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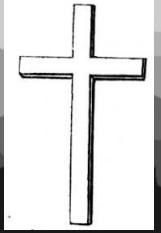
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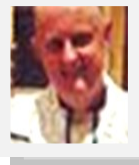
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**Open Lines of Communication**

For any relationship to prosper, the lines of communication must be clearly open. Although GOD had spoken directly and audibly with Moses and Joshua, His spoken word became rare during the 3 centuries of rule by the judges. By Eli's time – during the 1100's BC – no prophets were speaking God's messages to Israel. Why? People were either refusing to listen to GOD; or allowed greed to get in the way of their relationship with Him.

Eli judged Israel for 40 years. The recognition and respect he earned in public did not extend to his handling of his private affairs. He may have been an excellent priest, but he was a poor parent. He responded weakly to situations rather than solving them. He had become more concerned with the symbols of his religion than with the God they represented.

Listening and responding is vital in a relationship with God. Although GOD does not always use the sound of a human voice, He always speaks clearly through His Word. To receive His messages, we must be ready to listen and to act upon what He tells us. Like Samuel, we must be ready to say: "Here I am" when GOD calls us to action.

It would normally be expected that an audible message from GOD be given to the priest Eli and not to the child Samuel. Eli was older and more experienced, and he held the proper position. But GOD's chain of command is based on faith, NOT age or position. In finding faithful followers, GOD may use unexpected channels – so we must be prepared for Him to work at any place, at any time, and through anyone He chooses.

When we witness to others, we need to tell them what CHRIST has done, not about our own abilities and accomplishments. People must be introduced to CHRIST, not to us. Serving people requires a sacrifice of time and personal desires. Being a follower of CHRIST means serving others, even when they do not measure up to our expectations. GOD has given us His Holy Spirit to proclaim His Good News to others.

Our Gospel passage for Pentecost 2 tells of the Disciples picking wheat on the Sabbath and JESUS healing a man's hand on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, of course, were more concerned about the Sabbath laws being broken than with any positive outcomes. The Pharisees interpreted the actions of JESUS and His disciples – the picking of grain and of the eating of it as they walked through the fields – as harvesting; and so, they judged JESUS as a law-breaker. But JESUS and His disciples clearly were not harvesting the grain for personal gain; they were simply looking for something to eat.

The Pharisees were so focussed on the words of the rule that they missed its intent – and JESUS used the example of David and his men eating the Bread of the Presence to point out how ridiculous their accusations were. GOD created the Sabbath for our benefit. We are restored both physically and spiritually when we take time to rest and to focus on GOD. For the Pharisees, Sabbath rules had become more important than the Sabbath REST. and others.

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Both David and JESUS understood that the intent of GOD's law is to promote love for GOD and others. That makes love the highest rule, but it also moves us as Christians toward personal sacrifice, discipline and responsibility – which are scarce in today's world. When confronted with rules other than those of God's making, they need to pass 4 tests:

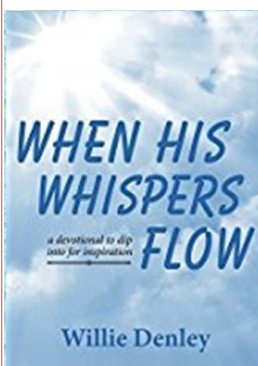
1. Does the rule serve God's purpose?
2. Does the rule reveal God's character?
3. Does the rule help people to come into GOD's family or keep them out?
4. Does the rule have biblical foundations that can be supported in the context of all of Scripture?

**GOOD RULES PASS ALL FOUR TESTS.**

The Religious Leaders of the time were jealous of JESUS because of His popularity, His miracles, and the authority in His teaching and actions. This had caused them to idolise both their standing in the community and their personal gain instead of pointing people towards a relationship with GOD. It also probably caused them not to recognise JESUS as their Messiah. When JESUS exposed their attitudes, He became their enemy instead of their Messiah and they began looking for ways to kill Him – thus breaking God's law by plotting murder.

The Pharisees, like Eli and his sons, had allowed their faith to become more about them than about JESUS. Standing in the community and power and wealth had become their gods rather than the true God. Our lives need to be transformed into becoming more like JESUS and love must be the representation of our relationship with Him.

