



BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

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26th March 2017

Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

Visitors are always welcome at Blacktown, please join us for Morning Tea following the meeting and enjoy a time of fellowship & sharing.

TODAY: 26th March Junior Soldiers

COMING EVENTS: APRIL

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS next Sunday 2nd April (An extra hours sleep!!!)

2nd April Prayer Meeting in the Hall at 10am. Come and join with us in prayer.

Self Denial Altar Service during the service.

Envelopes are available.

The International Staff Songsters will be touring Australia & New Zealand and will be presenting a Concert in Sydney on Monday 10th April at 7:30 pm at Sydney Congress Hall. Adult tickets are \$15, concession tickets are \$10. Tickets available from the following web site. www.salvos.org.au/sydneystaffsongsters/shop. See Don Jenkins for further details.

9th April Psalm Sunday

13th April Tenebrae Service at the Hall at 7pm

14th April Good Friday Service at 9:30

16th April Easter Sunday 6am Sunrise Service at Park
10:30 Easter Sunday Church Service

Oasis starts back on April 30th

We go into Winter Uniform on Sunday 7th May.



HOME LEAGUE SYLUBUS 2017

March 28th Leader—Ruth Tween. Guest Speaker Lyn Daly

April 4th Leaders Kath, Val & Ruth—Easter Card Making

April 11th Captain Bill—Easter Service

April 18th Games Fun Day

UPCOMING PREACHING SCHEDULE—get a head start on the readings that will be used over the next few weeks.

TODAY: March 26th Proverbs 4:20-27

April Scriptures

2nd April Lt. Col. Miriam Gluyas 2 Kings 7:1-9

9th April Psalm Sunday

16th April Easter Sunday

23rd April "Love Like Jesus" John 13

30th April "Love Like Jesus" Acts 2:42-47



27th March Philip Robinson

27th March Samuel Robinson

27th March Lyn Whitehouse

27th March Gail Salmon

29th March Keyra Robinson

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST: We have been asked, as a Corps Family to pray for the Roberts Family who are going through a very difficult time at the moment. We do not know this family (personally) but God knows them and what they are going through. Please bring this family before the Lord in your prayers.

WEEKLY GIVING

Open Plate \$

Generous Life \$



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. Remember to thank Kath for all the beautiful flowers she brings to the meeting.

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

Do you know of anyone who once worshiped with us and who no longer belongs to a fellowship of believers. Pray believing that God will reveal Himself and encourage them to come and worship Him.

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



Pray for Cadets Ashley & Rita Biermann as they study at the College and share in Ministry with us at Blacktown on a Sunday. Pray also for their family in Queensland.

Pray for Sandra Tillson who has not been well.

Caryl McCready is still having health issues. Pray for a speedy recovery.

Continue to pray for Major John McGuigan

Please pray for John Humphreys who had a minor stroke this week and is in Dubbo Base Hospital. Pray for Jen & the family as well at this time.

This week pray especially for:

Elaine Nash, Anupa, Sharmila, Dilara, Reshme & Enosh Niriella, Ted & Val Norval, Kath Paddison, Bruce Parker, Jeanette & Jamie Parker, Leesa & Mitchell Parker, Warren & Denise Parkinson.

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.

Have people been able to see Jesus in you this week.

“What does the Lord your God require of you, but to walk in all His ways and to love Him”.

Deut. 10:12

Self-Denial

Each year, the Self Denial Appeal stories inspire and challenge us to give sacrificially.

The 2016 appeal featured four inspiring stories of people from India, Myanmar, Jamaica and Moldova, whose lives were transformed through your generosity. We remember Dr Caraman, who runs free health clinics in Moldova for people experiencing hardship, and Aruna from Mumbai, who felt trapped by her circumstance until she met a Salvation Army community worker.

Our 2017 appeal, *Love Changes Lives*, introduces four new friends who have risen from difficult beginnings:

- Colonel Rohini from Sri Lanka, who was left as a newborn baby at a Salvation Army children’s home.
- Esther in Kenya, who was given the opportunity to start a small business to support her family.
- Ira Mae, who has a new school to attend after the devastation of Typhoon Yolanda in the Philippines.
- Vicente and Ana from Mexico, whose lives were changed through the love of Jesus.

These heart warming stories demonstrate how your gift of love changes lives. Over the course of the last 4 years as your Officers, we have been so blessed by your giving support to the Self Denial effort. As always pray, ask God for his leading and direction in what you give. Allow this giving opportunity to impact how you worship God. Susanne and I are praying for a wonderful leading of the Spirit in this year’s Self Denial Appeal. Let God lead and go before you.

Have you been using the “PRAYER POINTS” in the Self Denial Booklet to pray each day for the people we will be sponsoring. It is very humbling to read the stories and to see how much we have in comparison to what these people have. The prayers for commitment & outreach can also be applied to us as well.

If you would like a prayer request or a News Item added to the Newsletter or you have a Praise Point or Answer to Prayer, please let Gail know so it can be recorded.

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