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In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Acts 20:35



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7th December 2021, 1st February 2022, 1st March 2022,
5th April 2022.*



FROM OUR DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

FR STEVE NILAND



RESPONSE TO DIOCESAN ULTREYA WITNESS TALK

Good Morning. Stephen Niland. Men's 7, 1992. Table of St Luke.

Our theme for today is "This is a day of New Beginnings".

2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us:

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Thank you, Noel, for sharing your Cursillo journey with us today. It was lovely to hear the name of our dear departed friend, Max Youman, mentioned. He and Ann have certainly been a valued part of Cursillo over the years.

Early on you shared with us that both Elwyne and you were at a crossroads in your faith and that you were prepared to try anything to move forward in a positive way in your faith. GOD wishes to transform us into the people He would have us become.

Our Parish Bible Study groups at Raymond Terrace have been studying CS Lewis' "Mere Christianity" – and near the end of the book, Lewis talks about the need for us to be open to be transformed by GOD. Many people are content with their lot in life – not wanting to rock the boat as it were – not wanting to change – [we've had that light bulb for the last 53 years, 4 months and 8 days and it's perfectly OK!] Lewis gives us an example about the way we change even prior to birth. He says this: "We were once rather like vegetables, and once rather like fish: it was only at a later stage that we became like human babies". And if we had been quite conscious at those earlier stages, I daresay we should have been quite contented to stay as vegetables or fish – (and) we should not have wanted to be made into babies. But all the time GOD knew His plan for us and was determined to carry it out. Something the same is now happening at a higher level. We may be content to remain at what we call 'ordinary people': but He – GOD – is determined to carry out a different plan. To shrink back from that plan is not humility – it is laziness and cowardice. To submit to it is not conceit or megalomania – it is obedience.

I give thanks to GOD, Noel, that Elwyne and you made the decision to OBEY GOD's call on your lives so that He could continue the process of transformation in your lives – and that Cursillo was a tool that GOD deployed in this process.

Here are some steps we need to take in this process:

1. God Needs His Word in Us Before He Can Start transforming us.

Just as a potter needs enough water mixed in with the clay in order to begin fashioning the clay into the shape he desires, so GOD needs His Word in us before He can begin to transform us.

Just like our physical bodies need water in order to be able to live and survive in this world, in the same way our souls need God's Word flowing through us in order to feed us on the inside.

In Ephesians 5:26 we are told" ... that Christ might sanctify and cleanse His Church with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself as a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish."

2. We Have to Be Properly "Centered" in Jesus Christ – the potter must have the clay properly centred on the wheel before beginning to shape the clay; otherwise, the pottery vessel will not turn out properly. In order for us to become the people GOD desires us to be, we must be centred on JESUS. So, how do we become centred on JESUS? By completely surrendering our lives to Him. Jesus has to become both Lord and Saviour of our life, not just our Saviour. Too many Christians do not have Jesus as the real Lord in their lives.

3. Sanctification is a Slow, Steady, and Progressive Process.

Our journey of transformation, of sanctification, is not something that happens overnight. The bottom line is that we have to enter into God's perfect will for our lives before He will start to guide us in the direction we need to take.

God will not fully guide us to our divine destiny in Him, nor fully sanctify us to the degree that He would really like in this life unless we first fully surrender to Him. It must be OUR all for HIS all.

We have to have patient with Him in regard to how He wants to work and build up our lives up in Him. In our fast-paced, self-centered world, we are used to instant everything. But in God's realm, He usually works things out in a much gentler time frame than we are used too. And if we do not learn how to go with His gentler flows and time frames, we could end up becoming very frustrated and impatient, and then eventually end up losing our peace and joy in Him, not to mention our possible calls in Him.

Just as a good potter has to take his time when molding and forming out a piece of clay into pottery as it is spinning on the wheel – GOD, in the same way, has to mold, shape, and transform all of us in this same, slow, and steady manner. This is why one of the 9 fruits of the Spirit is the fruit of patience.

