



Your Furious Love For Others

Dominique was a Roman Catholic brother who at 54 discovered he was dying of inoperable cancer. He left his community to move into a poor neighbourhood in Paris and took a job as a nightwatchman at a factory. During the daytime he would sit on a wooden bench in a park opposite to where he lived. Hanging around in the park were marginal people, drifters, winos, dirty old men who ogled the girls passing by. Dominique never criticised, scolded or reprimanded. He accepted the men as they were. He gave off peace and shared hospitality that led cynical young men and defeated old men to gravitate toward him. His simple witness lay in accepting others as they were without questions. He was the most nonjudgmental person you could ever meet. He loved with the heart of Jesus.

One day when the men asked him to tell them about himself, he told them that Jesus loved them tenderly, and that Jesus had come for rejects and outcasts just like themselves. His love for them and the love of Christ he spoke of gradually transformed the men.

One day he didn't appear and later was found dead. More than 7,000 people from all over Europe gathered for this humble brother's funeral. The last words in his diary were: "All that is not the love of God has no meaning for me. I can truthfully say that I have no interest in anything, but the love of God is in Christ Jesus." His friend, Brennan Manning, said: "In Domonique I saw the reality of a life lived entirely for God and for others. Any spirituality that does not lead from a self-centred to an other-centred mode of existence is bankrupt."

How are you living your life?

David Christian

Bible Reading: Ephesians 4:31- 5:2 (NLT)

Podcasts of weekly messages are available at www.paravista.org.au

Prayer Requests

Please forward all prayer requests to the church office via churchenquiries@paravista.org.au or phone 8263 5087. If you know or have spoken to anyone who does not have access to a computer, please assist them to submit their request and offer to pray with them.

Country Drive

Mark your diaries for 8th September if you're interested in participating in a Sunday afternoon **Country Drive**. This will be an opportunity to share fellowship, games and BYO lunch with others from our church community in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. More information to come regarding the destination.



Great support for the work of the Family Hub

Last Saturday's **Karaoke Night** was a great success. Those attending had an enjoyable night and \$2,528 was raised to support the work of the Family Hub at Ingle Farm. We have many people to thank for this great outcome - music maestros Craig and Val King, the Family Hub Support Team, those attending on the night, wine donors, donors of prizes for the raffle, helpers to set up and pack up, volunteers on the night, those giving donations and church office staff.

This was a great team effort and we were assured on the Night by the Manager of the Family Hub, Kerry MacGrath that this money will be put to great use by The Family Hub to support the family in crisis in the local community.

Men's Bible Study Group

The new **Men's Bible Study Group** will be getting together Wednesday, **28th August at 1.30pm** in the library. If you're looking for a (male) small group that meets during the day, this will be an opportunity to listen, learn and perhaps share common issues in a confidential setting. For further information, contact John Roling, Peter Schlenk or the Church Office.



God's got your back!!

When: 30th August at 7pm
Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
388 Montague Road
Para Vista

Friday Evening Church Service

The next **Friday Evening Worship** service will be held on **30th August at 7pm in the Church Cafe**. The theme is "God's got your back", based on the Bible passage 2 Corinthians 1:3-7. This service is designed to be informal, visitor friendly and interactive. You are welcome to invite friends and neighbours.

25th August 2024

LCC Food Collection

2 MONTHS TO GO!

In October 2024 General Synod delegates will be voting on a proposal to allow for the LCA NZ to function as 'one church with two different practices of ordination'.



Ask your pastor, congregation chair or General Synod delegate for updates and ways to...

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AUGUST FOOD COLLECTION:

BREAKFAST CEREAL
RICE
PASTA
PASTA SAUCE
TINNED SPAGHETTI
SUGAR
COFFEE
TINNED FRUIT
TINNED TUNA
SWEET BISCUITS
2- MINUTE NOODLES
TOOTHPASTE
SOAP



[Blueprint Ministries Dinner](#)

The Blueprint Ministries (LCA SA-NT) ***Dinner is on Saturday 24th August @ 6 pm at the Mawson Lakes Hotel and Function Centre.*** This Dinner supports Children's Christmas & Easter packs and provides Grants for Children's & youth ministry in congregations. To provide these resources we need the support of people to attend the Dinner, and people willing to donate prizes for the silent auction/raffle or wine for the Wine Wall. Can you help?

Organise a group of friends (Table of 8) to attend the Blueprint Ministries Dinner and hear about the work of Blueprint Ministries, enjoy the meal, and some rounds of trivia, and bid on the silent auction items. Bookings can be made via the website

<https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/blueprintdinner/>

To donate wine or other items please email:

admin@blueprintministries.org.au



[Men's Breakfast](#)

Good Shepherd Church is hosting a Men's breakfast on Saturday 31st August beginning at 8am in the church hall. Come along for fellowship with other blokes, and hear Guest speaker Brian Hueppauff (Chairman, Limestone Coast Prostate Cancer Support Group), talk on Men's Health. Enter through the church doors facing Montague Road. For more information contact the church office on 8263 5087

[Community Family Support News](#)

KAPS is just around the corner!

