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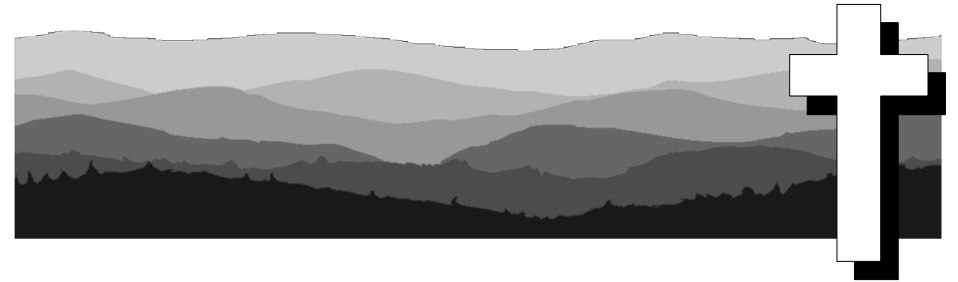
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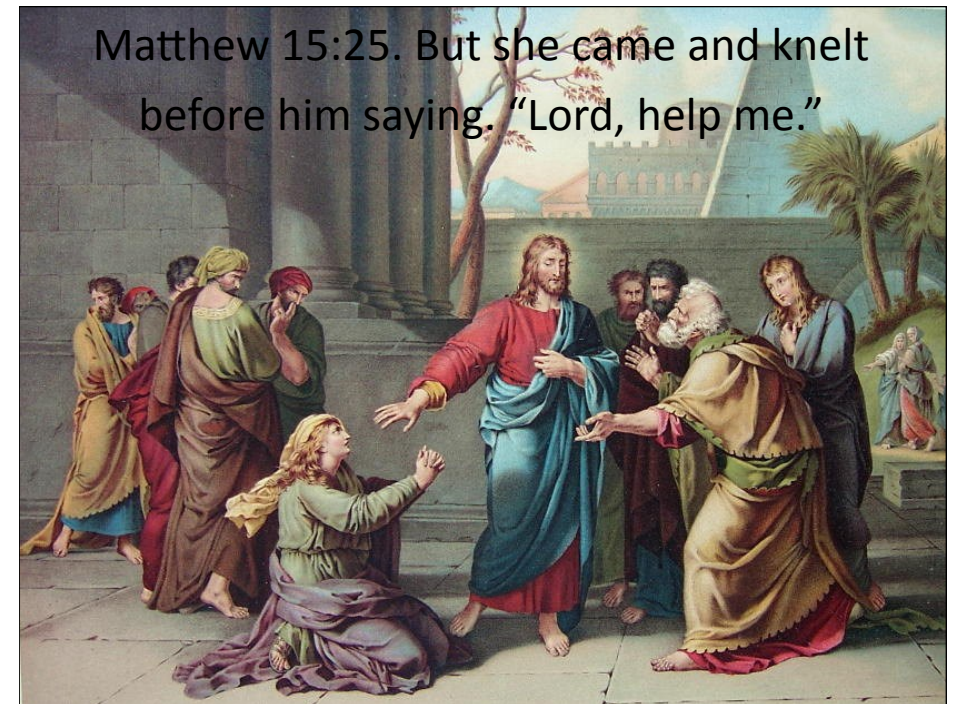
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LETTER FROM DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR FR STEVE NILAND

FILLING UP ON JOY

Jesus came to bring us life in all its fullness. The transformative impact of encountering Jesus is wonderfully and vividly illustrated in the changing of the water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. The mundane and the ordinary can become infused by the power and the glory of God – if we are prepared to respond in faith to the challenge of Mary to the servants to “DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU”.

It’s always good to have some joy in our lives – because it’s tough when something is troubling or bothering us and taking our joy away. Sometimes it feels like we’re running on empty. So, how does Jesus restore “JOY”?

