



Sydney Lutheran Parish

St Paul's, Sydney & Redeemer, Narraweena

*Welcome to Sydney
Lutheran Parish.*

*Please join us for morning tea
served after worship in the
hall.*

*If you are new to our church
please fill out a welcome card
and place it on the offering
plate.*

Pastor Jason.

Holy Communion at our church is for all

- *baptised believers*
- *who know their need for
forgiveness, empowerment
and releasing into the world
as disciples of Jesus*
- *who believe Jesus himself is
present with his body and
blood in this meal with the
bread and the wine*

(see page 2 for more info)

Sunday 19th February 2012

Today's gospel reading is from:

Mark 9: 2 - 9

Watching a caterpillar turn into a beautiful butterfly is a wonderful experience. Hidden within the caterpillar is unknown beauty. Today in our gospel reading Jesus and some of his closest disciples climb a mountain and before the disciples' eyes, at the top of the mountain, Jesus' appearance changes. He is transformed or, as the Greek implies, like the caterpillar, what was hidden was revealed. Jesus' divinity was revealed. It was a time of strengthening for him as he prepared for the journey ahead, the journey to Jerusalem where he would die and rise again on the third day. As we meet together around the word, as we hear Jesus speak to us, our hearts are changed as we hear his gospel message of forgiveness of sins; as we come to Holy Communion we are strengthened with Jesus' Spirit for the journey ahead; and as we leave the place of worship, we are strengthened to be his disciples in the world to carry forth the gospel message.



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10.30 am

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Holy Communion in our church:

- Gluten free wafers are available; please inform the steward at communion.
- Non-alcoholic wine is available in individual cups (this is marked on the cup tray).
- You are welcome to take from the common cup or dip your wafer.
- If you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.
- Children are welcome to come and receive a blessing from our Pastor.

Transfiguration

This week's service: Contemporary

This week's readings

OT: 2 Kings 2: 1 - 12

NT: 2 Corinthians 4: 3 - 6

Gospel: Mark 9: 2 - 9

Next week's service: Traditional

Next week's readings

OT: Genesis 9: 8 - 17

NT: 1 Peter 3: 18 - 22

Gospel: Mark 1: 9 - 15

Prayer of the day

Almighty and loving God, we thank you for revealing your Son Jesus in glory before he suffered and died. Give us faith to recognise him as your dear Son, and strengthen us to suffer with him, until we come to share his glory. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Psalm of the day: Psalm 50: 1 - 6 (NIV)

The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets. From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages. He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people: Gather to me my consecrated ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice. And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

Hymn for the week:

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory;
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.



Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;

Blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;

Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Growing in God's Word



Sunday February 19th - Revelation 17: 1 - 18

Reflect: The ancient City of Rome is symbolically described here as the representative of all the forces opposed to God. But Jesus, the Lamb, has and will overcome!

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, thank you that I share in your victory! Amen.*

Monday February 20th - Revelation 18: 1 - 24

Reflect: We are warned not to participate in the evils of our world. Don't be fooled by the bright lights! What evils would Christ warn you about in your local community?

Prayer: *Lord, save me from the temptations that surround me each day. Amen.*

Tuesday February 21st - Revelation 19: 1 - 21

Reflect: The end of this world will not mean judgement for the Christian (Jesus was judged in our place on the cross) but our wedding day as we unite eternally with Jesus!

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, I long for the time when we can be together forever! Amen.*

Wednesday February 22nd - Revelation 20: 1 - 15

Reflect: Satan does not have the power to destroy us (see John 10: 27 - 28). Satan's power was broken on the cross and it will be finished for good on the Last Day.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, thank you that I am perfectly safe with you. Amen.*

Thursday February 23rd - Revelation 21: 1 - 27

Reflect: The judgements of the Book of Revelation are meant to cause us to repent. The glory of heaven pictured here is meant to bring us great comfort and hope.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, thank you that my name is written in the Book of Life. Amen.*

Friday February 24th - Revelation 22: 1 - 21

Reflect: Who has the right to eat of the tree of life and enter the city of heaven? Only those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb (believe in Jesus).

Prayer: *Come Lord Jesus, come. Amen.*

Saturday February 25th - Matthew 1: 1 - 24

Reflect: Matthew shows Jesus' family tree going all the way back to Abraham. Jesus was truly human! He was also "God with us"!

