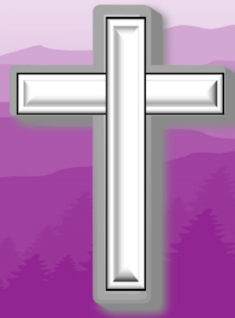


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1st Tuesday of each month @ All Saints New Lambton
7th April, 5th May, June 2nd, 7th July, 2020*



FROM OUR DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

The Gospel passage for 7th Sunday after Epiphany came from Matthew 5: 38-48.

In it, JESUS teaches us about revenge. GOD's purpose behind this law was an expression of mercy. The law was given to the judges and said, in effect,

"Make the punishment fit the crime."

It was not a guide for personal revenge – such as might be thought of in terms of the "like-for-like" in Exodus 21 23-25:

If any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

These laws were given to LIMIT vengeance and to help the court administer punishment that was neither too strict nor too lenient. Some people, however, were using this phrase to justify their vendettas against others. People still try to excuse their acts of revenge by saying: "I was just doing to him what he did to me."

The Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 12. 19:

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'

GOD originally gave this instruction in the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy 32. 35:

Vengeance is mine.

When we are wronged, often our first reaction is to get even. JESUS said that we should do GOOD to those who wrong us. In the passion translation of the Bible under the heading of TRANSFORMED RELATIONSHIPS the Apostle Paul in Romans 12 tells us:

Let the inner movement of your heart always be to love one another.

Our desire should NOT be to keep score; but to love and forgive. This is not natural to us as humans – it is SUPER-natural. Only GOD can give us the strength to love as He does. So, instead of planning vengeance, pray for those who hurt you.

By telling us not to retaliate, JESUS keeps us from taking the law into our own hands. By loving and praying for our enemies, we can overcome evil with GOOD.

If we love our enemies and treat them well, we will truly show that JESUS is the LORD of our lives. This is possible only for those who

give themselves fully to GOD, because only He can deliver people from natural selfishness. We must trust the Holy Spirit to help us SHOW love for those whom we may not feel love.

JESUS tells us in the final verse of our Gospel for today to:

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

How can we do that? We can try to be perfect in:

- ✎ CHARACTER. In this life we cannot be flawless, but we can aspire to be as much like CHRIST as possible.
- ✎ HOLINESS. Like the Pharisees, we are to separate ourselves from the world's sinful values. But unlike the Pharisees, we are to be devoted to GOD's desires rather than our own; and carry His love and mercy into the world.
- ✎ MATURITY. We cannot achieve CHRISTLIKE character and holy living all at once; but we must endeavour to grow toward maturity and wholeness. Just as we expect different behaviour from a baby, a child, a teenager, and an adult, so GOD expects different behaviour from us, depending on our stage of spiritual development.
- ✎ LOVE. We can seek to love others as completely as GOD loves us.

We can be as perfect as possible if our behaviour is appropriate for our maturity level. There will always be much room in which to grow. Our tendency to sin must never deter us from striving to be more like JESUS. JESUS calls all His disciples to excel, to rise above mediocrity, and to mature in as many ways as possible to become more like Him.

De Colores

Fr Steve



Is God calling you to visit Him in Prison?

Matthew 25:36

Men's Kairos Inside (KI #13) St Helier's.

Please put in your diary, Kairos Inside @ St Heliers, Muswellbrook from 25th to 29th May, will be conducted under the leadership of Ian Silver.

Please uphold the team and candidates as they all participate in this life changing details. We can all help in many ways such as prayer, Writing Letters, Prayer Vigil, Baking Biscuits / Slices, Making a Banner, Attend Closing Ceremony, Financial support.

