



12 MAY, 2019 - MOTHERS' DAY

Happy Mothers' Day

Welcome to worship this morning, and happy Mothers' Day to all who mother within our community, please join us for morning tea in the child care centre playground after the service.

Don't forget to vote in the Federal Election next Saturday!

PERSEVERANCE

TENACIOUS

to tirelessly try again.

DEDICATED

to the end.

DISCIPLINED

to do whatever it takes.

RESOLVED

to never quit.

RESILIENT

to recover quickly.

STEADFAST

to stay firm.

PERSISTENT

to press on.

COMMITTED

to overcome the obstacles.



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Ministerial Leave

Mark will be on leave Monday to Wednesday this week, please contact one of the elders if you need pastoral care during this time.

Sports Breakfast 22nd June

Our next Sports Breakfast will be on Saturday 22nd June, commencing at 8am.

Our speaker will be Captain Michael Condon, who is a recently retired Qantas Boeing 747 Captain with 30 years experience of captaining Qantas' former "pride of the fleet", the 747.

Breakfast will be egg and bacon rolls and will be available from 8.00 -8.45am and the morning should finish about 10am. Cost will be \$10 per person.

Bush Dance

Holroyd New Life Church invite you to a Bush Dance next Saturday 18th May from 6.30pm.

The dance will be held at their church, which is in the community meeting room above the Greystanes Library in Merrylands Rd.

Cost is \$10 per head, or \$30 per family and includes a light supper.

Enquiries to their church office on 9896 2514.



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Mark's Message

I briefly want to tell you my story of having two mothers. My natural mother was the first person I recognised in life that loved me for just being me. Life in my first 12 years was traumatic. Living with an alcoholic father threw up many challenges for the family but no more than for my mother who was trying to raise and protect four children. The affect of my father's drinking on her didn't cease when he stopped and the ramifications of living with an alcoholic led my mother to prescription drug abuse where she (and my father) spent many occasions in psych hospitals receiving shock treatment and for my mother, a couple of stints in a drug rehabilitation facility.

During this time (over a few years), there was another woman who mothered me when my mother wasn't there. Auntie Joyce (not my natural auntie) lived next door to us and I stayed with her (and husband Minna) when my mother was sick. Auntie Joyce is 94 years old now and lives in an Aged Care facility and I visit her every month. Both my mother and Auntie Joyce both possessed great perseverance to love me when I needed it. My mother was always there for me but when she couldn't be, she ensured I was loved and looked after by giving me to Auntie Joyce.

My mother was a very strong Christian and though I didn't like going to church she made me go till I was 16 years old. Though I couldn't wait to "get out", church for me continued in a different way as my mother lived the gospel by loving me unconditionally. Mother's Day for me is a reminder how God places women in a man's life to show another incredible part of his love. Though I had/have a great relationship with my father, the love from both my mother and Auntie Joyce was substantial because it helped me from a young age feel valued and made me aware that the love of a mother, albeit natural or surrogate, is a special way in which God demonstrates his love for us.

Roster for 19 May, 2019:

Worship Leader: Rev Mark Beaton
Elder: Hani
Bible reader: Pat
Welcomers: Fay & John
Morning Tea: Fero & Imi
Cleaning: Peter & Heather
Sound: Brian
Powerpoint: Vicky
Kids Talk: Julie T

Lectionary Readings

This week 12 May, 2019:

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

Next week 19 May, 2019:

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

Diary Dates this week

Tues 10.45am - Service at Allity
Wed 7.30pm - Elders Meeting
Fri 7.30pm - Ladies Bible Study

Lord hear our prayers:

We pray for all women who have been mothers to children both naturally and on occasions. We thank you God for your blessings that come uniquely in women and may that be recognised by all people on this special day.