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, thank you for sharing my humanity! Amen.*

Prayer Points



Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:11-13

Worship prayer points

- that the church would see Christ where he is present;
- that the church may show Christ to all who have no faith;
- that Christ would reveal his gracious presence to all who suffer;
- that in all the distractions of life we would set our sight on Jesus only.

Our parish

- for the elderly, the sick, and their carers, especially Gaston Bauer, John Hanckel (in Melbourne), Trudy Pahl, Jacqui Bayliss, Lynne Wendt, Steven Raines, and Allen Hausler;
- for those living and working elsewhere: Riang Carver and her son Xavier (Dubai), Andrew and Josie James and their children Mabel and Allen (Abu Dhabi);
- for all those who work in our neighbourhood;
- *“Lord, renew your church; begin with me.”*

Our LCA

- for the Springwood parish, Pastor Robert Bartholomaeus and his wife Jenny , and the congregation of Our Saviour Springwood;
- for the retired pastors of the church;
- thanksgiving for the blessing God bestows through our schools;
- thanksgiving for volunteers already serving or considering serving in mission here in Australia and overseas;
- for those who manage and work in aged care facilities in the LCA;
- for the churches in the call process
- for those affected by storms and flooding in QLD and NSW.

Our world

- for Rev Mark Whitfield who was installed last Sunday as the President of the Lutheran Church of New Zealand;
- for safety and peace in South Sudan where conflict has resulted in hundreds of people being killed and thousands displaced;
- for safety of our Lutheran teams working in Jonglei state where much of this conflict is happening;
- for school teachers and students in South Sudan, where many schools have been damaged in attacks;
- for the two female aid workers from Dadaab Refugee Camp who were kidnapped.

What's happening?

AGM at Redeemer

This important meeting will be held today after the service. Pastor Jason will be presenting his vision for the parish.



Alpha Course

Alpha is being held at St Paul's Worship Centre on Sunday nights at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. It will run for seven more weeks. Don't worry if you can't make it to all sessions. Just come to as many sessions as you can. Tonight's topic will be "Why and how do I pray?" There is also an Alpha retreat scheduled for the 9th and 10th March at the Collaroy Conference Centre.

Alpha

Parish Women's Thursday Morning Coffee Group

This early morning group meets on Thursday mornings at 6.30 am in the church office. For more information, please speak to Virginia or Rhonda at St Paul's or Elaine in the Parish Office.

Parish Men's Breakfast

This group meets fortnightly on Fridays at 7.05 am at Three Beans Café, middle level, Greenwood Plaza, North Sydney next to North Sydney Station. "Our conversation is free, and somewhat inspired by Jesus. We're usually done by a little after 8, but leave whenever you need to." The next breakfast will be on Friday 2nd March. For more information, speak to Tom Allen or Pastor Jason.

Better Blokes BBQ

Better Blokes - a place where men are inspired to be the best they can be ... better blokes, better fathers, better uncles, better husbands, better sons, better mates!
The next BBQ will be on Saturday 3rd March (Always first Saturday of the month). Save the date! Details to follow closer to the day.

Parking Permits for 2012 at St Paul's

A limited number of parking permits will be available this year for those people involved in specific ministry work. The current parking permits expire at the end of the month. If you require a parking permit for ministry use, please contact Elaine in the parish office.

Praying for Our Parish

An informal prayer time takes place at St Paul's each Sunday morning at 9.30 am. For more information, please speak to Virginia Milla.

Accommodation Needed

Rachel La Black, who worshipped at St Paul's while she was doing her medical studies, is returning to Sydney at the end of March to work at St Vincent's Hospital. She is looking for accommodation such as a granny flat for herself and her pet chook. If you are able to help Rachel, please contact her on 0466 366 205 or email her on 20084203@my.nd.edu.au

The Christ Files

Go on a journey with Australian author John Dickson as he goes in search of the historical Jesus. This DVD study is for all people, new Christians and older ones. There will be 4 sessions starting on **Monday 5th March** at 7.30 pm, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Narrabeena.