We all need the patience of the Holy Spirit operating within us to keep in sync with God's timing – especially in our fast-paced world. Finally,

4. God's Hand Will Personally Mold, Shape, and Transform Us.

The next thing in our transformation process is that it is literally the hand of God Himself, operating through the Holy Spirit within us, that will supernaturally transform and sanctify us. Removing toxic qualities such as pride, arrogance, bad temper, and lust can all be very painful due to our flesh wanting to keep these negative qualities operating in our personalities. But by letting God do this inner surgery work in us through the Holy Spirit, we will eventually be molded and shaped

into the godly saint that He is calling us to become in Him – and true joy, happiness, and fulfillment will be all ours in this life.

Again, if I may use an example from CS Lewis: "Imagine yourself as a living house. GOD comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on: you knew that these jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house around in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of – building a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were going to made into a decent little cottage: but GOD is building a palace. HE INTENDS TO COME AND LIVE IN IT HIMSELF!

Our Cursillo 3-day experience introduced us to a dynamic community of like-minded people and then as we begin to live our 4th day, gives the opportunity to allow GOD to lead us in His way and bless us with His abundance as He transforms us into the people He intends for us to become. We need to become more humble in ourselves, to spend more time in the Word and in prayer, and to learn to increasingly trust Him as we journey with Him.

Noel – thank you for your message to us today – reminding us that we go through good and tough times – both personally but more importantly – with the support of each other.

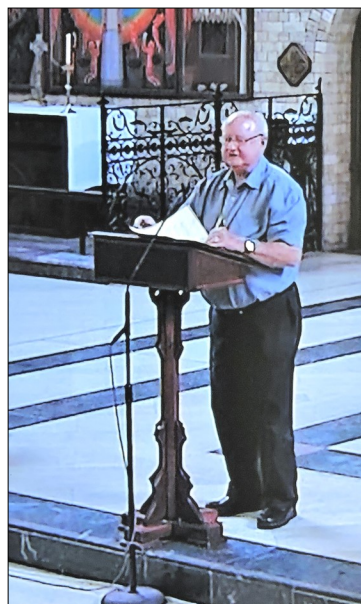
May GOD continue to bless you abundantly.

This will be my last article for The Encourager. I would like to thank GOD for the privilege of this ministry of Diocesan Spiritual Director over the last 7 years. May GOD continue to bless the people of this Diocese and beyond; and call more people into a relationship with Him through the Cursillo method. I encourage you to keep connected with each other through Group Reunion and Ultreya, and always remember to *"make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend gently to JESUS"*.

Blessings

Fr Steve

Diocesan Ultreya
01 November 2021



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.

- Day 1 National Lay Director - Lew Hitchick
- Day 2 National Secretary - Leanne Doyle
- Day 3 National Treasurer - Marea Niland
- Day 4 National Episcopal Advisor - Bishop Ian Palmer
- Day 5 National Spiritual Advisor - Reverend Jane Lamont
- Day 6 National Webmaster - Allan Grey
- Day 7 World Cursillo Community
- Day 8 Diocesan Co-Lay Directors - Noelene Lentfer
- Day 9 Diocesan Co-Lay Directors - Geoff Wooden
- Day 10 Diocesan Spiritual Director- Reverend Mark Cooper/Reverend Gary Atherton
- Day 11 Diocesan Secretary - Lyn Wickham
- Day 12 Diocesan Treasurer - Colleen Read
- Day 13 Fourth Day Applications/Promotion – Liz O'Sullivan
- Day 14 Prayer Coordinator - Reverend Alison Wooden
- Day 15 Servant Community Co-ordinator - Leonie Toovey
- Day 16 Servant Community Co-ordinator - Jeanette Deaves
- Day 17 Diocesan Proctor - Brian Taylor
- Day 18 'The Encourager' Editorial Team - Noreen Robertson
- Day 19 Palanca Co-ordinator - Lynn Dunicliff
- Day 20 Central Coast - Clergy, Servant Community, Deanery Contact, Noeline Darcy
- 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, Cheryl Cooper
- 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 Brian Taylor
- Day 29 Prospective Sponsors and Potential Candidates
- Day 30 Fourth Day Community
- Day 31 Kairos, Torch and Kairos Outside/Inside/Juvenile



