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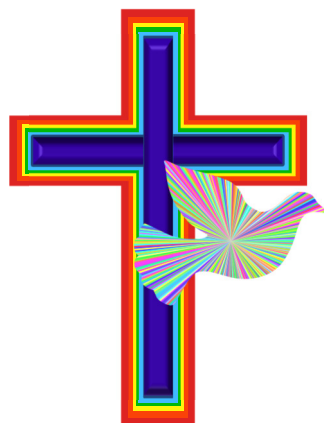
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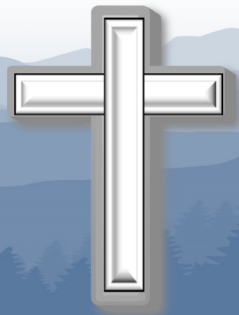
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WINTER 2019

*The landscape frozen white,
the earth in stillness holds its breath,
waiting for God's footprints.*



In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

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1st Tuesday of each month @ St Paul's Beresfield
6th August, 3rd September, 1st October, 5th November, 2019*

MONTHLY CURSILLO PRAYER DIARY

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

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- Day 7 National Meeting in Sydney 20th - 23rd September 2019
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- Day 21 Lake Macquarie - Clergy, Servant Community, Deanery Contact, Brian Taylor
- Day 22 Maitland - Clergy, Servant Community, Deanery Contact, Wendy Brack
- Day 23 Paterson - Clergy, Servant Community, Deanery Contact, Chris and Lewis Palmer
- Day 24 Manning - Clergy, Servant Community, Deanery Contact, Billie Baillie
- Day 25 Upper Hunter - Clergy, Servant Community, Deanery Contact, Tony Farmer
- Day 26 Newcastle - Clergy, Servant Community, Deanery Contact, Fr Chris Bullock
- Day 27 Lay Directors - W48 Glenda Grono and candidates
- Day 28 Lay Directors - M48 Robert Marsh and candidates
- Day 29 Prospective Sponsors and Potential Candidates
- Day 30 Fourth Day Community
- Day 31 World Cursillo Community, Kairos, Torch and Kairos Outside/Inside/Juvenile



FROM OUR DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

The account of the Holy Spirit coming on the day of Pentecost in the Acts of the Apostles is a very familiar one. When the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples a few days later, their transformation was immediate and lasting – changing from a cowering, frightened group of men hiding in the upper room into a band of confident evangelists, telling everyone the good news about JESUS. JESUS had promised them that the Spirit was coming. The Spirit, unlike JESUS, would always be with them – and by extension, with us.

But the Spirit also brought the inward effects of helping, teaching, convicting of sin and peace-bringing. This outpouring was not just for a select few disciples – it was for all people of every language and race. In the book of Genesis, for example, we are told how people of the world were scattered and confused after trying to become like GOD. At Pentecost, we see people coming back together again in GOD's way and in GOD's timing. The Spirit – who was involved in the creation of the earth – now returns to renew the face of the earth. In doing so He gives courage to JESUS' followers to 'declare the wonders of GOD.

JESUS' work on earth was complete; but the Spirit came, not as a replacement for JESUS, but to perform a parallel role as guide, comforter and counsellor – so that all of us down the centuries could have the benefit of GOD's presence in our lives. The Spirit is given equally to everyone – all of us are filled. The Holy Spirit is a gift of love to everyone who calls on the name of the LORD.

