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Pastoral Notes Celebrations & Prayer Points

Please Pray For

1. Garry & Teresa Hardingham for wisdom, discernment, Godly solutions to difficult issues & protection as he travels around our Presbytery.
2. Peter & Christy Allen for wisdom, discernment, Godly solutions to difficult issues & protection as she travels around our Presbytery.
3. Robyn & Gavin Cooley, as she deals with the property & financial matters across our Presb.
4. Ana Mila & Marie during this time of transition (that all will happen smoothly)

Carpentaria Presbytery

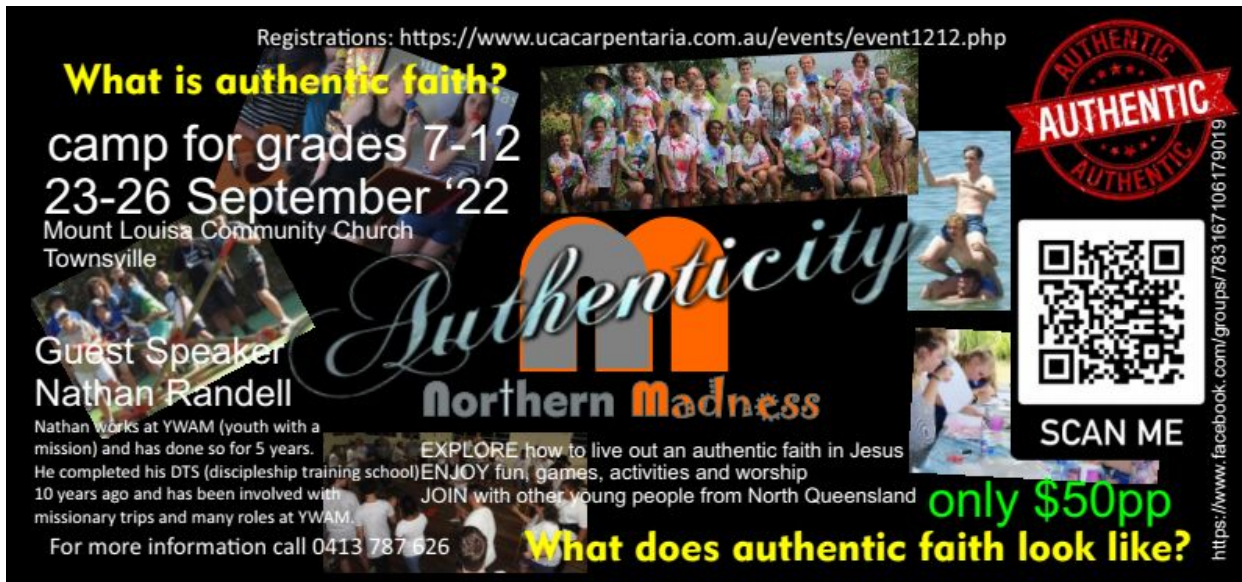
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Northern Madness Camp – 23-26 September 2022

Northern Madness camp is for all youth in grades 7-12 and will be held at Mount Louisa Community Church in Townsville from 23-26 September 2022. Registration opens this Fri, 22 July and closes on 11th September. Spread the word and support young people within your congregations and communities to attend.



Registrations: <https://www.ucacarpentaria.com.au/events/event1212.php>

What is authentic faith?
camp for grades 7-12
23-26 September '22
Mount Louisa Community Church
Townsville

Guest Speaker
Nathan Randell
Nathan works at YWAM (youth with a mission) and has done so for 5 years. He completed his DTS (discipleship training school) 10 years ago and has been involved with missionary trips and many roles at YWAM.

Authenticity
Northern Madness

EXPLORE how to live out an authentic faith in Jesus
ENJOY fun, games, activities and worship
JOIN with other young people from North Queensland

only \$50pp

What does authentic faith look like?

SCAN ME

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/783167106179019>

Northern Madness – Helpers Wanted

The Committee is looking for helpers for the Northern Madness Camp. They need volunteers to cook as well as camp leaders. Need definite names by 27th July so please email office@ucacarpentaria.com.au or call Rev Greg Rankin on 0413787626 who is the coordinator of this year's camp.

Townsville Central City Mission – Family Camp



TCCM

**SPRING
FAMILY CAMP**

30 SEPTEMBER - 03 OCTOBER
(QUEEN'S BDAY LONG WEEKEND)

MISSION BEACH HIDEAWAY HOLIDAY VILLAGE

BOOK NOW & mention you're with TCCM.
Or for more information contact
Caitie Anderson 0479100052
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Date Claimers – Commissioning Services

George Otumuli will be commissioned as Pastor at Mt Isa Uniting Church on 7 August 2022 at 9.00am.

Joe Eka will be commissioned as Pastor at Atherton Uniting Church on 29 July 2022 at 7.00pm.

Garry's Thoughts

Luke 11: 1-13 Jesus' Teaching on Prayer

1 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

*2 He said to them, "When you pray, say:
"Father,*

*hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.*

3 Give us each day our daily bread.

*4 Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation."*

5 Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' 7 And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. 9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Who taught you how to pray?

Learning to pray is not like learning how to ride a bike.

Or to play a banjo.

Or driving a car.

Learning to pray is more like learning to kiss.

You learn by seeing someone else do it.

You practice a bit. Hopefully get better at it.

But you can never be sure if you're any good at it.

And the ultimate goal of kissing is not like learning the piano.

It's about building relationships

building intimacy

In verse 1 of Luke 11: 1-13, an unnamed disciple asks Jesus to teach them to pray.

What is he really asking?

Is it really about technique or relationship?

The disciples knew Jesus had a special relationship with God. They didn't quite understand the fullness of the relationship, but they wanted to understand how Jesus related to God.