FROM OUR DIOCESAN CO-LAY DIRECTORS

NOELENE LENTFER AND BILL NICOLLE



As Noelene and I write this report to you all, and I "pass the baton" onto Geoff Wooden, as Co LD of the Anglican Cursillo Movement in this Diocese. I reflect on the 4 years of Co Leadership, I have been acutely aware of your prayers that have sustained us over these trials of 2020 and 2021. The fellowship and encouragement of the Secretariat team, true Christian Community in Action, has been such a blessing to me.

So, once again we reflect on the year that was or was not, as, once again the Pandemic took hold, and our lives and ministries adjusted to all the changes and challenges we encountered on a daily basis

Secretariat met together @ Anew Church Hall, New Lambton and when lockdown hit via Zoom from July to October, continuing the governance of Diocesan Cursillo. Proposed dates and activities for 2022 were developed, and are included in your Encourager, and all business that was, presented dealt with.

With the Pandemic taking it's hold, restrictions increasing on a daily basis, and for the safety of all, once again Secretariat moved to cancel all Cursillo activities for the year.

With the disappointment due to cancellations of the weekends, we thank Brian and Lorraine, for their willingness to serve as Lay Leaders for the 2022 Cursillo and their respective teams.

Please continue to pray for them as they continue preparations for their respective weekends at Catalina in April and June 2022. Our Guests [Candidates] will not be charged for these weekends. Guests will still have the opportunity to give a donation through the "Joy of Giving" act.

Secretariat is inviting sponsors and Parish Cursillistas to prayerfully and financially consider supporting this initiative by jointly or personally contributing to the cost.

PRAYER COVER: Prayer is the foundation of our ministry. We thank Fr. Chris Bullock for his pastoral co-ordination of this ministry. We thank you all for your deep and continued prayer support at all times.

FINANCES CONTRIBUTIONS AND BANK ACCOUNTS: We thank Colleen for her expertise in keeping our finances in order. If you were unable to attend the Diocesan Ultreya, Colleen has outlined in the Summer Encourager how you can forward your contributions to her. With the ever increasing cost of printing, postage and subsidies of Cursillo weekends your financial support is vital. You might like to consider a donation as well to support this ministry.

ULTREYAS: Were held in Central Coast, Lake Macquarie and Newcastle, before the Covid lockdown hit, and as always were of great encouragement and blessing, to keep the fire in our hearts, still burning!

When lockdown did hit, Central Coast deanery organised a Zoom Ultreya, and it's resounding success shows how we can use technology to still fellowship with each other!

Dates for 2022 deanery Ultreyas are being finalised and will be advised via website and deanery/Parish contacts. These will take place following the COVID Restrictions that are in place at the time, and we remind you that we will need to work within the Diocesan Guidelines as we meet.

CURSILLO ROLL: Thank you to all who work very hard at keeping the roll up to date. Communication with each other is so important, and when we lose touch with each other, the Church, that's us suffers.

This is not an easy task and relies on each of us to inform Secretariat when there are changes to be made. To assist in ensuring good Cursillo lines of communication, a new roll has been created for mail-out and emailed Encourager, to ensure all Newcastle Cursillistas get the Encourager, this leads to our next item of information source, the.....