This year's Gospel for Pentecost – from John 14: 8-17 – provides us with a **toolbox of reminders** of how the Holy Spirit helps us:

- The first item in our toolbox is a pair of **working boots** – they help us to be strong and protect us from harm. They help us to walk boldly. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength to do whatever GOD requires.
- The next item is a **wedding ring** – when a couple get married, the exchanging of rings signifies a promise made to be always faithful to each other. JESUS promised that the Holy Spirit wouldn't just come and visit occasionally to see how we are getting on. Instead, He promised that the Holy Spirit would always be with us.
- The third item in our toolbox is **a map and a compass**. Like a map and a compass, the Holy Spirit shows us the right way to go; and helps us to know the truth about GOD.
- The next item is **a heart** – that lives in us. JESUS lived on the earth as a human; so, it wasn't physically possible for Him to be with everybody all at the same time. By the Holy Spirit, JESUS is always inside us – prompting us to do things GOD's way and to follow His example.
- The fifth item is **a textbook** – that can teach what we seek to learn. The Holy Spirit teaches us everything we need to know to follow GOD. He helps us understand what we read in the Bible. He helps us to be obedient. Without the Holy Spirit, we would struggle to do things GOD's way; but He teaches us everything.
- The final item is **a diary** – to remind us of what JESUS said. The Holy Spirit reminded the disciples of what JESUS taught them and He reminds us of the things we've learnt. I think most, if not, all of us would have experienced this at some time during our lives. The Holy Spirit also reminds us of GOD's love at times when life is tough; and He encourages us to do the right thing when we're tempted to go wrong.

This is what the Spirit does for us. This is why GOD gives us His Spirit. But what effect should the Holy Spirit have upon us? On the day of Pentecost, the disciples couldn't help but talk about GOD. They told others of the wonderful things GOD had done. In fact, they couldn't keep all this amazing news inside them. It was a case of it just bursting out of them. The Holy Spirit helps us respond excitedly to the wonderful things GOD has done. He will help us tell others the news – just like the first disciples.

The presence of the HOLY SPIRIT was heralded by the breath of JESUS, the sound of a mighty wind and the appearance of tongues of fire. Like fire, the Spirit both destroys and creates. Being the Spirit of Christ, which is a Spirit of love coming from the Father, it burns the sins of humanity through forgiveness. From Pentecost, the Church took on its missionary role. The timid and frightened Apostles, transformed by the Spirit, burst forth onto the streets and fearlessly preached the Good News about the mighty acts of God. Ever since, the Holy Spirit has been a permanent presence and a tower of strength in guiding, guarding and directing the Church. The Holy Spirit is a gift of the Father and of the Son to us this Pentecost.

De Colores

Fr Steve



Invitation to

The Fourth Day



Date: 28th September 2019

Venue: Southlakes Anglican
cnr Bridge and Newcastle St; Morriston

Time: 9:00 for 9:30am

Sponsors, Candidates and all Cursillistas welcome

Bring own lunch



Lake Macquarie Servant Community





**FROM OUR DIOCESAN CO-LAY DIRECTOR
BILL NICOLLE**

Greetings fellow vets!

As I am writing this article, I am filled with awe, anticipation and excitement as we experience the Holy Spirit's leading, transforming our lives in serving our Diocese and wider Communities that we live in.

Attending our commissioning of the teams for Men and Women's 48 (see report) was such a blessing, and I must thank all the volunteer vets that made this another blessed gathering, as we come together in Jesus' name.

That message from the Gospel, when Phillip said to Nathaniel about Jesus, to '**come and see**' certainly rings true, as we participate in Christian Community!

I have been doing some light reading on the reflections from the life of Eduardo Bonin re Cursillo, in particular with the mission of Cursillo, to go to those who are 'far away from Jesus', and how we are called to '**come along side**' all we meet, in humility and love, as we make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend gently to Christ. It's about relationships, how they take time and encouragement from all of us, as we share the good news of the Gospel, and bring His light and life into our homes and communities.

Needless to say your secretariat is busy with the planning of future events involving Cursillo for our Diocese, and for your involvement, diaries and prayers.