So while the disciple might be looking for technique, what he was really asking was "Tell me about your relationship with God "

and Jesus does by teaching them a prayer that we now know as the Lord's prayer.

It is intimate, yet concise...like a good kiss, I suppose.

And the clue lies not just in the content of the prayer, but what Jesus teaches after it.

He relates God like a friend who you know will respond to your need, even if you have to be persistent.

Jesus insists that the God he prays to is open not to your technically precise prayer, but your heart.

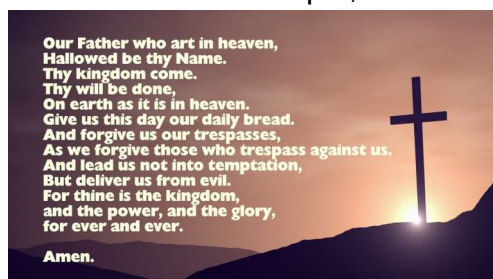
And isn't that what a kiss is about?

So I know we are taught the Lords prayer.

But knowing the Lords prayer is not as important as knowing God himself.

Because knowing God will lead your heart, which will drive your prayer life.

Because in the end the perfect kiss is not the technique, but the relationship.



Synod News & Info.

Appointment of Ministry Agent Coordinator to the Synod

I am delighted to advise that Rev Doug Foster will be taking up the role of Ministry Agent Coordinator in the Queensland Synod from 1 January 2023. In the interim, starting in the week beginning 25th July, Rev Dr Helen Dick will provide supply in the role part-time, focusing on supporting and resourcing Synod chaplaincy placements. Please join me in welcoming Helen at this time and note that the induction of Doug into the role will be arranged for early in 2023.

Rev Heather den Houting, General Secretary, Uniting Church in Queensland

Stand Up Speak Out

2022 Queensland Community Impact Awards – Nominations close on July 21.

It's time to celebrate our frontline heroes. The individuals and organisations that hold up our communities and help them thrive. The 2022 Queensland Community Impact Awards will publicly recognise some of the hardest workers in our state. In 2022, QCOSS (Queensland Council of Social Services) is recognising the enormous contribution of the community services sector. During the two years of COVID-19, these organisations and the people who work with them have been essential to keeping Queensland's communities connected and safe.

Submit your nominations [here](#).

Nominations are now open for the 2023 Senior Australian of the Year

Do you know an older Australian who is making a difference? Nominations are now open for the 2023 Senior Australian of the Year. This award recognises Australians aged 65 and over who continue to achieve and make a difference in the Australian community and the nation.

Nominating is simple and can be done [online](#) by July 31, 2022.

Grants Webinars

The more money offered, the more work the grant application will require! Government grants are often very attractive in the funds they offer but require extensive preparation and evidence gathering. Do you feel these grants are beyond your reach because you lack time and expertise in grant writing? That is where grant writers come in. We can supply you with a list of grant writers who can help you put together your application. There is a cost involved, but it is well worth it if the grant is successful. 'Grants made easy webinars' will explore the ideas of what makes a successful application and give you the tools to find a good grant writer that is right for you?

Please email vanessa.griffiths@ucaqld.com.au if you would like to register for these webinars.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Support - 13YARN

13YARN [Thirteen YARN] is the first national crisis support line for mob who are feeling overwhelmed or having difficulty coping. We offer a confidential one-on-one yarning opportunity with a Lifeline-trained Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporter who can provide crisis support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Learn more about the service [here](#).

Have you ever wondered what it's like being autistic? Have you ever wondered what autism feels like, on the inside? This is Sam's story.

Uniting Early Learning is very proud of Sam Matthews, who has written a book about his journey as a person with autism. Sam says he wrote the book so others can understand autistic children, and also for autistic children so they can understand themselves.

Sam's book is titled 'The Me You Don't See', and you can learn more and order a copy [here](#).

Lectures / Courses / Education

The cooperative invites you to join us for the following lecture in our Series

We are pleased to have Rev Esteban Lievano, Chair of the IberoLatino National Conference, present to us on his topic: "Uno, Dos, Three, Four, Five..." Exploring 2nd Generation Perspectives.

When: Thursday, July 28, 7 - 8.30 pm

Where: Albert Street Uniting Church

In an increasingly multicultural society, 2nd Gens continue to find a voice in questions of identity, representation and depiction – all while unravelling their own identity. As someone who migrated to Australia as a child, Rev. Esteban Liévano had many experiences familiar to both migrants and the children of migrants, such as English, relearning his mother tongue and now raising an Australian-Latino family of his own. This lecture will examine the religious context and how 'church' identity has become intermixed with tribe and culture.

Register [here](#). (Livestream is available [here](#))

Safe Ministry with Children

Attention all representatives of the Church

Do you lead worship or preach? If you do, you may be considered a religious representative under the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000. It also means that you will need a Blue Card if you lead worship or preach more than seven days a year. There are many responsibilities to the congregation and the community when you act on behalf of the Church. Click [here](#) to view all of your obligations as a representative.

New resources for Church Councils offering children's activities

Updated resources for Church Councils and [volunteers](#) have been developed for congregations offering child-related activities to outline their obligations. A copy of these resources is located on the Synod [website](#).

New Forms from Blue Card Services

From July 1, 2022, new [forms](#) will be in use from Blue Card Services. All new forms will have 'valid for lodgement until 30 June 2023' on them. All new applications and renewals can be made directly online using the [Blue Card Services portal](#) if your congregation is using it to manage their Blue Cards. Alternately, the forms can be printed, completed, scanned and [uploaded](#).

Congregations can also [subscribe](#) to a Blue Card Services newsletter for ongoing information and support.

For more information about all these topics, contact Lynde Davy at safeministrywithchildren@ucaqld.com.au or 07 3377 9833