WEBSITE: Our thanks to Jim for his wonderful commitment keeping the Website up to date and informative. We encourage all to visit our website, so that we can keep informed and encouraged. All Cursillo information can be found on the Website. (<http://www.cursillonewcastle.org.au>)

THE ENCOURAGER: We are grateful to all who contribute articles, who are responsible for editing, printing and posting our wonderful magazine that keeps us informed. Please keep your articles coming so we can all share in your activities. The address for where your contributions can be sent are in the Encourager. To save on expenses, the Bookmarks are printed in this Encourager. Bookmarks will also be on the Website for you to download.

NATIONAL SECRETARIAT MEETING: Jim Warland was decommissioned as National Lay Director, via zoom, at the National meeting in Toowoomba which was unfortunately cancelled, due to covid.

PROJECTIONS FOR 2022: Men's 49 will be held from 28th April to 1st May, @ Catalina CC, Rathmines and Women's 49 will be held from 2nd to 5th June, @ Catalina CC, please continue to uphold in Brian and Lorraine and their teams, and make the opportunity to sponsor.

MEN'S WEEKEND: for 2021 was cancelled, mainly due to the uncertainty of Covid. This is vital outreach event for men in our Diocese and Cursillo is a great platform to bring men together, so keep the fire burning! As we men,

make a friend, be a friend, and gently bring that friend to Jesus!

So we look forward to 2022, with new secretariat members, and what that will look like and bring, we do so with the assurance of God's presence with us. As St Peter writes:

"that we have to be good stewards of the manifold grace of God and to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ".

May we all continue to grow in love, grace and knowledge as we serve our God through Cursillo in 2022.

On behalf of Secretariat, may we wish you a safe and blessed Christmas and New Year season, time with your loved ones and safe travel if you are venturing further afield.

De Colores and Ultreya!!

Noelene and Bill



**KAIROS INSIDE FOR MEN,
HUNTER REGION**



SUMMER 2021 UPDATE.

We must never forget our command from Jesus,
"I was in prison and you visited me".

Kairos regions of Cessnock and St Helier's, are now in need of volunteers to help in running this vital ministry of rebuilding incarcerated men's lives.

Planning is well underway for the programs for 2022. We have the full support from NSW Department of Corrective Services, Chaplain's and Management to run these Kairos programs, but we need your prayers and support. If you feel called to this ministry, the next issue of the Encourager has the details of how you can get involved.

Anglicans have always been an integral part in the formation and continued presence in the life changing ministry of Kairos Inside for men in the two Hunter region Correctional Centres, at Cessnock and St Heliers.

St Helier's Kairos team at Muswellbrook, will running short course KI #13 projected for August 2022. For more details, please contact:-

Ian Silver: Ph 02 6766 1974; Mob 04 0826 9902 or 04 3925 4293 or
email beanbagian@gmail.com.

Cessnock Kairos team will running short course KI#22 @ Cessnock CC **TBA**.

For more details, please contact

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Neil Goldthorpe: 0423 927 706 or - email: nctpgold@outlook.com.

PROPOSED DATES FOR 2022

Men's 49 Brian Taylor	28 th April - 1 st May Catalina
Women's 49 Lorraine Phillips	2 nd to 5 th June Catalina
Women's Celebration of Faith	TBA
Welcome Day M/W 49 Diocesan Ultreya	18 th June @ Mayfield 4 th November @ TBA

SECRETARIAT MEETINGS NEW LAMBTON @ 6PM

February 1st; March 1st; April 5th; May 3rd; June 7th;
 July 5th with Lay Directors W/M 49; August 2nd;
 September 6th with Servant Community; October 4th;
 November 1st with Bishop; December 6th Christmas Tea.