They are as follows:-

- ✓ **Cursillo "Re-charge" day.** (see detail page 12)
- ✓ **Welcome/Fourth day** - (see details page 4)
- ✓ On the June long weekend 2020, we will be celebrating **30 years** of the Cursillo Movement in this Diocese. Planning is well underway for our celebration. The Australian Anglican Cursillo National Conference will be held on 4th/5th June. Our celebration will commence on Friday evening and all day Saturday, finishing on Saturday evening on Saturday 6th June. More details will be provided in the ensuing issues of the Encourager.
- ✓ **2019 National Secretariat Meeting and Sydney Diocesan Ultreya** (see details page 9)

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and challenge us, to actively continue the work of Cursillo for Christ in our Diocese, and to lead us to friends that we make, **along the way**, and encourage them to attend Cursillo.

It will be great to be with you all, as we celebrate W48 Mananita, on Sunday 25th August, 2019.

Cheers, Blessings and Ultreya!

Bill

Co L.D. Cursillo Movement of the Newcastle Anglican Diocese.

Upcoming Events

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| National Secretariat | 20 September | Sydney |
| W48 Women's Cursillo - Glenda Grono | 22-25 August | Catalina |
| M48 Men's Cursillo - Robert Marsh | 5-8 September | Catalina |
| WM48 Men's and Women's Welcome Day | 28 September | Southlakes |
| Cursillo 2 | 4-7 October | Hong Kong |
| Diocesan Ultreya | 2 November | St James, Wyong |

NEWCASTLE DEANERY ULTREYAS

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| LAMBTON/ WALLSEND | 6 for 6.30pm 16 August | St John the Baptist Morehead Street, Lambton |
| KOTARA SOUTH | 6 for 6.30pm 18 October | Church of the Good Shepherd 99-101 Joslin Street, Kotara |

CENTRAL COAST DEANERY ULTREYAS

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| KINCUMBER | 2pm-4pm 10 August | St Paul's 167 Avoca Drive, Kincumber |
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PATERSON DEANERY ULTREYAS

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| STOCKTON | 4 pm 21 September | St Paul's 32-40 Maitland Street, Stockton |
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LAKE MACQUARIE DEANERY ULTREYAS

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| SOUTHLAKES | 2.00pm 22 September | All Saints Church Cnr Bridge & Newcastle Streets, Morisset |
| TORONTO | 2.00pm 27 October | Christ the King 211 Brighton Avenue, Toronto |

*Sunday afternoons will be an afternoon tea.
Please bring and share is expected at each venue.



De Colores



**MEET OUR SERVANT COMMUNITY COORDINATOR -
BRIAN TAYLOR**

M20 - TABLE OF SAINT MATTHEW

Men's 20 was coincidentally the weekend that the Newcastle Knights won their first premiership. I live in Charlestown with my wife Debbie and our two adult daughters Michelle and Rachael. I am now retired but previously taught Mathematics in schools at Wagga Wagga, Balranald, Quirindi and here in the Newcastle area.

I am proud and humble to have accepted the invitation to become a member of Secretariat, receiving the position of Servant Community Co-ordinator working together with Barbara Hayes. This seems a good fit for me as I have served on the Lake Macquarie Servant Community for a number of years now.

The Cursillo Movement has much to be thankful for considering the excellent work my predecessor Gail Isles has done in this role. I like other Cursillistas believe that the Cursillo program remains an important part (perhaps even more so in the present climate) of our Diocesan outreach need and should be encouraged to the full by our parishes.

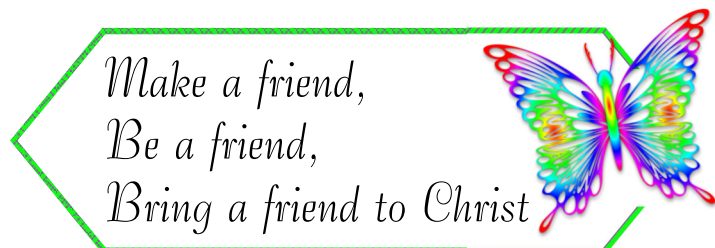
My personal journey with Cursillo did not begin with a "run-of-the-mill" invitation.