Firstly, we have to be where Jesus is. Jesus, his mother and his disciples were together at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. A Jewish wedding feast, back in those days, reportedly lasted for a whole week. Beginning with something like a parade, the father of the bride would escort his daughter to the groom’s house where they would be married at the front door. Then the feast would begin – and last for 7 days – with lots of food and wine. Jesus brings joy to people’s lives.

Secondly we need to be aware of a need and Mary the mother of Jesus became aware of the need when she said to Jesus: “They have no wine”. For a Jew this meant no joy – and, at a celebration like this, the family reputation was at stake. Even though Mary was the mother of Jesus – she was also a disciple of His – and she went to him with a problem: “They have no wine...they have no joy”. She also said to the servants to DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU...obey him.

Now there were 6 large 20 to 30-gallon stone water-jars which were used for Jewish purification rites before and after meals. By this time, much if not all of the water was probably gone. Jesus told the servants to fill the jars and they did – to the brim. But they didn’t need water they needed wine. How would this bring back JOY to the celebrations? They did not understand how this would solve their problem – but – they – obeyed. These 6 stone jars would hold up to 180 Gallons; that is approximately 2,880 eight ounce glasses of wine – good news for any Anglican! Jesus saves the best wine until last. Are we the best we can be?

Are we the best we can be for Jesus? Friends, if Jesus can take ordinary water and transform it into the finest wine, think what he can do with the stone jars of our lives. Jesus wants to fill us to overflowing with his joy. Let's empty out whatever the stale water is in our lives that is stealing our joy and allow Jesus to replace it with the new wine of his love, joy and peace. Only when we are empty can Jesus offer us his very best.

Fr Steve



LETTER FROM co DIOCESAN LAY DIRECTOR HELEN FRASER CGW26 Table of Monica

Easter Greetings in the Lord to every one of you as you are well into your service and leadership for 2016 in his name. As you read this Encourager Issue it has been a joy to have completed Fourth Day Leader's schools with groups of you, hosted by Cursillo in Morpeth and Singleton. As the days were very early in the new year Secretariat members were enormously helpful.

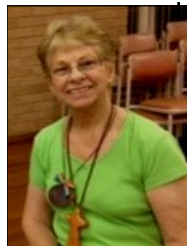
It is most encouraging to introduce seven new leaders to the Secretariat team in this and the next issue: new editor- Martina Bowen; with Rev Barb Hayes, Laurel Mitchell, Sue Cook, Gail Iles; and the Lay Directors, Lewis Palmer and Lynn Dunicliff, for Men's and Women's 45. Can you get to know them in Prayer, at Ultreyas, and Group Reunions amongst you?

The Holy Spirit impacted people at the 2015 Men's Camp, at Men's 44, and at Women's 44a, and his work continues, so we urge your presence and prayers for May at Tahlee Men's Event and MW45 launch.

We commend you in the parishes in forming positive and sympathetic attitudes to the Cursillo Movement as we get better at understanding our commission to Make Friends, Be Friends, and Bring Friends to know Christ.

Have you experienced peace, celebration and recreation during the Summer holiday period? If not, catch up in Autumn. God shows us his love in his creation; Bruce and I saw the same beautiful skies in Hawai'i as we see here at Killcare, safe under Christ's wing. We can all take strength for this year's programme knowing Christ's yoke is good and his burden is light. De Colores!

Helen



NATIONAL SECRETARIAT



2015 DUBBO AND BRISBANE
2016 LAUNCESTON

DIOCESAN ULTREYA



2015 CATHEDRAL
2016 SINGLETON



CHRISTMAS 2015

**ULTREYA!
ONWARDS**



NEW SERVANT COMMUNITY

We think sometimes that poverty is only
being hungry, naked and homeless.
The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for
is the greatest poverty.
We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty.

Mother Teresa



We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean.
But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.

Mother Teresa

AWAKENING A HUNGER FOR GOD IN 'ALL THE FLOWERS OF THE
FIELD'

Advance Notice

Anglican's Men's Weekend

A men's weekend will be held in May of this year building on the success of the Men's Bible Camping Fellowship (BCF) Weekend held in June last year. It will be open to ALL Christian men of our Diocese and men from other denominations are also welcome. This event is hosted by Cursillo and partner churches and is an annual event giving men the an outstanding opportunity to expand their faith and enjoy fellowship with others of our regions.