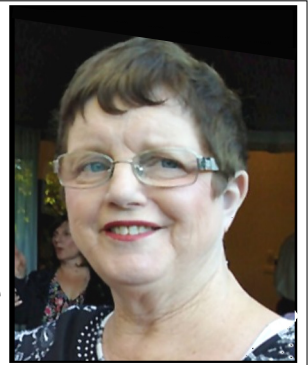
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MONTHLY CURSILLO PRAYER DIARY

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 6 National Webmaster - Allan Grey
- Day 7 National Meeting in Raymond Terrace 5th June, 2020
- Day 8 Diocesan Co-Lay Directors - Noelene Lentfer
- Day 9 Diocesan Co-Lay Directors - Bill Nicolle
- Day 10 Diocesan Spiritual Director - Reverend Steve Niland
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- Day 14 Prayer Coordinator - Reverend Chris Bullock
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- Day 16 Servant Community Co-ordinator - Jeanette Deaves
- Day 17 Diocesan Proctor - Steve Parsons
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- 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 - W49 Lorraine Phillips
- Day 28 Lay Directors - M49 David Koch
- Day 29 Prospective Sponsors and Potential Candidates
- Day 30 30th Birthday Celebrations 6th June 2020 and Fourth Day Community
- Day 31 World Cursillo Community, Kairos, Torch and Kairos Outside/Inside/Juvenile

MEET OUR NEW DIOCESAN CO-LAY DIRECTOR - NOELENE LENTFER



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It is a real privilege and very humbling to be asked to be of service to our God and the Cursillo Family as your Co-Lay Director with Bill Nicolle. I pray that all that I do will be to the Glory of our Loving Lord in the building up of Cursillo in the diocese, serving with love, in prayer and warm friendship.

A little about myself. I worship in the parish of All Saints' ANeW New Lambton.

I am married to Dennis [54 years] now both retired. We have 2 children a son, Aaron 52 and a daughter, Katrina 48 and 3 beautiful grandchildren, Imogen 21 in 4th year University, Connor 18 commencing University this year Primary Teaching, Charlie 15 in Yr. 10 Merewether High School still wondering what he will do in the future.

My background is in Nursing, training in Grafton and working at Bellingen Hospital and the Mater Newcastle for 30years. I also worked for the Dalmar Children's Homes in Sydney for 3 years during Court Committals.

My personal journey with Cursillo, started in 1993 when my Rector's wife at the time did not give up on me saying no and persisted until a yes was received. What a blessing that turned out to be. I thank God every day for that healing service. It was just what I needed. You can't fool God.

My journey since my Cursillo has been of great encouragement, deepening my faith and Christian growth through the fellowship of Group Reunion and Ultreyas.

I have been privileged to be a Week-end Lay Leader and on Team 4 times as well as serving on Servant Community and Secretariat.

My prayer is that as I start in this new role you will uphold myself and Bill in your prayers as together we meet the challenges that will present, grasp opportunities to welcome, encourage and introduce new Cursillistas by invitation, support the Cursillo weekends but most importantly pray fervently, thanking God for His goodness and grace to us all.

I look forward to serving and meeting with you during the year.

Blessings and De Colores

Noelene Lentfer

Co Lay Director





Diary Dates

WM49 Commissioning	9 th May	Raymond Terrace
National Secretariat	5 th June	Raymond Terrace
30 years Celebrations	5 th June	Raymond Terrace
W49 Women's Council Lorraine Phillips	3 - 16 th August	Catalina
W49 Men's Council Kevin	27 th - 30 th August	Catalina
W49 Men's and Women's Welcome Day	12 th September	Raymond Terrace
Diocesan Ultreya	7 th November	Newcastle

DEANERY ULTREYAS		
LAKES ANGLICAN	20 th June 2pm-4pm	Lakes Anglican, 274 Wallarah Road, Kanwal
NEW LAMBTON	17 th July 6 for 6.30pm	All Saints Church, 33 Regent, St, New Lambton
KOTARA SOUTH	16 th October 6 for 6.30pm	Church of the Good Shepherd 99-101 Joslin Street, Kotara,



DIOCESAN CO-LAY DIRECTOR - BILL NICOLE



Greetings vets! What an exciting year 2020 will be for Cursillo in our Diocese.

