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Living for Jesus

What do we need to know about living our lives for Jesus? Jesus wants us NOT JUST to love him, but to act as people of love in the wider community, inspired by his example. In the Gospel of John chapter 15, Jesus tells us in verse 12: This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you; and emphasizes this in verse 17: I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. To follow this command, we need to understand how Jesus loves us – so we can love each other in the same way. The passage also says this: 13 No one has greater love than this. to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14You are my friends if you do what I command you. I invite you to think about the cross for a moment and ask yourself if it is an image of love or one of commandment? Person-'ally, I think it's an image of both. By dying on the cross, Jesus showed his love for us – but the sacrifice that it represents is also the way that Jesus! commands us to live for each other. We must love sacrificially and wholeheartedly — ready to give anything up for each other. After all, Jesus referred to following him as "taking up our cross".

We are a people that place a high value on the right to choose. We make all sorts of choices – big and small – in the course of our everyday lives. How good does it feel to know that Jesus chose us? Sometimes we fall into the trap of thinking that we are responsible for our faith – that it is there to be chosen or not. This simply is not true. It is Christ who has called us. He draws us to himself, and is unwilling to let us go. Thus, the only choice is whether we want to follow his command to love, learning bit by bit what it means to lay down one's life for one's friends. We need to choose love each day in all we say and do.

De Colores

Fr Steve



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FAREWELL AND THANK YOU FROM HELEN

Fellow Cursillistas,

It is such a joy to have seen Newcastle Anglican Cursillo develop over the 26 years since my Three Day course, receiving my cross from Bishop Owen Dowling in Canberra/Goulburn Diocese in April 1990, the weekend after our Diocesan bishop received his Cursillo cross and invited Grafton Diocese to help begin it here.

My Fourth Day has been brightened by grouping with other parish and deanery and diocesan Cursillistas, other team members on two- and Three Day courses in many places; including Morpeth, Lochinvar, Bonnie Hills, Elim at Forster, Myuna Bay, and South Kincumber. It has been inspiring to see parishes and Kairos prison ministry grow in discipleship and leadership through the service of committed Cursillo pilgrims.

It stretched my comfort zone, firstly to lead Women's 36 in 2006, then edit The Encourager from 2009 to 2012, and thirdly, to accept the invitation and Leader's Cross to co-lead the Secretariat from 2014-16. God has given me blessings in abundance, much more than I could give to him or to Cursillo. Travelling the distance each meeting was a worry to me until David Marsh shared the driving and the road became less fearsome to me.

It has been wonderful to pilgrimage to gatherings in other dioceses to celebrate their anniversaries, and our own 20th at the Workers Club in Newcastle City in 2010. The landscape of National Cursillo, largely unseen by my eyes before 2014, proves that such abundance of love continues in neighbouring Australian, South African and New Zealand dioceses and enriches our relationship with God through Piety, Study and Action.

This has been my experience, and I am glad when I hear that your own experiences have similarly blessed you. May God continue his work with us in the future Secretariat and Servant Community, the Group Reunions and Ultreyas of the Cursillo Movement.

Helen Fraser (17th Co Lay Director)

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A PLEA FROM YOUR SECRETARIAT

We are finding it is becoming necessary to substantially subsidize both our candidates and team members if we are to provide adequate accommodation for our Three Day Cursillo weekends which are now subject to significant cost increases. Costings this year by way of subsidies will be around \$9000.00, to be covered by our Secretariat reserves. This, coupled with the ever increasing printing and postage costs, is causing us to draw more than we expected from modest capital reserves gathered from past generous support.

At this stage there is no need to make a general appeal for funds but if we are to continue to provide the high standard of accommodation that we have in the past there is a way that we can all help to keep our finances viable and maintain the 'status quo': -

If you are passionate about spreading God's word to all who are led to our Cursillo model could you please make sure that you pass on a gift donation of \$20 p.a. to Secretariat. Amounts above this figure will mean we can give further assistance.

If each recipient can do this with conviction we will be able to meet our financial obligations and maintain our previous standards, which are appreciated particularly by our older members/candidates.