For a number of weeks I had been attending an Alpha course at my local church, St. Albans at Charlestown. I had really enjoyed the time, learning more about my faith and the wonderful fellowship that you develop with your fellow participants just like a "Cursillo weekend". At the closing dinner, I remember saying to Gordon Wenham (with whom I have since been on "team" a number of times), "gee this is great", Gordon's simple reply was: "if you think this is great, you should go on a Cursillo weekend". This is where you see God's Hand in all this.

It just so happened that the Lay Leader for the next Cursillo weekend was Greg Rigby, was a member of my local church and a Cursillo weekend was due to commence in a few weeks. Well the rest is history as they say. Although I knew that "I was on a good thing" when I received palanca from good friends (whom I had known for a number of years); Jim and Barb Warland and Father Gary and Benita Parker who were also at the Mananita as well.

Since then I have been encouraged to grow in my faith and Christian maturity by the support and friendship of so many Cursillistas. If you are a member of the Cursillo Fourth Day please continue in prayer for those who are yet to experience Cursillo, and are yet to find, and reach their true Christian potential with the movement, and in God's wider world.

De Colores
Brian Taylor



**A WORD FROM OUR NATIONAL LAY DIRECTOR
FOCUSSING IN PARTICULAR ON OUR NEXT SECRETARIAT**

 **2019 NATIONAL SECRETARIAT MEETING:** will be from 20th-22nd September 2019.

The venue is Lutanda Yarramundi (River Park) 761 Springwood Road, Yarramundi. It is situated on the Nepean River and is approximately 11mins (12kms) from Richmond and 25mins (27kms) from Penrith.

View the site at

<http://lutanda.org.au/outdoor-conference-and-retreat-centres/yarramundi/>.

Registration for delegates will be via Google Doc with an online form to download if required.

If you have any IMPORTANT matters that you wish discussed at National then please contact me or our Diocesan LD's.

 **SYDNEY DIOCESAN ULTREYA – TO WHICH ALL CURSILLISTAS ARE WELCOME**


We will be Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Cursillo in Sydney on the 21 September - Lunch - BBQ at Richmond Anglican 384 Windsor St, Richmond

 **PLEASE ALSO MAKE USE OF OUR NATIONAL CURSILLO WEBSITE:**


Alan Gray is our Web Editor and he welcomes more input from Diocesan Cursillistas – please send details of Ultreyas and events to Alan...

Website: <https://www.cursillo-australia.org/>

Alan's details are: Alan Gray, Mob: 0425 288 985 Email: alangray48@icloud.com

 **CURSILLO IN HONG KONG:** After we celebrated the first Cursillo in Hong Kong 2018, Cursillo HK#2 will take place from 4-6 October 2019.

Please keep the Team and Candidates in your prayers.

 **2 DAY CURSILLOS/SHORTENED VERSIONS:** If your Diocese has held any variant of our 3-day weekend, we would welcome feedback for future reporting both to Secretariat and on our website.

Blessings to you all for your commitment and faithfulness in His Service.

De Colores and Ultreya

Jim Warland National Lay Director Anglican Cursillo

**MEN'S AND WOMEN'S 48 CURSILLO
COMMISSIONING, WEEKEND DATES,
TEAM MEMBERS AND WEEKEND THEMES**

The 11th May, a glorious autumn day at St John's Anglican Church, Raymond Terrace, was the venue for the commissioning of the teams for our upcoming Cursillo's to be held at the Catalina Convention Centre, Rathmines in spring 2019.

The traditional morning cuppa, meet and greet and sharing of the beautiful nibbles and fellowship that is part of our Christian tradition of making 'all welcome', introduced the joyous collection of Cursillistas, numbering over 70, who gathered for the Commissioning of Men and Women's 48 Cursillo.

After the 'meet and greet get together' we then moved to the beautiful historic church for the Eucharist service and commissioning of the teams.

During the service, the leaders of each team Glenda Grono Women's 48 and Robert Marsh Men's 48, introduced their teams for commissioning, and all team responded firmly to the task ahead of forming their communities for each short course.