On the 9th of May @ St John's Church, Raymond Terrace, will be the Commissioning of M & W 49 team, for the respective Cursillos in August this year. Please see flyer in this issue for details. Please uphold Lorraine and David in prayer as they form their respective teams. Our presence as vets at a commissioning of the teams is such a blessing, and encouragement, especially to the teams as they commit to the task of team building of a loving Christian community in action.

On Saturday, 6th June we celebrate 30 years of the Cursillo Movement, since the Grafton Diocese brought this life changing movement to us! Planning is now complete, for our celebration. Please see details re the event, location and registration, in centre of this issue of the Encourager. My prayer is, "as we come together to share and give thanks to God for Cursillo, for the transformation in our lives, that we all continue in perseverance, in building up Christ's body, to be Christ's hands and feet in our environments". Wouldn't it be great if we could all "bring a friend" to the Ultreya and celebration dinner on the Saturday evening!

I have been reflecting on the financial aspect of sponsorship of a friend to allow them to experience their Cursillo. As you will appreciate, over the past years, the 3½ day costs have increased to over \$400 per person. Secretariat has always strived to find suitable venues and has always subsidised costs, including cases of hardship. We are all, most aware, that there is no exclusion on account of cost to participate in a Cursillo weekend. At our National Secretariat meeting in Sydney last year we canvassed many of the other Dioceses on sponsorship and costs, especially of our guests we have invited. Several vets from other Diocese expressed that all the costs for a guest were covered by the sponsor, be it their Group reunion or church. I am aware of this being done in our Diocese, however wouldn't this be a blessing if this was "the norm", a gift from the church, that's us, to friend who would like to attend their Cursillo.

We all realise, as Christians, the importance of prayer and good communications, and Apostolic Action in our lives. If you haven't already done so, you can download the current 2020 Apostolic Action diary for your reflections and suggested actions from our own Newcastle Cursillo webpage. Our webpage is a wonderful means of keeping ig

touch with what is happening in not only in our Diocese, but Diocese throughout Australia.

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 their Cursillo.

Cheers, Blessings & Ultreya!

Bill

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

*We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect
our own safety:
we are people who protect
our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs,
for as long as it takes
and wherever you call us. Amen.*

MEET OUR NEW
SERVANT COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATOR
-JEANETTE DEAVES



Hi! My name is Jeanette Deaves,
W46, 2017, Table of Phoebe.

I worship at All Saints Anglican Church at
Morisset, South Lakes Parish.

I am a new member of Lake Macquarie Servant
Community, and Secretariat.

On Secretariat, my role is Servant Community Co-ordinator, working
together with Brian Taylor. I was surprised and humbled when asked
to become a member of these groups.

Attending Cursillo was a great blessing for me. I gained four wonderful
friends from the Table of Phoebe. At Ultreyas, I discovered a joyous
new way to worship the Lord with fellow believers. Where we sing,
share our faith, our journey, and eat great food. How fabulous!

I am a retired nurse of nearly forty years. During these years I
worked in different areas of nursing - Psychiatry, General nursing,
Midwifery, and Community nursing; working in a various positions.

As a result of my nursing background, I like nothing more than being
helpful and occupied. I am involved in many activities within the church.

Volunteering with others, from both inside and outside the church,
we prepare and price donations, given to us for our church garage
sales. I help with catering for functions and funerals. I especially love
the luncheons we put on for groups of refugee school students,
returning to Sydney from their weekend camps. I volunteer a couple
of days a month in our Op Shop, this is great fun too. The thing I love
about all these activities is being with other people where we can put
our faith into action.

I pray that I can give back to Cursillo, as much as I have received
from it.

De Colores,
Jeanette





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SATURDAY 6th JUNE 2020

NATIONAL ULTREYA 3.30pm

CELEBRATION DINNER 6.00pm

REGISTRATION FORM

Theme:

20/20 Vision

His plan – our mission





REPORTS

Belmont Ultraya

Onward and upward, despite the struggle.

