

PARRAMATTERS

SUNDAY 14 MAY 2017

Parramatta Salvation Army



PRAYERPOINTS

Praying for all mums in our church community as well as those women who have nurtured and cared for us.



Please pray for Alice Nuttall who is having surgery; For John Godkin and Gwen Bourke who are both in Westmead hospital.



Please pray for the preparation going into the Red Shield Appeal. For the sausage sizzle at the Family Store this Saturday.



Please pray for upcoming AXIOS Discipleship Conference: that it will be a great day of learning and growing in faith.



Please remember those in our corps family who are still undergoing treatment or recovering from operations. Also for the families who are supporting their progress and facing the challenges that ill-health present.



*If you would like us to pray for you or your loved ones, contact either **Marty Bust** or **Dot Griffin** for it to be included in the newsletter and Prayer Network.*



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WHERE IT'S NEEDED MOST

WORSHIP TODAY

9AM Easy English Worship

10.30AM Family Worship
Join us for Morning Tea after worship, served in the Connect Centre opposite the citadel.

NB: WORSHIP ON RED SHIELD SUNDAY

9AM worship with PEEC
This worship meeting is open to anyone not involved in the door-knock

UPCOMING EVENTS

**MOTHER'S DAY
ALL GENERATION WORSHIP**
SUNDAY 14 MAY 2017

JUNIOR SOLDIER ENROLMENT
SUNDAY 21 MAY 2017

RED SHIELD APPEAL
27 & 28 MAY 2017

AXIOS DISCIPLESHIP DAY
SUNDAY 4 JUNE 2017



YOUTH COUNCILS HIGHLIGHTS!

I was lucky enough to attend youth councils this year with multiple friends. It was great to spend time with everyone from our youth group as well as catch up with friends from other Corps.

On the Saturday, we went to a roller blading maximum arena. But before I talk about the roller blading I would like to talk about the bus trip. Boy oh boy it is always an experience driving anywhere with the parra youth members let me say that! I honestly think that our youth leaders are almost deaf due to our laughing and screaming. But don't worry it's all in good spirits. Our type of fun is just different to most. Now onto the roller blading. It was just as crazy as our bus ride. It was a massive disco party. There was coloured spot lights and music. It was very cool. The funniest part would be seeing each other stack it (fall) multiple times. None of us got injured so it's ok. Apart from our bottoms and tail bones. All in all we had a blast there and it would definitely be something that we would do as a youth event wink wink nudge nudge youth leaders.

On Sunday we had 2 worship services. The first session we had Nicole Viles speak about base lines. And what our base line is really matters and how we see ourselves and our lives. Who you are, is not defined by what you have or how much money you have. You are defined by what God sees, not what someone else sees or believes. We shouldn't get caught up in society's materialistic ways, instead, our focus should be on God and God only. For He is the only one who can define us and base us upon something. This really spoke to a lot of us who may not have had God as our base lines and this was overall my favourite sermon of the day.

In the second session we had Major Paul Moulds who is the officer at Auburn Salvos. He talked about doing things now while we are still young and making memories and doing things for God. Doing things we can be recognised for when we are gone. Alfred Nobel was a great example that he gave us. Nobel was the creator of dynamite and when his brother died, reporters got mixed up and thought that Alfred had died and not his brother. His headline was 'The Merchant of Death is Dead' when he read his biography he felt that the only thing that he will be known for was for creating dynamite. So therefore he created a series of Nobel prizes.

This example was good because it says that we need to create good memories and a good profile of ourselves so that others can look back on us and say wow he did this or she did this.

Overall it was a great weekend and we all can't wait for next year's youth councils.

Chelsea Carger (with help from Scarlett Betteridge)



PEOPLE NEWS

- ◆ Lucas Edwards is travelling to the UK with the Australian youth band of The Salvation Army. We hope it will be a great experience, Lucas!
- ◆ Adam Bust has joined the Sydney Youth Band.
- ◆ Gwen Bourke and John Godkin are both in Westmead hospital receiving extra care and undergoing tests. Alice Nuttall is having surgery.

If you have news to share with the wider church family please forward it to the office by Wednesday. Thanks

CORPS NEWS

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Outreach in the mall last Sunday. Special thank you to Nathan Browning who wore the mascot costume and helped create a great atmosphere for promoting the Red Shield Appeal and letting our community know that The Salvation Army is in Parramatta.

Thank you to everyone who got involved in the Sausage Sizzle at the Family Store! Thank you to those who helped with the letterbox drop and a massive thank you to Len Cross who set up the trailer for the BBQ.