A direct transfer to **BSB 032501 a/c 130926** with a notification to our Treasurer Noeline Darcy n.darcy@bigpond.com on a regular annual basis would be very much appreciated.

For those who don't have internet access your gift can be made at any Ultreya including the Diocesan Ultreya or may be sent by cheque to **Treasurer**, **Newcastle Anglican Cursillo**, **P.O. Box 174**, **Waratah**, **NSW 2298**.

THE JOY OF A GIFT-DONATION

Were Secretariat to receive \$20 annual gift donation from every member who receives "The Encourager" by web or post, we could continue to enjoy the ability to 'pay it forward' and discount those rising costs of accommodation for our teams and candidates at Three Day Cursillos.

LETTER FROM CO DLD BRIAN

I know this is past news by the time you read this article but I believe it was significant and was a rude awakening just prior to Holy week:-

It's Wednesday Morning the 23rd March 2016, the day before Maundy Thursday and I have just woken to the news that there has been another major terrorist attack, this time in Brussels Belgium. Like you I am sickened by this senseless waste of life, personal injury, disruption and heartbreak that is almost a regular occurrence and, is being imposed on our western society no matter where we live in the world by people who have a totally misguided view of our reason for being.

People traveling overseas on perhaps their trip of a lifetime are now apprehensive about leaving our shore and the safety of our wonderful God given country. It seems that now according to our advisers that this is what we can expect for many, many years to come. Travel to anywhere now must be taken in the context of uncertainty and apprehension and we must rely on the security procedures of our governments for an assurance of safety.

As we come up to the most Holiest time of the Christian year and reflect on the Easter message in its fullness it is right that we should appreciate the time that our Lord was born into and died from, a time of total uncertainty overseen by a cruel regime that caused fear at every turn. Jesus was under constant stress and challenge as he moved around the country during his earthly ministry and yet he was not deterred and moved under the protection of God through prayer at all times. In the midst of all this turmoil he grew and pronounced a philosophy of love and forgiveness with a passion that has not only been lasting but has been historically life changing for over 2000 years.

I know it is hard for us to follow the teachings of our Lord in these extreme circumstances and our first reaction is one of revenge and retribution to our tormentors. However our prayers and concerns for our enemy and their philosophy for life have never been more needed than they are today. "May God forgive them because they don't realize what they are doing."

The refugee crisis around the world caused by mankind's greed and selfishness is greater now than it was during any of our previous world wars. Our Lord said that if they hate you they hated me first (John 15:18). In Matthew 10:22 scripture tells us that "the world will hate us, but those who remain firm to the end will be saved."

It seems to me that our way of life and our freedoms despised by our enemy, privileges we have cherished for years are for the first time since the great wars under real threat and it is pretty scary. There has never been a need to spread the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ than right now.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CURSILLISTAS"!

What happened at Kurri Kurri TAFE? Team and candidates alike enjoyed living and celebrating in Christian love, joy and peace

MEN'S and **WOMEN'S** 45 25-28 August 2016

Bonnie Egan	GOSFORD
Margaret Hustler	GOSFORD
Joyce and Bruce Webster	KINCUMBER
Shirley and Peter Melvelle	WALLSEND
Lee Jones	CATHEDRAL
Shirley Foley	SOUTHLAKES
Cate Mackay	SOUTHLAKES
David Winton	SOUTHLAKES
Liz Meizer	CESSNOCK
Emma Clark	ARMIDALE
Yvonne Bell,	MAITLAND
Richard Wiltshire	NELSON BAY
Sara Earl	NELSON BAY
lan Jack	NELSON BAY

Praise God for our wonderful Cursillo movement and all that it represents and may we all use this wonderful opportunity to bring others to the safety and security of our Lord Jesus Christ and fight hatred with the love of Jesus. "Make a friend, be a friend and lead that friend gently to Jesus."

Brian Walsh

Reunion and Fourth Day Welcome

It was a great day at the Welcome for Men's and Women's 45. New Veterans, Sponsors, Team, all were welcome at St James Church Hall Morpeth. On Saturday 17 September 2016

Details: Doug Roberts 4948 7043 OR 0407 957 943



DIOCESAN CONVENTION

MESSY CHURCH, TIDY CHURCH AND CURSILLO.

