore God's word and share what it means for us. Take this opportunity to get to know your faith community and build faith connections.

### 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 = 5 times)
- ◆ If possible, meet in person or 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 can be available if you are not online] and questions to use within your huddle. This will be available in the newsletter and online for the five Sundays throughout August.

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

## WEEK TWO

HUDDLES

1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-17

This week in your huddle:

1. catch up
2. discuss sermon — use questions
3. share one God story each
4. pray for each other

### QUESTIONS FOR HUDDLES

### PRAYER POINTS FOR YOUR HUDDLE:

1. What images come to your mind when you hear the term co-worker?
2. What's brought you the most joy as you've served your faith community?
3. What do you think Paul meant in these images of building with gold or straw?
4. Have the recent months of COVID 19 restrictions brought you any insights in the way you serve others?

## CO-WORKERS IN THE X COMMUNITY





## CORPSNEWS

### X FACTOR INTRO

We would love to include as many people as possible in our 'Intro to worship' video that will be viewed throughout August. All you need to do is record yourself saying "community matters" and email or message it to us.

### PHOTOS FOR 426 MURAL

Don't forget to send through any photos you have of experiences you have had within The Salvation Army for our Café wall mural. We want the emphasis of "Love, Hope and Compassion". Please let us know if you need any help submitting them.

### NATIONAL HOMELESSNESS WEEK 2-8 AUGUST

Held every year at the beginning of August, Homelessness Week seeks to raise awareness around people experiencing homelessness, the issues they face, and the action needed to achieve long-lasting solutions, including increasing the supply of social housing. This week is close to The Salvation Army's heart as we connect daily with people street sleeping, sleeping rough and living in unsafe, insecure housing.

As part of Homelessness Week, The Salvation Army will be supporting the 'Everybody's Home' campaign, calling on local members of parliament to sign a pledge, making a public commitment to build more social housing – creating jobs and helping to end homelessness. These next two months are critical as the government establishes stimulus priorities in response to the COVID-19 fallout. The more MPs offering their support, the greater the pressure on parties to include investment in social housing as part of Australia's recovery.

You can provide support at <https://everybodyshome.com.au/>

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

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## PRAYERPOINTS

Pray for our X Factor month; for fellowship, for learning, for new revelations.



As we continue praying through the Corps Directory this week we will be praying for: Diane Hardy, Ian Harris, Brian & Denise Harrison, Ray Haule, Heather & Alan Hayes, Betty Hazell, George Hazell who has been in hospital, Ady Hilton, Gui Fen Huang, Elwyn & Margaret Humbley, Keith Humbley, Doug Hutchinson.



We pray for the city of Beirut For the people and families impacted by the explosion.



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 coronavirus.



Keep praying for the completion of our new location at 426 Church Street. There are still a few hurdles we need to overcome.



*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