



BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

17th April 2016



Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

TODAY: Oasis (Sunday School) has finished for Term 1 and will resume on 24th April.

Junior Soldiers will be held today.

Generous Life—10– 15 minute teaching following the meeting. All welcome to stay & contribute to this special time. Also the new Generous Life Pledge Packets will be handed out today. Please take these packets home and prayerfully consider your pledge. The Altar Sunday (where you hand in your new pledge cards during the service) will be Next Sunday 24th April. The new envelopes for offering will be handed out May 1st to be used starting May 8th.

The **SELF DENIAL APPEAL (OWSOMS)** please take an envelope and place in the normal collection over the next few weeks.) Thank you for your generous giving and may God richly bless you.

24th April Koinonia Lunch (add name to list)

25th April Anzac Day Dawn Service

30th April—1st May—Sydney Youth Councils.

7th May Ladies Breakfast

14th May Commissioners Condon Retirement Service

21st May Subscription Concert, 7:30 pm. Tell your friends.

There will be NO meeting at the Corps on May 29th because of **RED SHIELD**. Pray for the special time and be prepared to assist where you can. On Sunday April 24th after church during Koinonia Captain Susan will be available to help people register as a volunteer for Red Shield and also to complete their working with children checks if they are going to take a team out or if they are going to be a driver. I will go over all the information with them at that time! Any questions, please see Captain Susan.

WINTER UNIFORM from 1st May.

WEEKLY GIVING (2 weeks)

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| Open Plate | \$ 190.05 |
| Generous Life | \$ 1,350.00 |



HOME LEAGUE SYLABUS.

April 19th Linda Robinson with the Blacktown Junior Soldiers.

April 26th Major Mavis

May 3rd Captain Susanne—Mothers Day

May 10th Wayne Robins—"Three Women & the Men in their Lives".

UPCOMING PREACHING CALENDAR.

April 17th Captain Bill: Hebrews 13:1-3

April 24th Cadet Michael: Mark 12:41-44

May 1st Captain Susanne: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

May 8th Captain Bill: Philippians 4:10-20

Well Christmas & Easter are over and what comes next on The Salvation Army calendar? **RED SHIELD!!!** Lets all get excited and motivated and ready to help at a local level! First things first, the Red Shield weekend is May 28th & 29th (remember no Church on the 29th). We generally collect on that weekend from 9am—4pm both days. Usually there are other locations besides the door knocking that we do during the week leading up to the weekend. You may be wondering what happens to the money that is raised during the time of Red Shield? This money goes into the Social Services work that The Salvation Army does. So counselling, rehabilitation, Youthlink and the many other services in the local area. Every one of The Salvation Army has a monetary goal; ours is \$28,000. So, you may be asking how can I help? There are several areas in which help is needed and, depending on the area there are different people to ask. I have put on the Notice Board a layout of what is needed along with the number of people needed for that area. I have also included the person to speak to; that is, the person in charge of that particular area.

Captain Bill and I are counting on the Church Family to help us this year! You may feel like you can't help; but believe me there is something for everyone! If you are will to go door to door or stand at a community collection point the you are the face of The Salvation Army. What an amazing task you have!

Please pray about how you can help and if you have any questions come and speak to Captains Susanne or Captain Bill



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.

Pray for our Junior Soldiers and all our young people and their leaders. Pray for each of our sections & leader.

Pray for all those who once attended this Corps (or other place of worship) and who no longer worship anywhere. "Pray the prodigals home" they may not agree with us or like us but they are helpless against our prayers.



Pray for Michael, Katrina Jacob & Emmalyn Hindle as they join us for out training.

Pray for Ted Norval after his recent operation.

Pray for Peter Hardy as he is at Salvos Discipleship School. Pray that God will guide and bless him in all he does.

Continue to uphold John Hughes at this time.

Please pray for Rose Newland (Debbie's Mum) as she is not well at this time.

Pray for Bob Rogan and his work & ministry at the Corps.

Please pray for Bob & Debbie's Grandson—Emmet Brown who is 5 weeks old and has been in hospital with Bronchiolitis. Pray for Emmet and his family.

Please pray for Freda who had a fall last week and smashed her shoulder. She was operated on last Tuesday and is still in pain.

This week pray especially for:

Ivan & Lyn Daly, Norm Dobing, Geoff, Jo-Ann, Carmen, Eliza & Allison Douglass, Susan & Jack Douglass, Colin Duncan, Trevor & Heather Duncan, Carol Floyd, Chris & Brittany Garcia

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.

THE TRUE TEST OF OUR CHARACTER IS WHAT WE DO WHEN NO ONE IS WATCHING.



Red Shield Family Store Prayer Requests:

Many of the Family Store Volunteers have requested prayer from their Corps Family. Please pray for and support the Family Store Manager and Volunteers.

Pray for Lyn & Ivan Daly as they wait for results of tests. This is a stressful time, waiting is always hard. Please pray for God's guidance and strength.

Mr. Leslie Wallwood whose facing a number of operations.

Mrs. Lyn Daly who has a worrying diagnosis to face up to.

Mr. Graeme McGee who asks for prayer for a close friend who has just lost his leg in an horrific accident and is in critical condition.

Mrs. Brenda Lenkeith who asks for prayer for a young mother she knows who is in the final stages of recurring cancer and leaves 4 young children and a distraught husband.

Vicky Nichols asks for prayer for Paul in her family who is diagnosed with cancer.

WANTED TO PURCHASE: Ladies Uniform Open Neck size 18-20. See Lyn Daly if you can assist.



20th April Doug Hardy

2st April Barbara Hughes

23rd April Rena Young

Jan Clarke is happy to announce she has received word from the NSW Government of her re-appointment as a **Justice of the Peace** for a further 5 years... Jan is always happy to assist in this field if needed.

If you would like to have your copy of the Newsletter sent to your computer, please email Gail Salmon at gail_salmon@bigpond.com to be included.



The Red Shield Family Store is in need of **CLEAN PLASTIC BAGS** and/or **Newspapers**.

If anyone can assist please see Mark Andrews.