



# BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

## 6th December 2015



### Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

Visitors are always welcome at Blacktown. Please share in morning tea following the meeting.

**COMING DATES for Calendar:** PLEASE CHECK THE NOTICE BOARD FOR MORE DETAILS.

**TODAY:** 6th December 10 am Prayer Meeting in the Hall.



### **CHOSEN TO BE A SOLDIER**

Please join the family and friends of Peter Hardy and Dilara Niriella As they are enrolled as soldiers today. Pray for them as they take up the Cross and Serve Christ through His Church at Blacktown.

Today is the last Oasis (Sunday School for the year).

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Please plan to attend on Sunday December 13th CHRISTMAS CIRCUS CARNIVAL and CAROLS NIGHT. 4pm—7pm. Check out the flyer on the noticeboard. Invite all your family and friends. Admission Free. Stalls to purchase food and drink.

**CORPS CHRISTMAS DINNER:** SUNDAY December 20th at 5:30 pm. The list of names will go up shortly—if you don't see your name, add it! \$8 per adult, \$5 children 10 and under, children under 5 free. From today, Jan will be happy to accept your Money for the Christmas Corps Dinner. Please put in an envelope with Name—how many—and amount enclosed. Please seal the envelope. Thanks.

**25th December—CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 9:30am.**

**SYDNEY STAFF SONGSTERS** will be joining us in March of 2016! Stay tuned for more details

### HOME LEAGUE SYLABUS



#### HOME LEAUGE 2016

2nd February	Major Mavis Humphreys
9th February	Betty

#### VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS KETTLE COLLECTORS needed at Seven



Hills Plaza from Thursday 3rd December to Thursday 24th December. The days to choose are Thursday & Friday mornings or afternoons for about 3—4 hours and also Saturday mornings. Please see Les for more details.

Please see Doug for details on what the BAND is doing during the Christmas Season and HOW CAN YOU HELP!

#### FUN IN THE SUN—Monday 11—Friday 15th January 2016.

Sport, Art & Craft, Music, Dance, Cooking & More. See notice board to sign up.



#### PROMOTED TO GLORY

On Sunday 29th November Mrs. Major Thelma Jenkins was Promoted to Glory. Mrs. Jenkins went silently home to be with her Lord while she slept. The funeral was held last Friday. Please pray for Don & Bronwyn Jenkins and their family at this time loss but also the Celebration of Life of Service to the Lord.



Ron & Lyn Whitehouse are praising God the Eden Lyn Whitehouse made her appearance on 22nd November @ 10:39 pm in Philadelphia USA. Eden is the third child of Jennifer & Gavin Whitehouse, and a sister for Charlotte & Avery. She is "delightful" as her name describes her. Weighing 3.09kg and is 47cm long. Ron & Lyn leave to spend some quality time with the family soon.

#### WEEKLY GIVING (from 22nd Nov)

Open Plate	\$ 143.35
Generous Life	\$ 1,340.00



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our Officers, Captain Bill & Susanne & their family as they minister to us.

Pray for Rena.

Keep Praying for Kath Paddison .

Pray for Sandra Robinson & Phil Robinson who are not well at this time.

Pray for Estelle Ring following her recent surgery . Prayer really does help and is appreciated.

Pray for Eddie—who is the brother of Joanne Douglass in your prayers. Eddie is now home. Praise the Lord.

Pray for our Government that they will make wise choices in all they do.

Continue to pray for our Junior Soldiers and all our young people and their leaders.

Pray for our Country, for a Revival of the Holy Spirit and let the REVIVAL start with YOU!

### This week pray especially for:

Jan Clarke, Les & Betty Crowder, Sylvia Davidson, Norm Dobing, Geoff, Jo-Ann, Carmen, Eliza & Allison Douglass, Susan & Jack Douglass, Colin Duncan, Trevor & Heather Duncan.

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD** for the answers to prayers and for the many blessings he gives us daily. Thank Him for JESUS and for the change it has made to our lives.

## KIDS AT PLAY

What a wonderful community ministry Kids At Play is! We are blessed to be able to spend a few hours a week with some delightful parents and children through this program. Formally called Mainly Musos we are still incorporating much of the same program. We have free play time, snack time, music time, crafts and stories. Each week fluctuates in number but we are seeing a group of generally on average 15 children a week participate. Our goal is to have them come to our Sunday meetings and be involved in other ways—this is happening slowly which is exciting! I want to thank Mavis Humphreys, Elaine Nash and Jocelyn Eldridge who are my faithful leaders each week. The program would not run without you! Please pray for the program and pray for the mums and children that attend. The mums are starting to socialise and become friends as well which is so important as a support to each other.



5th December Susanne Geracia

7th December Grahame Bellamy



11th December Justin & Candice Mannix.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have a Prayer Request, or if you would like your Birthday or Wedding Anniversary listed in the Newsletter (or if I have a wrong date listed) please see Gail Salmon with the details.

**Help with Pub Collecting on Friday nights is still needed.**



**BOUNDLESS**—The whole World Praying—are you still reading Gods Word on a daily basis?

(If there are any changes to the Corps Directory or you would like to be included—please see Jan Clarke.)

*If you would like to have your copy of the Newsletter sent to your computer, please email Gail Salmon at [gail\\_salmon@bigpond.com](mailto:gail_salmon@bigpond.com) to be included.*



## **ADVENT**

*The Candle of HOPE –symbolising the faith in God keeping His promises to humanity has been lit.*

*The Candle of PREPARATION reminding Christians to 'Get Ready' to receive God has been lit.*

**PREPARE YOUR HEARTS NOW FOR THIS**

**CHRISTMAS SEASON**