Quite visible at the August Diocesan Convention was our Cursillo rainbow table for information and contact, and many of the 300 convention goers came to visit.

The whole day was inspiring but it was the Messy Church presentation by Cursillistas, Rev Julie and Richard Turnbull, which allowed me to reflect on where Cursillo might claim to be 'messy'. Both 'messy' Church and 'tidy' Church were compared with monastic architecture.

A monastery includes seven areas of life. Think where Cursillo might be included:

<u>Monastery</u>	Messy Church	Tidy Church	<u>Cursillo</u>
CELL -	Family -	Bible Study →	Group Reunion
CHAPEL	Teaching	Communion	Ultreya
CHAPTER	Leaders	Parish Council	Secretariat
CLOISTER	Links	?	Supper
REFECTORY	Food	Morning Teas	Maccas
GARDEN/WORK	,	Working Bees	Servant Community
SCRIPTORIUM	All age Wisdom	Sermons	The Encourager



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2016/17 SERVANT COMMUNITY: DATES FOR DEANERY ULTREYAS

LAKE MACQUARIE

Belmont	Friday 27 January	6.00 - 6.30
Southlakes	Friday 24 February	6.00-6.30
Cockle Bay	Friday 24 March	6.00-6.30
Toronto	Sunday 28 May	1.00-1.30
Windale	Sunday 25 June	1.00-1.30
Swansea	Sunday 23 July	1.00-1.30
Cardiff	Sunday 24 September	1.00-1.30
Charlestown	Friday 27 October	6.00-6.30

NEWCASTLE

Cathedral	Friday 20 January	6.00— 6.30
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MICA Saturday 18 March 3.00 pm

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Terrigal Saturday 26th November 1.30 for 2pm

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2016 DIOCESAN ULTREYA

WHEN ALL ROADS LEAD TO SINGLETON: Our hosts await you at

All Saints 40 High Street Singleton

BEYOND THE AMAZING HUNTER VALLEY HIGHWAY

or

SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

9 FOR 9.30 TILL 2/2.30

BRING YOUR OWN MUG AND LUNCH, tag and cross

TEA AND COFFEE PROVIDED

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WORSHIP TOGETHER, OFFER TOGETHER,

HEAR GOD'S WORD AND THE WITNESS TO HIS LOVE

SHARE TOGETHER

SING TOGETHER WITH "NOAH'S WIFE" BAND

VISION TOGETHER.

SEE YOU THERE!



COME TO THE DIOCESAN ULTREYA AT SINGLETON

The last couple of Deanery-hosted Ultreyas in 2016, the first couple for 2017, and the Secretariat-hosted Diocesan Ultreya in November, are advertised in this issue. The thing about an Ultreya is, no matter where it's held or who's hosting, each one requires a sacrifice of time and service, and they all potentially reward us with gifts of satisfaction and blessings of the Holy Spirit.

The journey to Singleton to celebrate together as the Diocesan Cursillo can energise and encourage us, educate and excite those who travel there.

An announcement and commissioning of the new Diocesan Co Lay Director as Brian's offsider, and of incoming Secretariat and Servant Community volunteers is worth supporting with our prayers and our presence. And we can make our offering to the work of Secretariat and the future of Cursillo as an instrument of worship to our wonderful God.



AND... A PARABLE OF FIVE VICTA MOWERS

There sat four authentically restored original mowers in their bright shiny restorations, reminding us of one bought from first pay packets 60 years ago to mow the father's lawns, replacing Saturday morning hand-mowing. There was one under the house, the son said. Could the poor, neglected, holey, dust-covered specimen be extracted? So, yes, it was and, as a somewhat battered present, into the boot of the car it went off to the restorer of old Victa mowers.

