

North Turramurra Church of Christ



Today's News

Happy Mothers Day to all our mums...

From the very first breath of life we take as we enter into this world, the first person we would have looked up to was most probably our mother. Each year Mother's day in some form is celebrated throughout the world. It is in February in Norway and as late as December in Indonesia.

The early Christians reserved the fourth Sunday in Lent to honour Mary the mother of Christ. Then as Christianity spread throughout Europe the celebration grew to include and honour all mothers and was appropriately named 'Mothering Sunday.' In Australia, Mother's Day was first celebrated around 1920.

Mother's day for many people is a day of celebration of a relationship that sustained them over decades. Abraham Lincoln reflected upon this day and said - *"All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother."*

For others it is a day of sadness. Unfortunately, there are many in our community who have never known a mothers love, who have lost their mother early in life or never had the opportunity to connect to mother in a real way. For others it is a difficult day to endure.

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"My reward is giving glory to You."

Keith Green

Prayer Hotline

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Hanna Dijkstal

All requests are kept confidential and treated with the greatest respect.

Today

9:30am Soulcare
Mother's Day
Stephen

9:30am Praise and Communion
Pentecost/Mother's Day
Richard

10:30am Morning Tea

12:30pm Korean Community

7pm Connect @ 7 Jeff

Next Sunday

9:30am Family Service
Gifts of the Spirit

9:30am Praise and Communion
Fruit of the Spirit
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DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday of the long weekend, the 7th June at 6pm polish up your tiara and find the bow tie as all are invited to a British Tea party for the Queen's Birthday in the church hall.

Guess who are organising it? Hint they have an English accent and sometimes pretend to be French, they have finally got it right and have become Australians.....

MOWING ROSTER
May 24 Matt Cowdrey

Church of Christ NSW Conference

Our leadership event this year is with Dr Peter Steinke. Don't miss this incredible learning opportunity with Dr Peter Steinke to strengthen and develop your church. Next Saturday 17th May. We will meet in the church car- park at 11:45am.

MINISTRY TEAM

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Church Bulletin Information and Service Presentations

Deadline for all office requests are due by **Thursday 2:00pm.**

Please contact Fatima on 9988 4688 or email her at
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Office Hours: Wed-Friday 9:00am- 2:00pm

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Three Free Passes To An Open Doors Meeting

Contact Fatima

In our quiet moments of this special day set aside to honour mothers, we can all give thanks to God for the significant people who have invested and shaped our lives.

“Loving God, we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us.

We pray today;

for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;

for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;

for those who raise children on their own;

for those who have lost a child;

for those whose children have left home;

and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,

*and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good,
living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others.*

Be with those today yearning the loss of a mothers love.

Amen.”

Live, learn, love

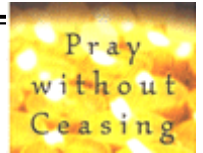
Baptism

Next Sunday evening we will take time to witness the baptism of Natalie Keller. Natalie will share her testimony and has invited many friends. Please join us for this special occasion.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

Hebrews 12:1-3

Prayer and Praise



- ◆ Praise God for the baptism of Natalie Keller next Sunday night.
- ◆ Pray for the Finnie family as they continue to deal with the tragic loss of Tara and learn how to live without their daughter and sister. Prayer for us as a church as we learn how to deal with the loss of one dear to us.
- ◆ Pray for the China mission that fly out on 7th July. Pray for safety in travel, an impact in the mission and effective fundraising.
- ◆ Pray for Rivergum church as they continue to develop the contacts at Mount Druitt.
- ◆ Pray for Pastor John and Mi and their children. Pray for the Korean congregation to grow as they now live in the area.
- ◆ Give praise John Hunter is at home. Continue to pray for his health.
- ◆ Give thanks and praise for the church family members who serve so faithfully behind the scenes.
- ◆ Please pray for Eileen Larbalestier who had a minor stroke this week. Pray for a full recovery.
- ◆ Pray for the Bartholomew family, Ryan is in hospital. Pray that the Lord will sustain them at this time.



To our dear family in Christ,

We wish to convey our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to each and every one of you for your loving support of our family as we grieve the loss of our beautiful and precious Tara. There are so many ways in which you've helped us when we've been helpless. Thank you for loving us and upholding us in prayer. Your faithfulness and goodness to us has not gone un-noticed by our Heavenly Father who blesses abundantly.

With our deepest love, Ross, Wendy, Ebony and Jordan

Home groups – term 2

Home groups will recommence in term 2 on the week beginning May 5th

Day and time	Leader	Where
Monday 10:30am	Graeme	Church hall 'Creation & Evolution'
Monday 7:30pm	Neil Cowdery	Meeting room 2 'Daniel'
Tuesday 10am	Loida	Cottswolds
Tuesday 7:30pm	Stephen	Norma and Oz home 'Holy Spirit'
Wednesday 7:30pm	Richard	Schneider's home 'Perseverance'
Wednesday 7:30pm	Tina	Bartholomew's
Thursday 9:30am- 11:30am	Angela Ladies only	Conference room 'Prayer'
Friday 6pm	Stephen	Henderson's
Sunday 5-6:30pm	Tina, Jo, Dave, Joshua, Lachlan	Church

Are You Ready For The Challenge..?



The first annual football (soccer) game between our church services and the Korean community will be on Sunday 1st June 3pm at a venue yet to be determined. Start training and preparing yourself for 60mins of non stop action with a short intermission for oranges. For those who might like to pull on a jumper and would like to play please see Chris Barnes. For those who would like to be part of the cheer squad please see Angela for when the training and rehearsals take place.

Congratulations to Chris and Carol Barnes, Joshua, Miriam and Ester on becoming Australian! It is great that you have become 'one of us'!

Grief and Loss

Grief is something that we have all experienced over the past couple of weeks. In experiencing loss of someone we love we are forced to deal with grief. When loss occurs we are unprepared in how to handle it especially if we have never had to go through it before. Sometimes a present loss will unlock a past-unresolved grief and pain that we might need to deal with. So, what can we do with the pain that seems insurmountable? Here are a couple of suggestions that I trust may assist you to move through this difficult time.

1. Grief and loss seminar with Rev Dr Geoff Glassock. Geoff has assisted many people through grief and was part of the team in Bali to help victims and their families after the bombing. Geoff will be with us on Wednesday 28th May, 7:30-9:15pm.
2. Talk about the memories. Share stories, great moments and funny instances with others
3. Seek professional information. A really good web site is www.bereavementcare.com.au

The Bereavement Care Centre offer resources, counselling, educational courses, educational books and DVDs. They also provide information for children about dealing with grief and loss.

4. Seek a counsellor to provide assistance through the pain of grief. There are a couple of options to seek counselling:
 - a. Bereavement centre Eastwood - 1300 654 556
 - b. Salvation Army Counsellor – Terese Sheridan 9906 5126
 - c. SAN Hospital Chaplain – 9487 9111 (this would only be for one visit)
5. Your local ministers are more than happy to meet, listen and pray with you at anytime – 9988 4688