De Colores—Fr Steve



### **INVITATION**

**An Evening with Willie Denley**

**Tuesday 9th October 2018 7pm-9pm**

**The Church of the Good Shepherd, Kotara**

Willie will share the story of how her book came into being. She will be joined by her long-time friend, Denise Ammann. She will also share some details of their Christian fellowship and friendship.

The book is a compilation of journals written over many years. Willie says "As you find yourself dipping into these pages, may you be inspired by the Holy Spirit to receive encouragement, hope and strength, so to continue your faith's journey and fulfil your Kingdom destiny that he has purposed for you.

Further information phone Fr Chris Bullock ; 0438 684 632

Please bring a plate to share over supper

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Day 27 Women's WCOF & Men's Camp

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Day 30 Fourth Day Community

Day 31 World Cursillo Community, Kairos. Torch and Kairos Outside

## MONTHLY CURSILLO PRAYER DIARY

Pray everyday for Bishop Peter along with our Assistant Bishop's Sonia and Charlie and our Diocese as we move to our healthy future remembering our past.

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## DIOCESAN CO-LAY DIRECTOR LYN CARTER



We have reached a great milestone with The Encourager magazine's edition number 100 . We give thanks to God for all His servants who have been involved in the preparation and publication of The Encourager.

"Well done Good and Faithful Servant"  
May we all continue to enjoy reading many more publications for many years to come.

Exhilarating times are upon us! we had a very enjoyable and exciting Commissioning of MW47 with Jane and David and their very enthusiastic teams (photos on page 11). Please keep them in your prayers also praying for the all-important Candidates you may like to invite to a Cursillo Weekend.

A few dates for your diary and prayers;

W47— 23rd –26th August at Catalina

National Secretariat Meeting and Commissioning of Newcastle's Jim Warland as The National Lay-Director in Cairns 24th-26th August.

M47— 13th-16th September Catalina

4thDay/Welcome Day 29th September

Diocesan Ultreya 3rd November St Peters East Maitland.

The song "It only takes a Spark" reminds me of so many things of how we can spread God's love within our Cursillo Community with encouragement , fellowship and a great desire:

Through Piety, may we feel God's Presence.

Through Study, may we gain new insights.

Through Apostolic Action, may we share God's love with others.

Let us all continue to pray and support our beloved Cursillo in its Mission.

De Colores!

Lyn





### **NEW SECRETARIAT MEMBER**

Hello! My name is Michelle Hazel-Jawhary, W 34 - 2005. Table of Elizabeth.

I have worshipped in this Diocese since 1989, attending the parishes of Bateau Bay and Toukley (Budgewoi) where I have been involved in the pastoral and liturgical life of the parishes,

leading Sunday school and Children's Church, a Samaritan link and also a member of Parish Council and Synod. I also worked in parish administration in the parish of Bateau Bay and with Samaritans in Community Development before becoming an Ordinand in 2008, where I served in the parishes of Windale, Nelson Bay and Belmont North Redhead. Ordained as a Deacon in 2011 whilst at Belmont North Redhead and later that year ordained Priest. Commissioned as Priest in Charge at Gloucester from 2011 – 2015 and currently the Rector of Cessnock. Previously appointed as Area Dean of the Manning and a ten-month term on Diocesan Council.

I am currently involved with the Domestic Violence working team and Social Justice Task Force for the Diocese, as well as a Commissioner for the NSW Ecumenical Council of Churches in the area of Family and Domestic Violence.

I have been a Chaplain to a local Breast Cancer Support group and currently Chaplain to the RSL sub branch of Cessnock and now my role on Secretariat as Spiritual Advisor. In the parish of Cessnock, I attend local interagency meetings organized by Samaritans and Chamber of Commerce breakfasts and any other opportunities that arise with the aim of taking the church into the life of the community. I'm married to Toufic (Ted), we have a beautiful family and two dogs who keep us busy and entertained. De Colores! Michelle

### **NOTICES FOR YOUR 2018 CALENDARS**

**For your prayers & encouragement  
to sponsor!**

**Newcastle Women's 47 Cursillo**

**Lay Director—Jane Sinclair**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August.**

**Newcastle Men's 47 Cursillo**

**Lay Director—David Marsh**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September.**

**At**

**Catalina Conference Centre Rathmines**

**Registration Forms available on web site**



## For Your Daily Prayers 2018 Cursillo Teams

**“You Rescued Me”**

**“On Christ the Solid Rock  
I Stand”**

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### **From Kairos #11 Short Course at St Heliers Muswellbrook.**

Please give thanks to God for the week. We were blessed with a positive response to the prayers . Administratively, the week went smoothly. We had an experienced team and splendid support from the Chaplain, staff and our guests.