It was such an encouragement and wonderful Palanca to us all, with uplifting singing, and the presence of vets in attendance, and those who upheld the day in prayer, that couldn't attend.

After the commissioning service and Eucharist, led by our Spiritual Directors, Fr Steve and Reverend Michelle, the teams commenced their training at an introductory session, which included lunch.

Please uphold Glenda and Robert and their respective teams as they continue their training over the weeks ahead.

Cheers, Blessings and Ultreya!

Bill Nicolle,

Co L.D. Newcastle Anglican Cursillo Movement.



WOMEN'S 48

MEN'S 48

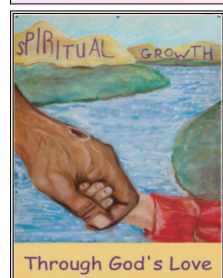


W48 Thursday 22nd August to Sunday 25th August 2019

THEME: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

SONG: 'The Lords My Shepherd'

PASSAGE- Psalm 23



M48 Thursday 5th September to Sunday 8th September 2019.

Theme: SPIRITUAL GROWTH THROUGH GOD'S LOVE

SONG: 'How Deep is the Fathers Love for Us'

PASSAGE- Ephesians 3:14-21 [nlt]

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| Glenda Grono | Lay Director | Robert Marsh |
| Nettie Sullivan | Proctor | Bill Baillie |
| Karen Lizasoain | Proctor | Derek Corless |
| Rev Canon Janet Killen | Spiritual Advisor | Rev Steve Niland |
| Rev Juleen Partridge | Spiritual Advisor | Rev Michael Davies |
| Helen Joice | IT | Derek Corless |
| Robert Joice | Muso | Neil McGregor |
| Helen Shearer | Gopher | Lewis Palmer |
| Leonie Toovey | Gopher | Ben Holgate |
| Marea Niland | Ideal Talk | Lance Phillips |
| Liz O' Sullivan | Grace Talk | Garry Roth |
| Joyce Middleton | Laity Talk | Jim Cleland |
| Spiritual Advisor | Faith Talk | Spiritual Advisor |
| Jane Nicolle | Piety Talk | Grant Killen |
| Jane Conway | Study Talk | Richard Halstead |
| Spiritual Advisor | Sacrament Talk part 1 | Spiritual Advisor |
| Spiritual Advisor | Sacrament Talk part 2 | Spiritual Advisor |
| Lorna Gardiner | Apostolic Action Talk | Ben Holgate |
| Spiritual Advisor | Obstacles to Grace Talk | Spiritual Advisor |
| Leonie Toovey | Leaders Talk | Michael Sinclair |
| Karen Lizasoain | Environment Talk | Lewis Palmer |
| Sara Earl | Christian Living Talk | Nick Waymouth |
| Terri McInerney | Community Talk | Bill Baillie |
| Nettie Sullivan | Joy of Giving Talk | Robert Marsh |
| Glenda Grono | Group Reunion Talk | Robert Marsh |
| Glenda Grono | Fourth Day/ Ultreya Talk | Robert Marsh |



*Diocese of Newcastle
Anglican Cursillo® Movement.*



Calling all Cursillistas, come and be part of a great day of fellowship, singing, sharing and encouragement as we develop ways we can support and strengthen the Cursillo Movement in our Diocese.

SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER, 2019

- 6:15am** Our gift of Palanca @ MANANITA to M48 @ Catalina Conference Centre, Rathmines.
- 7:30 am** Morisset for a quick cuppa.
- 8:00 am** Southlakes Anglican Church.
Join Southlakes congregation for Holy Communion, BBQ breakfast and morning activities, including morning tea.
- Midday** A BBQ Lunch, followed by afternoon activities.
- 4:15 pm** Depart for Catalina Conference Centre @ Rathmines,
- 5:00pm** Celebrate CLAUSURA with the Community of M48. Catalina Conference Centre is about 15 minutes from Southlakes Anglican Church, Morisset.

