

weekly bulletin

24 May 2020



Growing in Christ | Showing Christ | Going Christ's Way

Bible readings:

Easter 7
Acts 1: 6-14; Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35;
1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11; John 17: 1-11

Weekly reflection

This Sunday we celebrate Chaplaincy Sunday. Chaplains are vital in so many organisations as they show the compassionate nature of Christ to the communities that they serve. Christ calls all of us to show his compassion and grace to the people that we connect with, particularly those vulnerable people within our community. So as we celebrate and give thanks to God for the chaplains in our community this Sunday let us take up the challenge to show the compassionate love of our saviour to all the people that we meet and to be more aware of those people within our community and beyond who need to know that God loves them and that they are valued by our God.

Maybe this week you might call someone that you think needs to know that they are loved and valued by God and that you are thinking of them just as God is always thinking of them.

God Bless,
Rev. Andrew

Contribute:

Email communications.oxleydarrauc@gmail.com by 7pm Thursday with notices for next week's bulletin.

Please pray for:

- Vicki, Joel and Zac after the funeral for Brian last Friday. May the Lord enfold them in His arms during this time of their grief.
- those who are recovering from surgery - Pam G, Geoff I.
- On this Chaplaincy Sunday we give thanks for the work of chaplains and their ministry.
- Volunteers everywhere, during Volunteers week
- members of our community in nursing homes and their families who feel further isolated from them at this time - Del A, Claire M, Margaret R, Lorraine I, Margaret A, Joyce H.
- the congregation of Bayside UC and their Minister, Rev Craig Blackburn.
- those people who have lost their jobs and are not eligible for the JobKeeper wage subsidy, especially migrant workers.

Chaplaincy Sunday 24 May

This week Rev. Rob Packer a member of the Oxley congregation will bring us his reflection on Army chaplaincy so please tune in to our service to hear his message.

Congregational Profile and Joint Nominating Committee

The Oxley CLT has completed the congregational profile for the process to start the call of a new ministry agent. As part of this process, the congregation needs to form a Joint Nominating Committee.

The Oxley CLT recommends the following names for the JNC:

- Heather Coupland
- Gayle Rankin
- Nerida Millar
- Al Tay
- John Gunders
- Graham Hodgson

RESULT - As scrutineers for counting the returns of those nominated for the JNC, we are happy to confirm that the members of the congregation who returned their votes affirmed the above recommendation of those named by the Congregational Leadership Team. - Graham Coupland and David Greer.

Today is Chaplaincy Sunday. Synod has issued the following statement -

The theme for Chaplaincy Sunday 2020 is "Living faith in uncertain times".

The ministry of chaplaincy continues to offer a vision of the ministry and mission of the whole church as it lives out its call to be present and active in the community, being agents of God's peace, hope and reconciliation.

Let us give our thanks for chaplains everywhere

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Online worship and devotional resource

Our worship services are being recorded and available online on our YouTube channel and website at oxleydarrauc.org.au.

Devotional resources

- Lectio 365 follow this link for a free online daily devotional that can be downloaded as an App to your phone or tablet.

Giving in a time of Isolation

Giving of our resources for the work of God in our world is an ongoing covenant we make with God. During this time, when we cannot make our physical offering via the collection plate, you might consider giving via direct debit, even if it is only during this current crisis. The details for our bank are as follows.

Account Name: Oxley-Darra UCA Parish Offerings Account

BSB: 064 011 (Commonwealth Bank)

Account Number: 1003 2190

Friday Night Youth and Sunday Connect go virtual

Thanks to the efforts of Holly, our youth and children's activities are happening via Zoom. If you would like to participate in these programs email holly.jewell@optusnet.com.au