Details are:-

Theme " God, You and the Work You Do"

Dates 20th- 22nd May

Venue Tahlee via Karuah

Cost \$100-\$200 (accommodation options and relevant concessions).

Speakers: Andrew McClenaghan, a farmer and lay preacher who attends Narrabri Anglican church in north western NSW, Nathan Killick (evangelistic talk), Brian Walsh (Cursillo) and Adam Matthews (ANew church assistant minister/Matthews jewellers). The Bible teaching and lay talks will be suited to men of all ages and stages of Christian understanding, including those still investigating the claims of Jesus. The organising team's prayer is that we will all grow in Christian maturity, meet and be encouraged by other Christian men from around the Hunter region, and have the opportunity bring our friends to a worthwhile and life-changing weekend.

Further details Jaimie Young 0417143032 jaimiefyoung3@gmail.com
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Further information

Flyer available shortly. It would be much appreciated if you could commence advertising this event within your churches' men's groups and within your social circles more broadly. Dr James White 2 Peter 1:3-11- our calling.

MEN'S WEEKEND at TAHLEE MAY 20TH - 22ND 2016

For applications Contact Brian Walsh 4990 2421, 0431 890 671,
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OUR NEW ENCOURAGER EDITOR:

I would like to introduce myself; my name is Martina Bowen; I was born in Vienna, Austria, and my family emigrated to Australia on the 24th December 1968, I was baptized a Catholic, but rarely went to church in my younger years. When my son Ben came along, my marriage broke down and I moved in with my mother and father. Actually it is Ben who brought us back to church; he wanted to go to Sunday School because his friends did, then I started going to church, at the United Church Toronto, and finally we all came to Christ the King Anglican Church in 1998. I did my Confirmation with Bishop Roger. I did my Cursillo with W33 I can't remember what year it was but it was a long time ago. I was on the Table of Sarah. Since then my journey continues daily with the Lord. I worship at Christ the King Toronto. I also work once a week or more if needed with Rev. Julie in the office. Now I am the new Editor of The Encourager.



De Colores

Martina

In the Advent season I came across a website that gives daily reflections from the Society of St. John the Evangelist. This is ongoing and I enjoy these little daily reflections:

A Christian cannot be cynical: a Christian must believe in the possibility of love made manifest in this world. Love made flesh in countless ways, small and large. A Christian simply must believe in the possibility of love—as elusive as love can sometimes be.

-Br. Mark Brown

[Society of Saint John the Evangelist](#)

2016 SERVANT COMMUNITY DATES FOR DEANERY ULTREYAS

Thank you to all who help in arrangements for Ultreyas in each Deanery

LAKE MACQUARIE - Contact Brian Taylor 4943 9317

January, 22nd, Belmont. Friday 6.30pm FOR 7. (*great night, coupla dozen!*)

February, 26th Swansea. Friday 6.30pm. ditto

April, 22nd Morisset, Friday 6.30pm.

May

May, 22nd 20-22 Men's Camp. 28 MW45 Commissioning 9.30am

June, 26th Toronto, Sunday 1.30 for 2pm

July, 24th Windale. Sunday 1.30pm

August, 28th Cockle Bay. Sunday 1.30pm

September, 23rd Cardiff. Sunday 1.30pm also MW45 Closing

October, 28th Belmont North/Redhead. Friday 6.30pm.

Charlestown. Friday 6.30pm.