**Contact numbers for further details are:-
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is an evangelical ministry in the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle
ANGLICAN MEN'S WEEKEND
Building up men in Jesus.....in faith, hope and love.
'Experiencing God'
17th-18th May 2019

This year's men's weekend theme was 'Experiencing God'.

For the last four years the event has been held at Tahlee ministries, however, this year's men's weekend seemed to be under attack from the very outset. We were plagued with issues like double bookings, a late change to the keynote speaker, last minute advice that our usual venue was no longer available resulting in several refunds for pre-existing registrations and then the federal election announced for 'our' weekend.

With all these set-backs, did the organizing team feel like throwing in the towel? – I can testify that some of us certainly did! However, this is what 'experiencing God' is all about. He prevailed despite our human difficulties and the weekend of fellowship building up men in Jesus went ahead, albeit in a restructured format.

27 men attended the Friday evening BBQ/talk/movie at All Saints ANeW (New Lambton).

69 men from across the Diocese came to the all day Saturday program.

The weekend included keynote talks on 'Experiencing God – The Beginning', 'Experiencing God – Under New Management', 'Experiencing God – The Change', 'Experiencing God – The Pain and The Gain'. Supporting talks were 'Experiencing God – as an Unbeliever', 'Experiencing God – When the Wheels Fall Off'. Ministry spots were 'Cursillo and Kairos' and 'SOMA' – Sharing Of Ministries Abroad.

The organising committee thanks the Cursillo movement in the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle and invites all men (believers or, especially, not) to come to our next event to be held in 2020.

Keep checking <https://www.edifynewcastle.com/> for upcoming details.

Steve Parsons
(registrar EDIFY 2019)



Keynote speaker: Nathan Killick Assistant Pastor Camden Haven



Toukley, Woy Woy and Merewether

TOUKLEY IN APRIL

St Luke's Toukley is one of the most northerly parishes on the Central Coast so it's quite an excursion for the people 'down south' to attend.

We were all treated to beautiful hospitality, good music from Cate, inspiring witness from Noeline, and spiritual direction from our Cursillista friend, Reverend Fr Steve Powter, generously caring for the parishioners at both Toukley and The Entrance.

Parish Contact, Anne Watt and her guest offsider did a fine job in preparing the Ultraya and sent us off to share the Ultraya Group Reunion before fellowship at afternoon tea.

Our prayers are with Wyong member, Leonie, on team for Women's 48.

Thank you, Parish Contacts, Anne and Noeline, and Cursillistas at Toukley!

UMINA BEACH (WOY WOY) IN JUNE

The other St Luke's, on Ocean Beach Road Umina, belongs to Woy Woy, the most southerly parish on the Coast, so the 'top end' journeyed the distance this time.

How blessed we are to meet with such joy in the Spirit to bring glory to our Lord and Saviour! Having fellowship at lunch before Ultraya and during floating Group Reunion is good for the family of Cursillo and a perfect time to welcome the two friends brought along by Verna and Natalie.

Our prayers are with Men's 48 Team members, Derek and Fr Michael Davies, and Leonie on Women's 48.

Fr Michael introduced the speaker, Ruth, who witnessed to recognising her long journey finding the calling God was leading her to. Her choice of songs was most appropriate: "As The Deer Pants For The Water", and "Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart".

After comments from the audience and Fr Michael's spiritual encouragement, Lay Leader, Anthea read from Galatians of the Fruit of the Spirit. With the sterling song powerpoint, colourfully prepared on local scenery by Derek and Elizabeth, we could not fail to celebrate the privilege we have been assigned, to make a friend, be a friend and bring our friends gently to Jesus.

Ultreya! to Parish Contacts, Derek and Elizabeth, and Woy Woy Cursillistas.

Helen and Bruce

MEREWETHER IN JUNE

St Augustine's, Merewether on Friday 14th June was the first one co jointly held by St. Augustine's, The Cathedral and St John's, Cooks Hill Parishes.