PIANO AVAILABLE

Piano requiring good home. Contact Pamela Freeman 98731701.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

10AM WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2017

10am for morning tea and 10.30am for the meeting. This week Lynn McLauchlan invites you to 'Come with me to Norfolk Island'. All ladies welcome.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will be helping in the preparation of the Red Shield Appeal by making up the kits that collectors use for the doorknock. If you are available to help with the many tasks required as we prepare for the Appeal please let Sharon SB know.

19 May

SERVICE NIGHT



RED
SHIELD
APPEAL

26 May

7:30 TO 8:30PM



RED SHIELD APPEAL

The Red Shield Appeal is a great way for our corps to support the wider work of The Salvation Army and a wonderful opportunity to meet and work with our local community. In particular, the many students who volunteer to help with the door knock and provide the energy and enthusiasm to fulfill this part of the Appeal. However, we do need adults to help supervise, coordinate and be drivers for these students—so please see Sharon SB if this is something you can help with even though you may already be part of a long term team. Please see Carissa if you haven't yet applied for a Working With Children's Check [volunteers are free]. Thank you!

Calling all Junior Soldiers!

The Annual Red Shield Sort-a-thon is on again and we need your help. Sorting the bags is a very helpful way to assist with this very large project. Once you have been out collecting with your parents, come and help sort out the bags. Come and be part of the best sorting team there ever was! See Jeff Parker for more detail.

PRAYER WALK

There are many large tickets items in our hearts at the moment as we peer forward into the future of the Parramatta Corps and try to see where God is leading us. As people of prayer this is how we bring the blurry and unclear road ahead into focus and know where to head next. One critical prayer point at the moment is where our future ministries will be located and where people will gather for worship and service. Our sights are set on being an ongoing presence around the Parramatta Business area and so we want to confirm this in our own hearts so we can confidently keep to this conviction in our decision making. I know many people are praying individually and in groups about the corps situation and I urge you to keep doing so. There are also opportunities for us to gather in other ways and pray together. On Saturday 20 May I will be doing a prayer walk around North Parramatta and anyone who is interested is welcome to join me.

Instead of a weekend long Discipleship Conference this year AXIOS will happen on Sunday 4 June and Sunday 15 October. It will have the same great content for each of us to keeping on learning how to be followers of Jesus, 'worthy of our calling'. This year's theme is: "To equip his people" Ephesians 4:12. Having looked at the needs of our current congregation and the makeup of our community, this year we will be offering a range of breakout teaching sessions that will help to equip us as Salvos in a constantly changing world.

- Sharing your faith with children - presented by Tammy Tolman - Grandparents, Parents, Aunts, Uncles, Youth Leaders, Children's Ministry workers, School Teachers. Children are our future and sometimes it's hard to know how to talk to them about our faith.
- Talking about faith with your Hindu neighbour - presented by Marelyne Bishop - Hinduism is one of the fastest growing religions in Australia mostly through immigration from India. With 996 million Hindus in India and 275,000 Hindus in Australia (in 2011) how do we interact at work, on the sporting field, at the shops or at our highly popular mid week playgroups and music group.
- Gathering at tables, a How to Guide - you have heard about Gathering at Tables. We have actually gathered at tables and there is a knife and fork in our hall each week to remind us. Come to this session to find out more from our Area Officers, Belinda and Lynden Spicer.
- Talking about faith with your Chinese neighbour- Lydia Hong (from Hurstville Corps) will guide us through what is, for many of us, an ancient and deeply complex culture. Come along to learn a little about how to share your faith with people with a Chinese background.

The format for the day is a little different to a normal Sunday at Parramatta Salvos.

8.00am - Knee-drill [Adoration + X + Intercession + Offering + Silence]

9.00am - Coffee and Croissants

9.30am - Children and Youth Worship (in the main hall) - ages 3 to 20'ish

9.30am - Breakout Sessions (as described above)

10.30am - Morning Tea

11.00am - Youth Group Life Groups; Children's Program (in the main hall ages 3-12)

11.00am - Breakout Sessions (repeated)

Noon - Lunch (pre-order or bring your own)

1.00pm - Worship Service (all ages)

2.30pm - Close

You will need to choose 2 breakout sessions to attend, so choose the ones that will help you in your faith. You can bring your own lunch or pre-order (just \$5) from a choice of Sushi, Sandwiches or Wraps.. We would love you to register online at www.axios.org.au over the next 2 weeks. Entrance to all sessions is free this year but we need you to register so we know what size room to allocate to each breakout session. If you don't want to register online, see Dot Griffin or Denise Thomas. So remember, 4th of June, the week after the Red Shield Appeal, to be at Parramatta Salvos for a great day of Discipleship Teaching, Fellowship and Worship.

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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DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE



SUNDAY JUNE 4

Salvation Army Citadel: 34 Smith Street, Parramatta