NEWCASTLE

January 15th Cathedral Friday 6 for 6.30 (great night)

February 19th Free -

March 18th Free -

April 16th MICA, Saturday 2 for 2.30pm

May

May 15th 20-22 Men's Camp. 28 MW45 Commissioning 9.30am

June 17th Birmingham Gardens Sunday 2.00 for 2.30

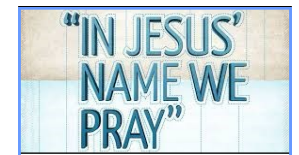
July 15th Merewether Friday 6.30

August 19th New Lambton, Friday 6.30

Sept 16th Lambton Friday 6.30

October 21-22 Kotara South Friday 6.30

Synod



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February 20th Kincumber Saturday BYO lunch 1pm for 2 pm (*great afternoon*)

April 2nd Bateau Bay Saturday BYO lunch 12.30 lunch for 2pm

May

June 20-22 Men's Camp. 28 MW45 Commissioning 9.30am

Wyoming /Gosford

Sept 10th Wyong Saturday BYO lunch 12.30pm for 2pm

November Terrigal Saturday 1.30 for 2pm

MEN'S and WOMEN'S 45

CURSILLO THREE DAYS at KURRI TAFE

25TH – 28TH AUGUST 2016

2016 SERVANT COMMUNITY ROLES FOR THREE DAY CURSILLO

The Servant Community/*Leaders' School* is not formed to DO something but to BE something. In our diocese the Servant Community/*Leaders' School* supports the Three Day Cursillo in completing tasks which assist their successful completion.

However, Servant Community/*Leaders' School* is not formed to be task oriented, they are formed to study the Cursillo Movement. They assist in maintaining authenticity, discerning new leaders and assisting Cursillistas into Group Reunions, in short to be the eyes and ears for the Secretariat, to be a community of service to the Cursillo community.

New people are joining the Servant Community in their Deanery each year so get in touch with your contact if you are interested to know more of how you can be a part of this helpful group.

NB THREE DAY CURSILLO ROSTER

Thurs.25th August **Deanery**
3pm PALANCA SORTING(5) Central Coast

4.30- 5.30 pm **WELCOMING (5)** Paterson /Manning

Car park/guides. **Sponsors to drop, and go only as far as Entrance as the Lay Directors' request**

Sun. 28th

6 for 6.20am MANANITA (6-8) Newcastle

3pm CLAUSURA set up (6) Maitland/Upper Hunter

CLAUSURA prelude (8-10)

Sat 19th September **WELCOME DAY**

9am -2pm Welcome/Reunion: Lake Macquarie
at Morpeth

DATES for 2016

To pray for and come to
"Encourager" Copy Deadlines
8/2/16 — 9/5/16 — 5/9/16
see back page

MW45 OPEN from MARCH

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email, Deanery Contact**

FOURTH DAY:

Leadership Workshops
30th January Morpeth
5th March Singleton

MENS WEEKEND

20-22 May Tahlee

NATIONAL SECRETARIAT

3rd – 5th June Tasmania

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

13th August BTAC

MW45 COMMISSIONING

28th May Morpeth

THREE DAY WEEKEND:

25th – 28th August Kurri

M45 Lewis Palmer
W45 Lynn Dunicliff

WELCOME DAY

17th September Morpeth

DIOCESAN "ULTREYA!"

Saturday 5th November

Singleton

PRAYER FOR KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY AUSTRALIA

Gracious and loving God, enable us to reach out in faith, fellowship and friendship to people, individuals and families who have been impacted by incarceration. Let your Spirit flow out from us to those we encounter on this Kairos Journey.

May we be a friend, make a friend and bring a friend to Christ; not forgetting to Listen, Listen and to Love, Love.

May blessings be to all engaged with the Kairos family in whatever capacity no matter how big or small. Amen.

God is counting on you; and I, You, We are counting on Christ.

**Many blessings from Rev Les Marshall,
Spiritual Director**

KPMA prayer@kairos.org.au



Hello, my name is Gail Iles, W 21, table of Lydia. I am very pleased to begin a term serving on Secretariat. I hope that I do the position justice.