Despite the heat, despite the flies, even despite the bees in the tree directly outside the door at All Saints Belmont Hall, the first Ultraya in Lake Macquarie deanery for 2020 went ahead as planned!

Chairs were set up, in a circle, expectant of reduced numbers because of the hot weather. But, one by one, chairs had to be added as more and more smiles walked through the doors!

Old friends meet, and new ones greet with that inexplicable "something" that Cursillo encourages: being bound as one, in the love shared among us so that we are Spirit led to make a friend, be a friend, and guide that friend gently to Jesus: through the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Ruth McFarland led the Ultraya. The music was provided by Steve Parsons on the guitar, with Lyne Parsons managing the hymn projection. Our witness speaker was Helen Edwards and the Spiritual Adviser was Reverend Janet Killen.

Helen's witness talk embraced the challenges she faced over the past twelve months. She likens her year to the poem "Footsteps in the Sand". Helen's story of faith is encouraging and uplifting.

Throughout our Ultraya we acknowledged the original stewards of this land, praised the Lord in worship songs, shared a meal, heard powerful witness, reflected, and were reminded of the sovereignty of our Lord.

God Bless, De Colores and ULTREYA!

Steve Parsons and Jeanette Deaves



Cathedral Ultraya - A blessed beginning to the year

The first Ultraya in Newcastle for the year was held at the Cathedral early in January. This time suits because the Cathedral as the choir is in recess and Cursillo can have access on a Friday evening.

We were warmly welcomed to the Cathedral by Dean Katherine and Sub Dean Angela. Arranging the seating around the altar in the transept always gives a feeling of intimacy to our gathering.

This Ultreya was the combined effort of the Cursillistas in the parishes of the Cathedral, Merewether and Cooks Hill (St John's Newcastle). It is an encouragement to have parishes coming together to arrange the evening when the numbers in any one parish benefit from the fellowship of a neighbour.

Our leader was Cathy Claydon. Music on the piano was provided by Rosemary Allen supported by Mark Watson on guitar. Our Witness Speaker was Anne Clarke and the Spiritual Adviser was Fr Ken Youman. Apart from a little hiccup with books (although now Newcastle Cursillo has received a generous gift from Charlestown of some more Mission Praise books), we had a splendid night of singing –as only Cursillistas can!

Anne's witness talk produced some very animated discussions in the Group Reunions that followed. Folk were touched and stimulated by her sharing. Many there were able to relate to her spiritual experiences in their own "pilgrimage". We did (and do) give thanks to God for Anne's sharing; and for all those who are willing to share in such an encouraging way as we acknowledge God's presence with us.

The chatter over a cup of tea at the back of the Cathedral brought many friends together. We were pleased to welcome some guests, who may have been "a bit nervous" at the beginning, but left encouraged (as they assure us!).

The Ultreya was well attended. We thank God for those who worked to prepare and for those who participated.

Cheers, Blessings and Ultreya!

Bill



Central Coast Ultreya at Church of the Holy Spirit, Terrigal

Thirty-one people from all around the Central Coast gathered for a time of encouragement and fellowship. It was nice to have at least six non-Cursillistas as our guests. We also appreciated a visit from our National Lay Director, Jim Warland and his wife, Barb to promote our 30 years celebration Ultreya and Dinner on June long week-end.

Libby Harvey ably led us, both as Lay Director and Musician, lifting our souls in song.

Our Witness speaker was Ken Bilston who shared how he used the Cursillo tripod method of Piety, Study and Action to work through a dilemma he was having about a public social issue. After prayer (piety), checking the actual biblical quotation (study), he was led to decide on a position resulting in a particular action that he has chosen to take in this matter (action).

Different people responded to what Ken had shared then Reverend Ann Watson led us in a reflection generated by what was said. We sang Ken's second song before we were formed into our Groups for sharing what God had been doing in our lives.

Another song, an evening prayer, then afternoon tea. It's always great to gather.