Lutheran Women of NSW Retreat

This year's retreat will be at Warrambui Retreat and Conference Centre from **9th to 11th March**. Take a break, rest and recharge with other faithful women as they explore the theme "Your Family and Mine: Caution! God at Work". Registrations close Friday 24th February. For more information, contact Elaine in the Parish Office.

Did you know the sermons are available online?

Go to the websites www.stpaulssydney.org or www.redeemerlutheran.org.au
Podcasts for iTunes are available from the St Paul's website.

Northern Beaches Women's Bible Study



Are you interested in more in-depth study of the Bible? Join a small group of women using study material from the Bible Correspondence Course from Morling College. The group will recommence meeting for 2012 at the beginning of March with Unit 2 - The Person and Work of Christ. For more information, please contact Gretchen Herstik at St Paul's or Tatiana Cox at Redeemer.

Roster for Redeemer

The 2012 Roster for Redeemer is now available. If you haven't received your copy, please contact Elaine in the Parish Office. A copy of the roster will be posted on the noticeboard at the entrance to the church. Not able to do your duty? Please swap with someone and let Elaine know. Contact details are provided with the roster.

Roster for St Paul's

The 2012 Roster for St Paul's is being prepared and will be finalised soon. Please hand in your request form to Elaine as soon as possible. We are always looking for people to be involved in practical ways. If you haven't been part of the roster before, we would welcome your input. The duties are not demanding!

Media Matters



Lutheran Media – Listen to **FACE TO FACE**

Download the script or listen online at www.facetoface.org.au

19th February

How Do I Look?

Mark Doecke

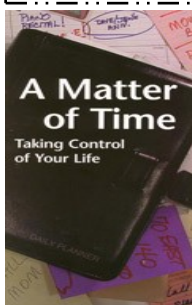
Judy Garland was quoted as saying “be a first rate version of yourself, instead of a second rate version of somebody else.” Most of us compare ourselves with others and use their opinions to give us value. But can we truly rely on these perceptions? This week on *Face to Face* Mark Doecke will be presenting a message titled “How Do I Look?” We hope you can join us.

26th February

Restoring Broken Relationships

Interview

We all face conflict in our lives. It may be at work, in the home or with friends or neighbours. This week’s guest is Ted Kober from the United States. He’s involved with an organisation called Ambassadors For Reconciliation. Their aim is to help restore relationships damaged through conflict. Through real life stories you’ll discover that it’s never too late to make peace.



Sometimes it feels like there just aren't enough hours in the day. Learn how one man found a way to take control of his life with an effective and efficient time management technique.

To get a free copy of the book "**A Matter of Time**", contact the Lutheran Media Ministry at 197 Archer Street, North Adelaide 5006, or phone 08 8267 7314 or email luthmedia@lca.org.au

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creation [2 Cor 5:17]

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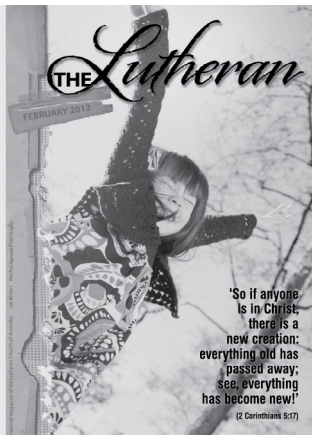
Pinnaroo congregation shows us how to start a youth ministry—starting with just one teenager.

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What is the Alpha Course?

The Alpha Course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith. It's relaxed, low key, friendly and fun. Listen, learn, discuss, discover and ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile.



How the course works

The course is based around small groups hosted by leaders who facilitate and encourage discussion. The whole course usually lasts for 10 weeks, with a day or weekend away in the middle. The emphasis is upon exploration and discovery in a relaxed and informal environment

Course content



The course covers topics such as

- Who is Jesus?
- How can we have faith?
- Why and how do we pray?
- How and why should I read the Bible?
- How does God guide us?
- What does the Holy Spirit do?