I was born in Taree many years ago but we moved to Newcastle when I was eight to further my Dad's train driving career and it's here that I've always stayed. I've been married to Ken for a LONG time and we have two children- a daughter and a son. We also have three gorgeous grandchildren (fourth one due in May) who I sometimes get to mind. I was raised Catholic but we became practising Anglicans after the birth of our first child and have been enriched by the experience, attending the parishes of St. Johns at Raymond Terrace, All Saints at New Lambton and St. Johns at Lambton. Over the years I've been involved in church activities such as Scripture teaching, Mothers Union, church reader and now help to run the St. John's Lollypops Playgroup. I have recently retired from full-time teaching with the NSW Department of Education, having taught in five schools across the region with long stays at Raymond Terrace Public School and Elmore Vale PS.

So life has changed remarkably for me in the last couple of years. I enjoy travelling, reading, sewing and fitness activities such as walking, swimming and yoga. Last year I was part of the W44A team and this reinforced my commitment to the Cursillo movement. It really is a great way to deepen one's faith and it also provides support for personal growth and support for other Christians. Cursillo has a unique format that crosses inter-parish boundaries. I am proud to have been given the opportunity to become more involved in such an important facet of the church.

Gail



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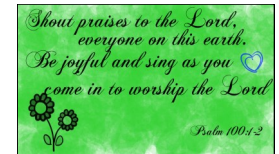
INTRODUCING MW45 LAY DIRECTORS AND THEMES

I am **LYNN DUNNICLIFF** Women's 35 Table of Elizabeth, and I have been blessed by being asked to take on this role, thanking God for faith others have in me. Along with Lewis, we are Lay Leaders of W&M 45 in August .

My theme is 'COME INTO HIS PRESENCE SINGING':

The scripture I chose is from Psalm 100:1-2

*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,
Worship the Lord with gladness -
Come into his presence singing."*

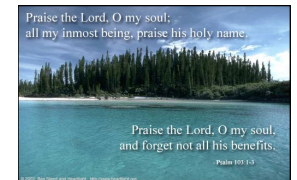


This spoke to me as a positive feeling and a happy theme, and although this is an intense three days, there is no reason that it cannot be a fun time, filled with music and song (although I do not sing well most of the time, I do sing better with a group of Cursillistas). Please pray for us as we select team members and come together for commissioning on the 28th May.

**JOIN US AT ST. PAULS CHURCH, LAWSON AVENUE, BERESFIELD
9.00 AM for coffee.**

LEWIS PALMER, Men's 25, Table of Matthew, and now commissioned for the position of Lay Director of Men's 45 in August 2016! The theme I have in mind will come from Psalm 103

*"O my soul, bless God.
From head to toe, I'll bless his holy name!
O my soul, bless God,
don't forget a single blessing!
He forgives your sins - every one.
He heals your diseases - every one.
He redeems you from hell - saves your life!
He crowns you with love and mercy - a paradise crown.
He wraps you in goodness - beauty eternal.
He renews your youth - you're always young in his presence.*



Thanks for your prayers as we gather our Teams for commissioning on Saturday 28th May. De Colores!

INTRODUCING SECRETARIAT SPIRITUAL ADVISOR, REV BARB HAYES



Barbara Hayes, W24, table of Mary Magdalene

I was commissioned as Spiritual Advisor in November last year with a fair amount of trepidation. Rev Val has left a large imprint for me to follow. My prayer is that with God’s help I will be able to fulfill this position and that my passion will make up for my short comings.

I am a PLM at Nelson Bay which is an active and busy parish. I am a cradle Anglican and grew up in the church. Like a lot of us I had a little wander away from regular worship during my late teens and early twenties.

We moved from Sydney to Nelson Bay in 1989 and slowly became a regular at All Saints. Under the guidance of Rev Pam Sauber I did an Alpha course, followed by being part of the team for about 20 courses. To say that I loved it would be an understatement. This led me to Cursillo and further growth in Christ. With the commencement of the Newcastle School of Theology for Ministry I decided to do the Bishop’s Certificate. At the same time I was discerned to be part of our ministry team. On our second discernment I was asked to consider priesting. You could have knocked me off my chair! So, with God’s help (lots thereof) I was priested.

