

L'ARCHE NSW

JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2025 GRAPEVINE

COMMUNITY

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AN ADVENTURE
IN HUMAN
RELATIONSHIPS

L'ARCHE PRAYER

God, you called us to journey together in L'Arche.
A journey born in the prayer of many.



We share life in the spirit given to us in the washing of
the feet.

We celebrate with song, story, and dance.

We continue our journey with hearts of hope.

AMEN

Written by Kathy Bourke



COMMUNITY LEADER MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

As we step into October, we are reminded that each month, each year, each season carries its own grace. The past month our L'Arche community has been blessed with moments of deep joy and togetherness.

Earlier in August, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv joined us for the official opening and blessing of our new Parramatta home. It was a sacred time, filled with prayer, laughter, and the presence of many friends. The words of blessing, "let peace be to this house," remind us that every L'Arche home is meant to be a place where peace, dignity, and friendship dwell.

Our homes are more than bricks and mortar, they are homes where God's faithfulness and love abide when people choose community.

Another beautiful opportunity in September : the International Walk for L'Arche. This walk unites our community here in NSW with friends across Australia and the world, reminding us that we are part of a much larger family. As we walk together in solidarity , some in spirit, some in person, we prayed for unity, peace, and the courage to keep building communities where each person's gifts are celebrated. This year we raised \$500 towards the community of Bangladesh. Thank you.

In both the opening of a new home and the steps we take together on the walk, we see the heart of our mission: to create spaces of belonging and to journey side by side.

May October be a month where we continue to walk in faith, grounded in the love of God and open to the joy of community life.

We look forward to you joining us for the festival of lights and our Christmas party

With gratitude and blessings,
Krishnee Nair





With and
Without

Disabilities, together we

Create



. Our Light Festival, Christmas party, and year-end gatherings are not only events on the calendar, they are expressions of who we are as a community

As the year comes to a close, we look back with gratitude and forward with hope.

These celebrations are not only occasions of festivity but

reminders that we walk together, cherishing our

differences, sharing our joys, and holding one another in love.

Together, we step into the coming months with light in our hearts, celebrating that in L'Arche, no one is ever alone.

ANNOUNCING OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUES

Building Bridges with Notre Dame University

This month, we reached out to Notre Dame University in Sydney to share the heart of our mission with students and staff. It was a wonderful opportunity to speak about L'Arche, our vision of community, and the daily life we share together.

We are excited to open the door for students to join us through volunteer placements, bringing their energy, gifts, and fresh perspectives into our community. In return, we hope they discover the richness of life in L'Arche: learning not only through study, but through relationships of trust, joy, and mutual care. We look forward to welcoming Notre Dame students who wish to walk alongside us, and together, continue building a world where every person is valued, and no one is left behind.



ANNOUNCING OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUES

Korean disability associations visit:



We were honoured to welcome representatives from the Korean Disability Associations to our new home in Parramatta. Their visit was a beautiful moment of connection across cultures, united by a shared commitment to inclusion, dignity, and community.

During their time with us, we introduced the mission of L'Arche creating homes where people with and without disabilities share life together in relationships of trust, care, and belonging. It was a joy to share stories of our journey in Australia and to celebrate the opening of our Parramatta home. This visit reminds us that the vision of L'Arche is universal: building communities where every person is valued, and no one is left behind. We look forward to continuing these friendships and learning from one another as we walk together in hope.



ANNOUNCING OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUES

A Visit from The Seminary of the Good Shepherd

We were delighted to welcome students from The Seminary of the Good Shepherd, future priests in formation, to our L'Arche Parramatta home. Their visit was a meaningful opportunity to share the heart of our mission and to experience firsthand the spirit of community that defines L'Arche. Together, we shared stories, laughter, and conversations about faith, service, and what it means to live in relationships of mutual care and respect. The presence of these young men was a gift, reminding us that building community is deeply connected to living out love in everyday life. We look forward to nurturing this relationship, knowing that encounters like this enrich not only the journey of those preparing for priesthood but also the life of our community.



**SEMINARY OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD**



PARRAMATTA HOME OFFICIAL OPENING 16TH AUGUST 2025

We are delighted to announce the official opening of our new L'Arche home in Parramatta, a place built on love, belonging, and shared life. This home is more than walls and rooms; it is a space where friendships will grow, where meals will be shared, and where every person is welcomed just as they are.

The opening marks a new chapter in our journey, and we give thanks to all who made this dream possible, through generosity, vision, and commitment to community.

In Parramatta, we continue the L'Arche mission of creating spaces of inclusion and care, where people of all abilities live together in relationships of trust and respect.

This new home is a reminder that when we come together in love, we build not just houses, but true homes, places where no one walks alone.



WALKING TOGETHER WITH L'ARCHE



We came together for our Walking Together event, a day filled with friendship, fresh air, and plenty of joy. We enjoyed a beautiful walk side by side, sharing stories and laughter along the way, before gathering around a BBQ to relax and celebrate community.

It was a simple yet meaningful reminder that life is richer when we walk together, supporting one another, enjoying the moment, and building bonds that last. We give thanks to everyone who joined us and look forward to many more walks and shared meals in the future.