Reverend Jan Deaves from the Cathedral gave us an inspiring Witness talk to which our spiritual adviser for the night, Reverend Ken Youman, responded with great insight and understanding.

We were so fortunate to have these two lovely, warm Christ committed Cursillistas with us.

I doubled as Lay Leader and pianist for the night, joined by Mark Thornton from St John's on guitar.

All in attendance contributed wholeheartedly to a great evening of fellowship, praise and worship and the spirit of our Lord was definitely felt amongst us.

Rosemary Allen (St Augustine's, Merewether)



Reverend
Jan Deaves



Reverend
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REPORT KAIROS

#12 ST HELIERS, MUSWELLBROOK 13-17 MAY 2019

The commandment of Jesus to love one another, following his example, is at the heart of the Kairos imperative, expressed as it is in the Kairos motto "Love, love, listen listen".

Our privilege of being able to go into the prison comes with a responsibility to be agents of love. Our hope – our prayer – is that all the team, the 14 men and 6 women, were the means of God’s love being evident to the 18 participants.

One of the questions at the closing service for any of the men who would like to comment was "What was your ‘spiritual condition’ before you came to Kairos – and now?" It was both moving and encouraging to hear the open sharing of men who, in many cases, have been on very traumatic journeys in life, to be able to share and to speak of "a new spark".

Please continue to pray for us as we return each month to encourage these men in their meeting together for mutual support and worship.

Your prayers were very evident over the week as we were protected and released for service in God’s name.

The generosity of your support is overwhelming – the prayers, the biscuits, and the other expressions of love – and something that has a significant impact on the men. They find it difficult to comprehend at first. We also have generous support from the Chaplain and the staff.

It was a lovely – and tiring week – but as always "God is good"!

Blessings

Chris Bullock

(Clergy team member)

PS: We have now held our first "follow-up", called a Journey Day. The enthusiastic welcome and involvement of the men in the day was a great encouragement.

One of the talks for the day was about "Spiritual Listening" – listening "with the heart". There are many solid lessons for all of us as we travel together with these men and each other. Please continue to pray for all involved.



VALE LESLEY HATTON



Lesley Hatton, one of the most dedicated and committed Cursillistas, departed this life to be with her Lord on Good Friday – 19 April 2019.

Lesley did her three day Cursillo weekend at Grafton in 1989 and was a Team Member for Newcastle 2 .

A gifted musician Lesley was Muso for numerous Women’s Cursillo weekends. One of her most interesting and memorable weekends was being Muso for a Men’s Weekend – Lesley spoke often and very warmly about her experiences on that particular weekend.

Lesley was one of the early members of Secretariat. She would leave Taree after work, drive to Newcastle attend the meeting – more often than not over a meal – then drive home to Killabakh arriving at nearly midnight.

Lesley was the original Contact Person for Manning Deanery and eventually established the current system of having Parish Contacts.

In the early days of Cursillo in Newcastle we Cursillistas from the Manning, including Lesley every time, would rise early leaving about 3am in time to be at Mananita – fill in the day in many and varied ways – then attend Clausura getting home about 11pm after a very full but most enjoyable day.

The first weekend that was held away from Morpeth was at Bonny Hills (near Laurieton in the parish of The Camden Haven) and it was during the time that Lesley sat on Secretariat. During the planning of this particular weekend it was suggested that Clausura should be an hour earlier because of the distance and travel time. Lesley could not contain herself and said "Do you mean to say that it takes longer to travel from north to south rather than from south to north!!" Clausura was always held an hour earlier following that weekend.

That particular story was one of Lesley’s favourites as she often remembered and spoke fondly of her long association with the Cursillo movement.

"Farewell" good and faithful servant.

Beryl Fenwick

A Place Called Heaven

I have a place that waits for me
a place I love, called Calvary
where angels sing and rejoice all day
and children laugh, run and play.

Here the Masters holds my hand
as we walk through Heavens land.

This is the place I've dreamed of for so long
so beautiful, so heavenly like the angels song.

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