I am divorced, the mother of Evan, 28 and the daughter of Betty, 88. Mum is very frail physically and mentally. Evan moved back home last year after 7 years in Qld. Now there’s a life lesson on love and flexibility!

I pray that you and your loved ones have blessed Easter period and you can make a friend, be a friend and bring that friend gently to Jesus.

Barb

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- Day: 18** Copyright
Noeline Darcy
- Day: 19** Central Coast:
Clergy, Servant Community, and
Deanery Contact Noeline Darcy
- Day: 20** Lake Macquarie:
Clergy, Servant Community, and
Deanery Contact Brian Taylor
- Day: 21** Maitland:
Clergy, Servant Community, and
Deanery Contact
- Day: 22** Paterson:
Clergy, Servant Community, and
Deanery Contact Rev Col Ford
- Day: 23** Manning:
Clergy, Servant Community, and
Deanery Contact Billie Baillie
- Day: 24** Upper Hunter:
Clergy, Servant Community, and
Deanery Contact Tony Farmer
- Day: 25** Newcastle:
Clergy, Servant Community, and
Deanery Contact Rev Chris Bullock
- Day: 26** Men’s Camp WCOF
- Day: 27** Lay Director Women’s 45
Lynn Dunncliff
- Day: 28** Lay Director Men’s 45
Lewis Palmer
- Day: 29** Prospective Sponsors &
Potential Candidates
- Day: 30** Fourth Day Workshops
Kairos, Torch, Kairos Outside Men &
Women
- Day: 31** World Cursillo Community

A Veteran's Vocation

A life is measured from when we are born
to the day that our friends and family will mourn.
The time in between seems to fly by so fast,
and before we know it, we can't remember the past.

Our life just goes, who knows where;
the pace of things sometimes hard to bear.

Things we put off and need to attend,
are sometimes later hard to amend.

The center for all should be God and his Son,
a message of hope to everyone.

The bible is clear and make no mistake,
there's an urgent decision we all must make.

Somewhere in that time we need find
God's grace and our ultimate peace of mind.
So take heed and don't ponder.

You really can't wait any longer.

This is the time when we get to choose
whether we win or whether we lose.

We didn't ask that it be that way,
but that's what it is and its here to stay.

When we are good and our faith is all fine,
it is now our job to help others to shine.

It's hard to keep good news at home;
far better to spread it wherever we roam.

God gave us this life to share and extend,
our love for Christ and the Gospel to mend
the lives of so many still out there in need,
searching for the very way to proceed.

Let us move on through this life, with intent loud and clear,
as we profess our faith to all who will hear.

We are God's hands, his feet and his voice.

God help us give others the guidance for choice.

Leaders are what our Lord holds dear
and we must be mindful of our commission so clear,
and pray that our Lord will show us the way,
and that all will be well on that very last day.

Our life is so vital, so precious and dear;
so many people are waiting to hear
the good news of Jesus, loud and strong,
that all may inherit where they belong.

Brian Walsh



Colouring my World

The Artist loaded up his brush, his noble plan unfurled,
his pallet barely tinted as he looked upon my world.
A silver thread meanders through the backdrop to his art
with golden specs, the gifts he plans to lay upon my heart.

A flourish of his hand and my horizons came to view,
the sunrise of my lifetime in its soft and naïve hue.
Water colour tendrils of the palest pink caressed
the softness of a landscape Godly made and heaven blessed.

A master artist sketching in the contours of my soul,
his hand so sure and steady, so completely in control.
A panorama coloured with His love for me which grows
atop the steep blue mountains to the deep greens in the lows.

He picked a shade of deepest brown in contrast to the skies
to make my landscape fertile and then used it for my eyes.
A music score so lyrical, so sweet and softly played;
the soundtrack to my life composed from prayers for eons prayed.

Greys add definition to the features of my world
while all the time a sun kissed ray of yellow through it swirled.
I will not dwell within the shade, the pure light beckons me
I'll strive to live within its glow, for all eternity.

Wendy Seddon

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