Within two days of its arrival it was mended, scrubbed up and back on a lawn, mowing like the young thing it once had been. This may remind us of our own new lease of life given by our Father God when we put our trust in him and let him restore us. H Fraser

KAIROS OUTSIDE

At the Anglican Women of Australia (AWA) Deanery Spring Rallies in September the guest speakers were from Kairos Outside for Women (KOW). Their stories of acceptance through KOW touched our hearts as they and their families suffered the traumas of having family members in 'so-called' Correctional Centres. The Thank You Box donations from each participating parish this time will all go towards helping KOW teams raise about \$16,000 for each weekend course. The next KOW course is in preparation for Myuna Bay.

Newcastle AWA is hosting the Provincial AWA Conference in 2017

"Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Women"

GUEST SPEAKER: The Rt Revd Kay Goldsworthy, 2017 is the 170th anniversary of the Diocese of Newcastle (1847-2017);

the 30th anniversary of the first women made deacon in this diocese (10/5/1987); and the 25th of the first made priests (12/1992).

DATE: 4pm, Mon 5th June to noon, Thu 8th June, 2017. VENUE: Club Macquarie, 458 Lake Road, Argenton NSW

(Lake Macquarie, Newcastle Diocese), set beside the tranquil shores of Cockle Creek, it provides a very comfortable, welcoming and attractive venue with excellent facilities, meals etc.

Next to Cockle Creek train station. Plenty of parking.

All Anglican women, and their spouses, are most welcome to attend this Conference.

CONFERENCE CHAPLAIN:

The Venerable Canon Sonia Roulston, Archdeacon of Newcastle

Kevin Hepworth, late of Forster Anglican and The Camden Haven, died on August 16, 2016 aged 90. Kevin was an Emmaus Walker and led one of the first Men's Teams run by Newcastle Cursillo He was a larger-than-life witness to his Christian faith. Kevin and Val were visitors to our congregation at St David's Avoca Beach when staying with their daughter, Karen, a member of the Kincumber Parish and it was always good to catch up with them. HF

WORKSHOPS 2017Watch out! THERE ARE PLANS for a Stroud Monastery Three Day Workshop in February; and Servant Community/Leaders' Schools coming to a Deanery near you, in preparation for continuing the Cursillo journey in your Parishes and on the Men's'/Women's' #46 Three Days in August.

Acts 13.48 "They were glad and honoured the word of the Lord"

Day: 25 Newcastle: Clergy, Servant Community - Deanery Contact Chris Bullock

2 Cor 7.16 "I am glad that I can have complete confidence in you"

Day: 26 Men's Camp WCOF

1 Peter 4.13 "You may also be glad when his glory is revealed"

Day: 27 Lay Director W46

Ps 40 "I have told the glad news of deliverance"

Day: 28 Lay Director M46

Is 35.1 "The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad"

Day: 29 Prospective Sponsors & Potential Candidates

Php 2.17 "I am glad and rejoice with all of you"

Day: 30 Fourth Day Community

Rev 19.7 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give him the glory"

Day: 31 World Cursillo Community Kairos, Torch, Kairos Outside



The National Secretariat Conference in Tasmania.

Rev. Steve Niland, Rev. Barb Hayes, Helen Fraser and Brian Walsh, with Rev. Judy Walsh and Bruce Fraser as additional observers, attended the National Conference in Tasmania in June 2016 representing the Newcastle Cursillo Movement.

The conference took as its theme for the weekend John 21:6 "caste your net on the right side of the boat and you will catch some fish". The outcome of the discussion and study of this passage was; "that if we are unsuccessful doing the things we normally do then perhaps we should try something else in its place under God's direction and then we will be successful".

Various points of discussion took place at the conference including a presentation of the revised Constitution and the Guidelines for National Secretariat, presentation of Diocesan reports with discussion; discussions around the effectiveness of 3 day Cursillo weekends; mini workshops around helpful aids that will enhance presentations; condensed tracking sheets and various other "in house" matters.

Newcastle Cursillo also now has its own "Facebook" page.

Our own Rev. Steve Niland has been elected as National Spiritual Advisor for a term of three years and he certainly has our confidence and blessing as he undertakes this very important role.

Reflections and a final Eucharist led by Bishop Ian Palmer with an excellent interpretation of the theme rounded off a well presented and hospitable weekend.