OUR EVERYDAY LIFE







October 2025 Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Jessica Lyons 	2	3 	4 Michael Slinn 	5  DST Start (Clock Forward)
6  Public holiday	7 Asha Biju 	8	9 	10 Smitha Pazhukalayil Soney 	11	12
13	14	15	16  Kerrie Restifo 	17	18 John Coleman 	19
20	21 	22 Sartia Pokhrel 	23 	24 Cameron Burgess 	25	26 Sue Scott 
27	28	29 Claire Lawler 	30  Anthony Talarico Esther Formosa 	31 Fiona Fenton 		



Thursday Morning Prayer - Homebush Office - 10 am



Community Gathering -Our Lady of The Assumption Catholic Church hall
74 Underwood Rd, Homebush NSW 2140 - 5:30pm to 7:30pm



Diwali Celebration at Five Dock Home 5 pm
132 First Ave - Five Dock



Birthdays

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To keep up to date with our news, events and more, please follow our page
on the social media portals as "L'Arche New South Wales"



YOU ARE INVITED TO
CELEBRATE CROYDON HOME
&
LIGHT FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER

FRIDAY

7

5:30 pm

L'Arche Croydon
11 Monash Parade - Croydon



SAVE THE DATE



L'ARCHE

New South Wales

Christmas PARTY

LIVE MUSIC - FOOD - ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER

SATURDAY | 13 | 11 am

Burwood RSL
96 Shaftesbury Rd, Burwood
NSW 2134



We Pray together



LORD, HEAR OUR
PRAYER.

AMEN

Loving God,

We thank You for the many blessings in our community,
for new beginnings, new friendships, and the gift of walking this
journey together.

Guide us with wisdom, patience, and a heart rooted in love,
that we may always be signs of welcome and belonging.

We give thanks for the joy of our Walking Together event,
for the laughter, the BBQ shared, and the time spent side by side.
We are especially grateful for the generosity of our donors,
whose support not only made this day possible,
but also extended care to the Bangladesh community.

May their kindness continue to inspire us all to give freely and
love deeply.

We ask Your blessing upon our new home in Parramatta,
that it may be a place of peace, celebration, and true community.

We hold in prayer those among us who are unwell,
bring them comfort, healing, and strength.

We pray for peace in our world,
for understanding between peoples,
and for hearts open to one another in compassion and respect.

And we remember with love those who have gone before us,
whose spirit and care continue to guide our path.

With gratitude and hope, we lift these prayers to You.
Amen.

And We Give Thanks for



- Gift of each other, the companionship, love, and trust that unite us as a community.
- For our L'Arche family, for all who share in this journey of life together.
- For our coordinators, leaders, and all who serve L'Arche NSW with dedication. May they continue to be guided by the lord wisdom and grace as they nurture a spirit of inclusion, joy, and belonging.

NDIS online data updated

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/news/10906-ndis-online-data-updated>

16 June 2025

The NDIA has updated our public data, now current as at 30 June 2025.

Find updated data at:

- [Explore data \(interactive data tool\)](#)
- [Datasets](#)
- [Participant dashboards](#)
- [Quarterly report supplements](#)
- [SDA demand data](#).

This data is useful to anyone wanting to understand the NDIS in more detail. Information can be searched by area of interest, including participant numbers, plan budgets, providers, markets and plan utilisation.

Earlier this year, the [Specialist disability accommodation \(SDA\) report \(May 2025\)](#) was released. The report provides an overview of SDA data drawn from NDIA systems up to 31 December 2024.

It complements existing NDIA data, including data in the [quarterly reports to the Disability Reform Ministerial Council](#) (including [Supplement P](#)).

The NDIA regularly releases data about the NDIS. This is part of our commitment in the [Participant Service Charter](#) to be transparent.

Sign up for our Data and Insights newsletter if you would like to be the first to know about new data and insights releases.

Claim time limit starts soon

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/news/10904-claim-time-limit-starts-soon>

11 September 2025

A change to the NDIS Act took effect on 3 October 2024.

It means you now have 2 years to submit claims for payment after the support start date.

Before this change, there was no time limit.

This update helps reduce mistakes and makes payments easier to check and approve.

It also encourages you to submit claims sooner.

To help people adjust, a 12-month grace period was introduced.

This grace period ends at midnight on 2 October 2025.

From 3 October 2025, our systems will automatically reject claims that are more than 2 years old.

If you have any older claims, please submit them before 2 October 2025.

We value your feedback



At L'Arche NSW, your feedback is important as it helps us to know what we are doing well, and what we need to improve on. We especially welcome feedback from our members with disabilities and their families, the community and the general public.

These guidelines explain how members with a disability, their families, friends, staff, advocates and people in the community, can give us their feedback or lodge a complaint.

If you would like to submit feedback, you can:



- Phone the office: 02 9787 8132
- Email us at: sydney@larche.org.au
- Please send us your feedback to: L'Arche NSW Inc - 51 Burlington Road Homebush, 2140
- A discussion with our Community Leader: Krishnee Nair - 02 9787 8132
- A feedback/complaint form and a prepaid envelope have been provided to each household. Simply fill out the form and post it back to our office—no postage required.
- If you wish to be anonymous while making your complaints, please contact Community Leader directly on 02 9787 8132.

L'Arche collects and uses personal information, including sensitive information, in relation to your feedback or query and we are committed to the proper handling of personal information in accordance with L'Arche Privacy policy.



If you would like to share a photo, story, events, news or send a greeting for someone's birthday, anniversary, seasonal greeting, Please send it to Essa Chahine
essa.chahine@larche.org.au



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New South Wales

"An Adventure in Human Relationships"



L'Arche NSW Community

*"The beautiful bond that connects us,
creating a sense of belonging and support"*

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