At the Closing Service, we usually have an address/talk from a past guest. This year’s speaker participated in Kairos at St Heliers last year. He recounted his life story – strict home, strong religious values, love not apparent, rebelled, tried drugs, became involved in supply, stand over activity, had “leadership” position in gang. All came undone when he was arrested! Experienced a little of Kairos at another prison which stirred his “faith memory”. Transferred to St Heliers where the impact of his Kairos experience was a turning point - a renewed and meaningful faith. He served as a helper this year and his faith shone through him. He has hope for the future. This story reflects the aim of much of Kairos. His talk had a strong impact on all present. God is indeed good – give thanks.

Our guests made use of the Prayer Box. We would ask for your continuing prayer for the issues raised – many of the requests brought tears to the team as they prayed over them at the de-briefing meetings. They include:- Legal processes – appeals, parole, information about changes to the law; Family experiencing difficulties, including loss of accommodation, separation, relationships and communication while they are inside; Family members ill overseas and not able to visit; Individual mental health issues; Immigration status; to name just some.

Your prayers were indeed a most encouraging blessing.

Please continue to pray for the men who were guests and others who will be impacted by them.

Thank you.

Chris Bullock



### Kairos Ministry is about Changing Lives

Kairos is a local community-based Christian Ministry that serves both those in prison, called Kairos Inside, (K.I.) at Cessnock and St Heliers Muswellbrook AND the families and friends of those in prison, called Kairos Outside for Men and Women (K.O.M. and K.O.W.) Kairos Inside, supports the work of the Chaplain(s) in these prisons. A Teenage/Juvenile Kairos Ministry called Torch also runs at Kariong

Kairos is a 'hands-on' activity with the motto:

***LISTEN, LISTEN, LOVE, LOVE*** to help inmates with:

rehabilitation through the possibility of hope and positive choices, and support and encouragement to those affected

Kairos, with over 2,000 volunteers around Australia reaches out to

**male and female inmates** saying "You have a choice".

**family and friends** of those inmates, saying "You are not alone".

**juvenile offenders**, saying "There's a better way ahead"

At Kairos, we know we can't fix their problems or solve the causes, as people have to be allowed to make their own decisions. But we can help them to recognise better choices and live new lives.

### **Hi everyone, my name is Jane Sinclair and I am the Lay Director for W 47.**

I did my Cursillo back in 2001 – W26, and like many I was on fire after completing the 3 day weekend. I completed a 3 year EfM (Education for Ministry) course, became a member of the Parish Council, joined the worship team playing music & helping to serve as a “deacon” in our Parish. It just goes to show how making a friend, being a friend and gently bringing that friend to Jesus can totally transform the life of a candidate.

My spiritual life began at St John’s Raymond Terrace where I grew up as a child. I was christened, confirmed and married (twice) at St John’s and continue to worship there with my husband Michael.

My family life sees Michael and I recently moving to Fern Bay. I am mother to 3 (not including Archer, our rather spoilt miniature daschund), step mum to 3 and Grandma to one, baby Poppy.

Work life is Director at a child care centre in Warabrook. So “all” my lives keep me very busy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the beautiful ladies who answered the call to join me for our Cursillo weekend. I just know God has it all in hand and they will all be such a blessing. I am also looking forward to training with David and his awesome team of gents from M47. Our Lord is truly amazing!

De Colores.....Jane ☺



### **LD MENS 47 DAVID MARSH**

Has most recently served on Secretariat as Prayer Chain Coordinator, taken on keeping the Cursillo Roll, and been on team for Men's 26, 31, 38, and 44

Has been a valued member of Kincumber Parish most of his life, serving on Emmaus/Antioch and other youth teams and Kids Club, Parish Council, and as Eucharistic Assistant/reader/IT/floor manager in Services;

Has participated and led Bible Study. In his 'spare' time he mends roads for Central Coast Council and has driven escort vehicles around the state. For recreation he builds sophisticated Lego models, is a Star Trek expert, home gardener, and loved uncle to his nieces and nephews.

With David’s agreement, Bruce and Helen Fraser.



## **A Little Miracle at Cursillo**

My name is Jeanette Williams. I had been invited to attend a 3 day Cursillo weekend on two previous occasions. Not understanding about Cursillo and not feeling drawn to go, I declined.

