

Prayer Matters

Please keep in your prayers this week:

Local and National Government

Pray that at every level of government, wise and compassionate decisions will be made, as too many people and families in our country will be experiencing unfamiliar levels of financial insecurity.

Peace

For all the victims of war and conflicts. May the correct decisions be made to protect those being persecuted and a better structure in place to help the refugees.

All Saints and the local community

Pray that as a church community we will continue to imagine, develop and plan wider and deeper ways of connecting with the community around us.

Charity of the week

All charitable organisations involved in supporting the humanitarian effort in Ukraine. Pray that they may be able to fulfil their humanitarian aims, be kept safe and relieve the suffering of others.

Commemorated on 14 May: Caroline Chisholm (30 May 1808 – 25 March 1877)

19th century English humanitarian known mostly for her support of immigrant female and family welfare in Australia. She was born in 1808 as Caroline Jones in Northampton, England. Then in 1830 she married Archibald Chisholm. He was an officer serving with the East India Company's Madras Army and a Roman Catholic. Around this time, Caroline converted to his faith, and they raised their children as Catholic. On trips to Sydney, Chisholm and her husband became aware of the difficult conditions that faced immigrants arriving in the colony. They were particularly concerned for the young women who were arriving without any money, friends, or family, or jobs to go to. Many turned to prostitution to survive. Chisholm found placement for these young women in shelters, such as her own, and helped find them permanent places to stay. She started an organisation with the help of the governess for an immigrant women's shelter. She set up the first home in Sydney for young women and organised other homes in several rural centres. The home was soon extended to help immigrant families and young men.

Those who are sick or in need

Mavis Adenekan, David Robin, Robert Shafto and any who are known to us.

Those with longer term needs

Ruth Kirk Wilson, Simon Berlyn, Rosemary Cave, Hyacinth Brown, Wisdom Kari Kari, Anthony Backs, Isabelle Backs, Do Jones, Chris Worden and Gina Vaughan, all who support and care for them.

Those who have lately died

Bridget Davies (Judy Clark's cousin) and for all who mourn.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time

Colin Ivor Newport (Jnr).

Thought for the week

While optimism makes us live as if someday soon things will get better for us, hope frees us from the future and allows us to live in the present, with deep trust that God will never leave us alone.
Henri Nouwen

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