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Happy New Year! With 2021 dawning, I send my best wishes to everyone in our charity, from volunteers to donors, to our clients and most of all our greater community. May 2021 be kinder to us all. This coming year will undoubtedly be full of a long road to recovery, but through the efforts of our donors, sponsors and volunteers, St Merkorious is confident that we can stand stronger than ever before as we recommence outreach to people who need us most. May our journey be blessed as we continue sharing hope.



*Paula Nicolas
Founder and
President*

PRINCE ALFRED SQUARE PARRAMATTA

We welcomed the new year with our regular community service in Parramatta where a group of dedicated volunteers gathered and distributed hot-meals and care packs to the most vulnerable in our community at Prince Alfred Square. This is a valuable opportunity to connect with people, talk and pray together. Thank you to our volunteers who selflessly sacrificed their personal time for this important cause! We're so grateful for your constant support to help those in need.



OUTREACH SERVICE: (MT. DRUITT + BLACKTOWN)

The start of 2021 saw the return of our popular weekly distribution of hot meals in Mt. Drutt and Blacktown. Our amazing volunteers travel to these areas every Tuesday and Thursday and distribute almost 200 hot meals to the disadvantaged, homeless and underprivileged in these areas.

We are so grateful to the efforts of our volunteers in supporting our cause and helping distribute these packages to those who need it most. Thank you so much for continuing to support our efforts to feed the hungry!

HOT MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP, RHODES

With COVID-19 social restrictions loosening and NSW on its way to full recovery, we also resumed our fortnightly “Hot Meal & Fellowship” evening in Rhodes. We picked up our lovely friends from Martin Place and Parramatta by bus to share a meal and join in on a fun night of fellowship, raffles and distribution of care packs. We were joined by nearly 70 people, and just as usual, we offered our guests free haircuts, showers and clothes.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came to help distribute food and participate in our community meal. You all make this happen! We’re always calling for more volunteers to join us on a Monday night to join in on the fun and help us facilitate this wonderful evening.



FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP

At our weekly Fairfield Community Meal at Fairfield Community Centre, we work with general and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Communities and support them by providing lunch and an opportunity for people to come together to connect, socialize and share common and varied interests. Our donations hub, friendly volunteers and group activities served to be a great way to connect to one another over a hot and nutritious meal. We thank everyone involved for their efforts and making our Fairfield meals possible!



FOOD BANK NSW

We would like to extend our appreciation to our friends at Food Bank NSW. We received 6 pallets of fresh produce which immediately utilised to prepare meals for the homeless and disadvantaged as well as any of our clients who are in need of nutritious food. It helped us provide many families in need with nutritious fresh fruit and vegetables as part of our home delivery service. Your ongoing support means so much to us and all the clients we service. Thank you very much!



CRESTON COLLEGE VOLUNTEERS- FEBRUARY

We had a super busy week with the lovely students from Creston College. The wonderful ladies were extremely helpful around the kitchen, warehouse and distributing meals in Mt. Druitt and Blacktown. It was great to see so many young people active with charity work and supporting those in community in need. We thank them for their efforts and we sincerely hope to see them volunteer with us again!



EASTER APPEAL 2021- March

Easter is an event of celebration and generosity, and our Easter appeal called for families to support other families in need. We requested donations of non-perishable items which were packed into food relief hampers and given to those in need over the Easter period. Easter is a very special time of year where we can all share in the spirit of giving.

A special thank you to JAPM, Renfay, Paul and Smeg Australia and also to the staff at Bass High Breakfast Club who took part in our Easter Appeal this year. We are extremely appreciative of your generosity and efforts in contributing to providing those in need with care and support!



ANCHOR ESTATE VOLUNTEERS- MARCH

Thank you to the team from Anchor Estate for dedicating their time to volunteer with us. We always welcome more volunteers and helping hands for the work we do for the community. Thank you for helping us pack nutritious, filling meals for the needy in the community. It's always great to have more helping hands. We hope you enjoyed your time with us!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As a charity, we rely deeply on the generosity of our donors, sponsors and volunteers. Volunteering your time for a charity is integral to the running of our charity, relying on their kindness, efforts and time to keep our hampers packed in the kitchen and warehouse, and deliver food and outreach services all around the state to those who have fallen into food insecurity.

Help us out by calling us on 0478 760 450 and make some wonderful memories in the process of changing lives and providing struggling families and fellow Australians a chance to feel secure and hopeful with a stomach filled with fresh, nutritious and delicious food.

Our volunteering work is a simple way of giving back to the community, and our friendly team is always happy to hear from you!



**St. Merkorious
Charity**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Are you looking for ways to give back?
We have many opportunities available!

**MT. DRUITT AND
BLACKTOWN OUTREACH**

*Tuesday and Thursday
12-2pm*

Cleeve Close and Main St.

**FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY
MEAL**

Monday 12-2pm

Fairfield Community Centre
25 Barbara St. Fairfield

HOT MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP EVENING

Monday 7-9pm

2 Cavell Ave, Rhodes

every second Monday, alternating with

PARRAMATTA OUTREACH

Monday 6-7:30pm

Prince Alfred Park, Parramatta

DRIVERS TO DELIVER INDIVIDUAL FOOD DELIVERIES

Pick up and drop at home addresses.



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Westfield
Local Heroes

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