Pop it in your diaries now! August 25th! Our next KAPS event has a service theme! Our activities will be all about helping others. We will hear from an ALWS representative who will be sharing a message in Worship and of course, we will be enjoying a meal afterwards! Bring your children or your grandchildren!

Rachel and Georgie

A colorful poster for the KAPS Youth Event. The title is 'KAPS YOUTH EVENT YEARS 2-7' in large, bold, black letters. Below it is the date 'SUNDAY 25 AUGUST'. To the left is an icon of a hand holding three people. Text includes: 'All family members are welcome.', '\$2 per child donation', '4pm-5:30pm Service activities', '5:30pm-6:30pm Worship & dinner - all family members are welcome (food provided but welcome to BYO)', 'Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Para Vista', and 'Parent/caregiver must be present'. At the bottom, it says 'For any queries, please contact Rachel P-0475582289'.

School Snippets

Times flies when you are having fun! Last Friday our Foundation students came to school looking a little different. They were celebrating 100 days of school, dressed as 100 year olds! On Wednesday we farewelled our Founding Director of our ELC, Mrs Jacqui Gliddon. We are so grateful for the immeasurable impact she has had on our students, families and staff at Curiosity. She leaves behind a legacy of love and learning that we cherish. Next week we will be joining the church with our Good Shepherd 'Together We Can' appeal as we collect items for Lutheran Care. For more of what we've been up to, here is the link to our school newsletter: <https://inewsletter.co/J1WDLx/latest> or you may like to pick up a hard copy from the stand in the café area. If you are more of a visual person, please have a look at our school's Facebook page.

Wednesday Worship Invitation

This week we began a new theme 'Where's Jesus?' The message focused on 'Where is Jesus when I'm anxious or scared?' Please have a look at this week's devotion for a reflection of the message, or have a look at the evolving display in the café area. Next week our theme continues as Pastor Richard Fox talks about 'Where is Jesus when I'm lonely or sad?' We would love for you to join us at 8:50am for worship and a cuppa afterwards!

Office News

Notices for Weekly News

While Krishna is away, please send any items for the weekly news to pastoralcare@paravista.com.au by Wednesday evening. Out of hours, please leave a message on the answering system 8263 5087

Café Time!!

Tea and coffee are available after Sunday services, and you are most welcome come and enjoy!!



Connect Cards

Connect Cards are available as you enter worship. Please complete the card using pencils which are available from holders on the side of chairs in the worship centre. They may be placed in bowls provided at exits as you leave. Connect Cards may be used for comments, small group or prayer requests or to communicate with office or Pastoral Care staff.

Name Badge Request

The cost for a replacement name badge is \$12. If you would like to order one, contact the church office on 8263 5087 or send an email to: churchenquiries@paravista.org.au

Diary Dates 2024

August

17 th August	4pm Young Adults Bowling/Dinner Event
24 th August	6pm Blueprint Ministries Dinner
25 th August	10.30am Step-Up Service
25 th August	4-6.30pm KAPS
25 th August	Lutheran Care Food Collection
30 th August	7pm Friday Evening Service
31 st August	8am Men's Breakfast

September

3 rd September	Ladies Fellowship, 1pm at the GS School Library
5 th -8 th September	Made for More Men's Retreat 2024
8 th September	Country Drive
13 th September	7pm Friday Evening Service
21 st September	Young Adults
22 nd September	4-6.30pm KAPS
29 th September	Lutheran Care Food Collection

October

1 st October	Ladies Fellowship, Guest Speakers Stephen and Liz Zanker
26 th October	8am Men's Breakfast
26 th October	Young Adults
27 th October	Lutheran Care Food Collection
27 th October	4-6.30pm KAPS
29 th October	Ladies Fellowship

***"...For the Lord is our judge, our lawgiver, and our king. He will care for us and save us."
Isaiah 33:22 (NLT)***

Safe Church

In observing Christ's command to love one another, we are to treat each other with respect and dignity. In honouring people, we are also fulfilling our responsibility under the law of the land. The LCA and Good Shepherd Para Vista is committed to ensure the church is a safe place. If anyone feels they have been subjected to sexual abuse or harassment in any form by anyone who holds a position of trust in the church, please contact:

P: 1800 644 628 E: report.abuse@safeplace.lca.org.au

Weekly News submissions should be made by the Wed prior to Friday publication.

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