Last July 2017, I was again invited, and it had been suggested to me that I should pray about it. Very quickly, I knew I was going, no question.

Finding myself at a table with four strangers, we soon became friends and with like minds, were excited to see what our weekend would present, W46 Table of Martha. I was teamed with such lovely ladies.

We were called outside with all the other people to have a group photo taken, then went inside to have a meal. I was sitting with Hanneke, a lady from my table. I commented on the speed the photos, taken only one hour earlier, were already printed.

Hanneke told me her 90 year old neighbour, Betty, who is legally blind, had shown her a photo of Betty, Jean and another young girl who had worked together in a Pharmacy many years before. Hanneke had the photo enlarged and with a magnifying projector, Betty is able to see her photos more clearly.

As Hanneke told me this story, I smiled and told her that the other girl in the photo is me. I worked with Betty and Jean about 64 years ago and hadn't seen Betty in all those years. I was Jean's bridesmaid and hadn't seen Jean more than twice over the years. I had lost touch with them.

Hanneke and I arranged for her to bring Betty and Jean to my home for a visit. We had a really lovely day, so many memories to share.

God's timing, how amazing! He led me, in His time, to Cursillo. Of all the ladies there, I was placed with Betty's neighbour, sitting together for lunch discussing photography.

Praise the Lord for our beautiful day, renewed friendships, new friendships. Denise, Shirley, Simone and Hanneke, so glad I spent Cursillo weekend with you.

Thank you Rev'd Michelle, Lynn Dunncliffe for your sponsorship and encouragement.

To all the other lovely Cursillistas I met De Colores!

Jeanette W46



## **Personal Testimony**

*Knowing other Kairos Veterans, I myself am just a novice with Kairos Ministry having completed two K.I. programs at Cessnock and two at St Heliers, Muswellbrook. My commitment for the year to each ministry is Team training for 35 hours, getting paperwork correct for entry to prisons, a short course for 4-5 days and regular monthly visits for one day a month. Our team needs to be aware of the Chaplains issues and possibly problems of a lock-in where no-one can enter.*

The benefits are enormous.

Firstly, the team of fellow Christians like yourself. The personal stories and experience shared with each person helps you grow in your understanding and knowledge of God, his son Jesus and the Holy Spirit. It would be impossible to define what each member gives or shows you but all team members influenced me.

Secondly the inmates you listen to change so much over 4-5 days with some men so impressed with us coming to listen and talk to them about the Love of Jesus. It is interesting to see how wary they are of you at first as you don't show a personal side in prison.

By the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> day you can see their love in different ways not just speaking from the heart but coming out of their shell – some more than others. This start of the inmate's ministry group, after the Team leaves for return each month, is a seed to be nurtured by the Chaplain in the future.

Blessings to all,

Neil Goldthorpe. ( M23, Team M26 & M46 )

Are you being drawn to, or interested in assisting with this Ministry?

The larger our Team, the more inmates can be available for us.

Ring: Neil 0423 927 706 (but leave a message if I can't answer.)



## MAX YOUAMAN, A WONDERFUL ENCOURAGER.

One of the great blessings that Cursillo has given to our Diocese, is meeting other wonderful people, from other Parishes in the Diocese, whom, without Cursillo, you probably would never have met, and hence never have been blessed by their example of Christian Action & love.

Max, was one of those people, a wonderful, joyful encouraging man, who brought so much to Cursillo, and helped establish a strong, authentic Christian community.

I first met Max @ Morpeth, Newcastle Men's 2, back in October 1990, and I fondly remember the enthusiasm, joy and love, and his beaming smile, that were Max.

I recall the early Diocesan Ultreyas at the Cathedral, Max, always joyously greeting & encouraging us all on our journey.

Max was only too willing to be involved in helping to share the experience by being on team in this Diocese for Men's 3, Men's 5. Max led Men's 6 & then lent his organisational & helping skills on Men's 9 Gopher. M 12 Proctor, M18 Gopher & M33 Proctor.

Max served on Secretariat as treasurer from 1993 to 1995

We will certainly miss Max, whose contribution through loving service and encouragement helped establish Cursillo in this Diocese.

Bill Nicolle, M2. Newcastle



A little Miracle at Cursillo  
Before and after photos from story on page 12

Photo's from The Commissioning of  
Women's and Men's 47