What others say

- *Many claim Alpha has changed their lives and appear genuinely happier for the experience.* **Time Magazine**
- *... every person seeking to know more about Jesus and His plan and purpose for their life should be given the opportunity to complete Alpha.* **Darren J Beadman, Jockey**
- *Alpha makes Christianity relevant to modern life.* **The Express, London**

An advertisement for the Alpha Course featuring Bear Grylls. On the left is a close-up portrait of Bear Grylls smiling. On the right, a person is seen from behind, standing on a rocky mountain peak with arms outstretched, overlooking a vast landscape. The text reads: "MY CHRISTIAN FAITH IS THE BACKBONE OF MY LIFE" in large white letters, with "Bear Grylls" in smaller text below it. At the bottom, it says "IS THERE MORE TO LIFE?" and "THE ALPHA COURSE | WWW.ALPHA.ORG.AU". A small Alpha logo is in the bottom right corner.

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Bear Grylls

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News from ALWS

Dear Friends,

Working with the world's poorest people, as you do through ALWS, you usually hear about the challenges people face.

That's why it's refreshing today to bring you some good news about South Sudan:

- Sudan and South Sudan signed a non-aggression pact on 11th February .
Our prayer is this leads to increased stability, where the focus can be on people's needs and potential.



- The Sudan Council of Churches is also taking a lead in calling for peace among tribes. They will have a representative with the Lutheran team distributing Non-Food Items to families affected by the fighting.

Our team in South Sudan is safe, and is taking a lead role in helping victims of the violence, and also in promoting peace initiatives.

- On 5th and 6th February, our Emergency Coordinator Michael Mading completed distribution of seeds to 1000 households in Fangak: sorghum, maize, beans and vegetables
- 1000 fishing kits are being readied in Juba for families with access to waterways, so they can fish to feed their families and to sell in markets.
- A small grant will be provided to a school in Duk Padiet to replace school materials damaged or destroyed in the recent attack.

Thank you again for all your support through ALWS to communities at risk in South Sudan.

Jonathan Krause

Community Action Manager, ALWS

There are many ways you can donate to ALWS:

- Phone 1300 763 407
- Mail your cheque or money order to PO Box 488, Albury NSW 2640
- Donate online at www.alws.org.au
- Set up regular monthly gifts from your credit card or bank account
- Buy a Gift of Grace for friends or family for birthdays or Christmas
- Leave a bequest

St Paul's Roster

Date	Flowers/Coffee	Parking	Stewards	Lector	Holy Communion
Today	Barbara	Raines Family	Hong Ning Family	Andrew	Peter/Emilie
26th Feb	Brigitte/Ilze	Andrew A	Ilze	Matt	Andrew O/Helena
4th March	Sharon	Gretchen	Deepak/Princey	Marcus	Marcus/Mia
11th March	Marianne	Robbie	Bruce	Marianne	Bruce/Robbie

Redeemer Roster

Date	Flowers/Morning Tea	Vestment Colours	Lector	Steward
Today	Dorothea	Green	Dan C	
26th Feb	Sari	Purple	Miro	
4th March	Marlene	Purple	Toby	Toby
11th March	Thora	Purple	Allen	René

Please note: If you are unable to fulfil your part of the roster on any given Sunday please make alternative arrangements and let the office know by emailing secretary@stpaulssydney.org or secretary@redeemerlutheran.org.au or phone Elaine on 0425 337 149.

Regular Electronic Giving = REG

Did you know that it is now possible to support the work of your church through regular offerings made electronically?

The LLL (Lutheran Laypeople's League) has made it possible for this safe, convenient, flexible and confidential way of giving and there is no extra charge to you or to your congregation.

Regular Electronic Giving (REG) has many distinct advantages, such as ensuring a regular income for the congregation.

If you would like to use this facility, contact René at Redeemer or Milton at St Paul's or Nancy Fox (LLL representative) or contact the LLL on (08) 8360 7200.

The **Privacy Act** regulates private sector organisations and the way these organisations handle personal information. The Church is required to comply with this Act. Individuals have a right to know why an organisation is collecting their information, what information it holds about them, how it will use the information, and who else will get the information. A copy of the Privacy Policy of the LCA is available from the LCA website www.lca.org.au

Responding to Sexual Abuse Complaints: a confidential service for responding to complaints of sexual abuse/harassment by church employees has been set up. Trained advisors are available.

Free Call 1800 644 628 or write to The Supervisor, PO Box 519, Marden SA 5070.



To post notices in the Bulletin, please contact Elaine Elliott
secretary@stpaulssydney.org or secretary@redeemerlutheran.org.au or 0425 337 149.
Notices received by Wednesday will appear in Sunday's Bulletin.