One of the important issues that emanates from these weekends is making contact with people from other Dioceses around Australia and there were 12 Dioceses represented. As a result North Queensland has now become a firm friend of Newcastle and it is our aim to give assistance in any way we can to help them establish a meaningful and effective Cursillo presence in their Diocese.

Hearty congratulations to the people of Cursillo Tasmania for presenting a well organized and well appointed conference in the midst of a most devastating flood aftermath, and despite some difficulty, all who said they would be there, were there.

"Let us not be afraid to cast our net on the right side of the boat".

Blessings Helen and Brian



I AM GLAD THAT CURSILLO IS IN MY DIOCESE" - Bishop Greg
Thompson enjoying the Closing night of Mens' and Womens' 45

MONTHLY PRAYER CYCLE FOR NATIONAL SECRETARIAT:

Ps 100.2 "Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing"

Day: 1 National Lay Director Rodger O'Hara National Spiritual Director Rev'd Sue Allen

Is 25.9 "Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation"

Day: 2 Secretary – Wendy Mabey National Treasurer- Leanne Doyle

1 Kgs 8.66 "They went home joyful and glad in heart for all the good things the Lord had done"

Day: 3 National Webmaster Tony Shellshear

1 Chr 16.31 "Let the heavens rejoice let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, 'The Lord reigns"

Day: 4 National Episcopal Adviser Bishop Ian Palmer

FOR CURSILLO IN THE DIOCESE:

Prov 10.1 "A wise son makes a glad father"

Day: 5 Bishops Greg, Peter

2 Chr 7.10 '(Solomon) sent the people to their homes joyful and glad in heart'

Day: 6 Diocesan Co-Lay Directors Helen Fraser and Brian Walsh

Eccles 8.15 "Eat, drink and be glad"

Day: 7 Diocesan Spiritual Director, Rev'd Stephen Niland, NSD elect

Ps 122 "I was glad when they said, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord"

Day: 8 Diocesan Spiritual Adviser Rev'd Barb Hayes

Prov 29.6 "The righteous can sing and be glad"

Day: 9 Secretary Laurel Mitchell -

Mt 5.12 "Rejoice and be glad for great is your reward in heaven"

Day: 10 Treasurer Noeline Darcy.

Jn 4.36 "The sower and the reaper shall be glad

Acts 15.31 "The people read it and were glad for its encouraging message"

Day: 12 Prayer Co-ordinator David Marsh

2 Cor 13.9 "We are glad whenever we are weak but you are strong" Day:

Day: 13 Servant Community Co-ordinators - Gail Iles

Ps 67.4 "Let the nations be glad and sing for joy"

Day: 14 Diocesan Proctor Michael Sinclair -

Prov 10.28 "The hope of the righteous ends in gladness"

Day: 15 "The Encourager" Editor Martina Bowen

Is 35.10 "They shall obtain joy and gladness"

Day: 16 Roll Keeper Keith Watson

Lk 15.2 "Rejoice and be glad for this brother of yours was lost .. and is found"

Day: 17 Palanca Coordinator Nicole Baldwin -

Jn 14.28 "If you loved me you would be glad I am going to the Father"

Day: 18 Copyright Noeline Darcy Acts 2.46 "They broke bread together in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts"

Day: 19 Central Coast: Clergy, Servant Community Bruce Fraser Deanery Contact Noeline Darcy

Heb 1.9 "God has anointed you with the oil of gladness"

Day: 20 Lake Macquarie: Clergy, Servant Community, Doug Roberts Deanery Contact Brian Taylor

Ps 96 "Let the heavens be glad and the nations rejoice"

Day: 21 Maitland: Clergy, Servant Community Deanery Contact

Prov 23.15 "My heart will be glad indeed"

Day: 22 Paterson: Clergy, Servant Community Deanery

Mk 12.37 "The large crowd heard (Jesus) gladly"

Day: 23 Manning: Clergy, Servant Community - Deanery Contact Billie Baillie

Jn 8.56 "Abraham rejoiced at seeing my day and was glad"

Day: 24 Upper Hunter: Clergy, Servant Community - Deanery Contact Tony

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