De Colores,
Bruce Fraser



HOW CURSILLO HAS HELPED ME IN MY FAITH JOURNEY

I have experienced many significant things that have helped me in my faith journey, one of the most rewarding and encouraging for me was when I went on a Cursillo 3 day course. It was during these 3 days my head knowledge and heart joined as one. I simply became more aware of God in my life, a beginning to look for a better relationship with Him.

The 3 days gave me the opportunity to focus on the Lord, recognizing what He has done for us, I was renewed, refreshed, encouraged, challenged, enlightened and experienced the great love God has for each of His children.

My faith journey has grown immensely since my Cursillo building up my self-confidence and with this, my Spiritual and Prayer life started to bloom.

Through the loving support of the wider Cursillo Community I have been encouraged to be involved in many actives in my parish, family and wider community life, this has enable me to live as Christ in the world.

Cursillo has been a big help in sustaining my faith journey through prayer, study and action in both the good and troubled times.

Within the Cursillo Movement in this Diocese, I now realize what special gifts we all have, I feel so blessed to be chosen by God as one of His instruments wherever our dear Lord may lead me.

Lyn Carter
Women's Cursillo14A



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2020

"Three Days: Introduction to Cursillo"

Women's 49

5.00pm Thursday 13th August - 7.00pm Sunday 16th August

Men's 49

5.00pm Thursday 27th August - 7.00pm Sunday 30th August

AT CATALINA CONFERENCE CENTRE, HARRIS STREET 2285

3 nights 3 days

COST \$250 - fully catered accommodation in a shared room

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(limited number available for special needs)

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(**Application forms can be download from our website**)

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

The more you give, the more you get -
The more you laugh, the less you fret
The more you do unselfishly;
the more you live abundantly -
The more of everything you share,
the more you'll always have to spare -
The more you love, the more you'll find -
that life is good and friends are kind -
For only what we give away,
enriches us from day to day.





NEWCASTLE AND NATIONAL CURSILLO WEBSITE – MADE EASY...

Keep up-to-date with what is happening in Cursillo by accessing our Newcastle Website and also our National Website

(See below).

NEWCASTLE WEBSITE: <http://www.cursillonewcastle.org.au>

Where to locate things...

Click the following: "**About** " – to find details of:

- Newcastle Secretariat
- Sponsor Guidelines
- How to make payments to Newcastle Cursillo

"**Diary** " – for Newcastle's Apostolic Action Diary and also drop-down Diary listings for the current year

"**News** " - shows Newcastle Cursillo news - with the most recent shown first

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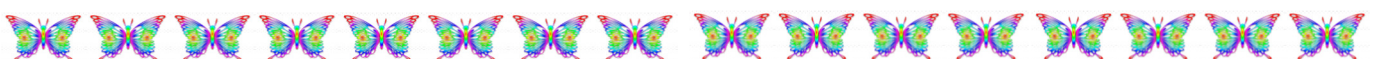
"**Forms**" - contains current 'Bookmark', 'What is Cursillo Leaflet' and forms to hand to Cursillistas to keep their information up-to-date.

"**Recent Posts** ", "**Quick Links** " and "**Categories** " - can also be used to access some of the above and Cursillo 3 day course application forms.

"**Subscribe by Email** " - allows you to enter your email and receive updates when any new information is posted on the website

NATIONAL WEBSITE: <https://www.cursillo-australia.org/>

The headings for National Cursillo are fairly self-explanatory and you just click on them for information. It includes listings of Cursillo office-bearers and contacts throughout Australia under 'Region Contacts.'



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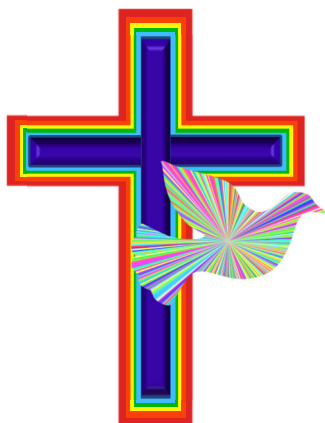
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