

## GREETING FRIENDS

WELCOME SPRING! WELCOME LIGHT!

Since 1993, the first Saturday in October has been a special day in L'Arche communities around the world. This special day – was the L'Arche Family Day – Families around the world gathered in their own communities with a shared identity and mission, and diversity. This day is marked by candles, singing, sharing of a meal. in an array of languages and the unique local traditions across the federation.

This day is now celebrated in the form of the L'Arche Light Festival before, on October 6. This is now a virtual gathering which allows us to experience the joy of belonging to each other – beyond borders or physical barriers. We reflect on our global presence and honor both our differences and similarities, knowing that these all enrich our L'Arche Family.

We have all been invited to light up L'Arche.

If you would like to participate, please take a photo of you with your family, friends in community, lighting or holding a candle illustrating the theme “Where the light gets in” Email your photo/photos to [elina.grauzdule@larche.org.au](mailto:elina.grauzdule@larche.org.au) or on WhatsApp up 0402 369 172 - we will upload these on our Facebook and Instagram platforms.



Community members and friends will gather on Thursday the 5th of October for L'Arche light festival/ Family Day prayer and share a meal together.

Everyone is welcome!

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			MORNING PRAYER	ARTS & CRAFTS		1
2	3	4	MORNING PRAYER LIGHT FESTIVAL 10AM	5 ARTS & CRAFTS LIGHT FESTIVAL 1AM	6 ASHA BIJU 	7 8
9	10	11	MORNING PRAYER	12 ARTS & CRAFTS	13	14 15
16	17	18	MORNING PRAYER	19 ARTS & CRAFTS	20	21 22
23	24	25	MORNING PRAYER	26 ARTS & CRAFTS	27	28 JESS BABY SHOWER CLAIRE LAWLER 
29 ANTHONY TALARICO FIONA FENTON 	30 31					29

### WEEKLY THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER

Held at L'Arche Office, 51 Burlington Rd Homebush or occasionally at Burwood House. If you are planning to come, please call L'Arche Office on 97878132 to confirm.

### WEEKLY FRIDAY ART & CRAFTS WORKSHOP

Friday morning at 10:30am following Lunch at the office  
51 Burlington Road, Homebush

### L'ARCHE LIGHT FESTIVAL / L'ARCHE FAMILY DAY

L'Arche NSW members will gather on Thursday the 5th of October at 10am at Burwood house for the light festival prayer and share lunch together. Everyone is welcome!



Burwood 0437 715 566

Five Dock 0428 417 879

Campsie 0473 642 755

Merrylands 0428 417 879

## BIRTHDAYS

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01 Jessica Lyona  
04 Michael Slinn  
07 Asha Biju  
18 John Coleman  
29 Claire Lawler  
30 Anthony Talarico  
30 Fiona Fenton  
30 Esther Formosa

## ANNIVERSARIES

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Merri-Lyn Burton	2000 - 23 Years
Joseph Worley	2000 - 23 Years
Elina Grauzdule	2009 - 14 Years
Jo and Barry Dudding	2018 - 5 Years
Peter Dudding	2018 - 5 Years



If you would like to join **L'Arche Australia** in prayer for celebrating Festival of Light, please see the details below:

When: Thursday      5th October  
What Time:            7.00pm  
Where:                 On Zoom

Join us online via the Zoom Link at  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82643471339...>

Meeting ID: 826 4347 1339  
Passcode: prayer

## L'ARCHE LIGHT FESTIVAL / L'ARCHE FAMILY DAY

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This year for the L'Arche festival of light / L'Arche family day **L'Arche NSW** community members and friends are welcome to join the prayer at 10am followed by lunch at Burwood house.

**L'Arche International** Light Festival will be celebrated with online gathering at 1AM Australia time.

If you do wish to join, the link is available online:

<https://www.larche.org/larche-light-festival-2023/>

### **The day of the Festival**

#### **What is needed for the Plenary session?**

- Bring a candle or the torch on your phone for the prayer!
- Something to eat and drink for the time in Break out Rooms. For that time be ready if you can with your table decorated with your favorite plate, cup or glass and why not wear your favorite apron so you can welcome others into your space and be welcomed into their space to eat and drink together!
- The PDF of the great story translated into your language. You'll find all the translations in this folder below. Remember to print the PDF before the Festival.
- Get ready to act out the story! Do not hesitate to bring props in front of the camera or get dressed as a farmer, a flower or a pot (why not?)



## The Broken Pot

There was once a farmer.  
She had 2 clay pots and  
everyday carried them to  
the river to fetch water.

One pot was cracked  
badly.  
When the farmer carried  
the pots full of water  
back to her fields, the  
cracked pot leaked.

The cracked pot was ashamed  
and thought it was no good.  
It said to the farmer : "You  
should throw me away because  
I'm broken and can't carry  
water like a pot should!"

But the farmer said : "Look back at  
the path. See the path on the side I  
carried you. See where the water  
leaked out. Because of you, flowers  
have grown and the path we share  
is more beautiful ! "