SERVANT COMMUNITY DUTIES

MEN'S 49 WEEKEND AT CATALINA CONFERENCE CENTRE

Mananita: *Central Coast*
 Clausura: *Paterson/Manning*
 Palanca and Welcoming (Thursday): *Maitland/Upper Hunter*

WOMEN'S 49 WEEKEND AT CATALINA CONFERENCE CENTRE

Mananita: *Lake Macquarie*
 Clausura: *Maitland/Upper Hunter*
 Palanca and Welcoming (Thursday): *Maitland/Upper Hunter*

WELCOME DAY FOR MEN' AND WOMEN'S 49

Saturday 11th September: *Newcastle*



FOR YOUR DAILY PRAYERS MEN AND WOMEN'S 49 CURSILLO TEAMS AND TALKS



Men's theme: "In Christ Alone My Hope is Found"

Brian Taylor	Lay Director/Group Reunion &Ultreya	Glenrock Anglican
Stuart Bell	Proctor/Christian Community in Action	Glenrock Anglican
Jim Warland	Proctor/Joy of Giving	Kotara South
Geoff Wooden	I.T	Southlakes
Lance Phillips	Gopher	Raymond Terrace
Michael Sinclair	Gopher/Ideal	Raymond Terrace
Robert Joice	Muso	Glenrock Anglican
Rev Gary Atherton	S.A./Obstacles of Grace/Faith	Cardiff/Boolaroo
Rev Mark Cooper	S.A./Sacraments 1 and 2	MICA
Peter Eyre	Grace	Glenrock Anglican
Brian Walsh	Laity	Cessnock
Tony Farmer	Piety	Singleton
Jon Hale	Changing the Environment	Wyong
Warren Handley	Study	Raymond Terrace
Ken Iles	Leaders	Lambton
Kerry Page	Apostolic Action	Raymond Terrace
Murray Coppins	Christian Living	Raymond Terrace

Women's theme: "I Am Carried" - Bible Verse: Isaiah 63:9

Lorraine Phillips	Lay Director/Fourth Day	Raymond Terrace
Marea Niland	Proctor/Joy of Giving	Raymond Terrace
Ann Dendle	Proctor/Joy of Giving	Raymond Terrace
Noreen Robertson	I.T	New Lambton
Kathy Park	Gopher	Beresfield
Julie Roth	Gopher/Ideal	Raymond Terrace
Jane Sinclair	Muso	Raymond Terrace
Rev Alison Wooden	S.A./Sacraments 2/Faith	Swansea
Rev Jenny Foley	S.A./Obstacles of Grace/Sacraments 1	MICA
Ella Means	Grace	New Lambton
Debbie Gill	Changing the Environment	Medowie
Susie Norberger	Christian Community	Raymond Terrace
Robyn Plazier	Piety	Morpeth
Nicole Sargant	Study	Cessnock
Cate Ewin	Laity	Bateau Bay
Sue Earl	Christian Living	Nelson Bay
Wendy Seddon	Apostolic Action	Medowie
Gail Isles	Ideal	Lambton
Jan Garard	Leaders	Wyong

Grand Ultreya

There was palpable excitement evident as we gathered in the Cathedral for this year's Diocesan Ultreya. Dean Katherine's very warm welcome set the scene for a wonderful morning of thanksgiving and acknowledgement to God for the blessings of the past year, despite (or possibly including) the challenges of COVID19.



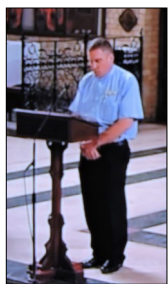
Many people took advantage of the opportunity to participate online. My last check saw that there were more than 150 views. We are most grateful for the technological support given by the Cathedral in making this possible.



The 70+ folk who gathered in the Cathedral greatly enjoyed the opportunity of sharing the time together.

A "traditional" program was followed for the morning led by Rosemary Allen (retiring secretary) and Bill Nicolle (retiring Co-Lay Director).

As congregational singing was not permitted because of health regulations, advantage was taken of an ad hoc octet of 8 men. They received wonderful encouragement and thanks at the end of the morning; potential "Cathedral cantors"? – maybe "the jury's out"!



Fr Gary Atherton, DSA, led the opening prayers together with our National Cursillo prayer.

Our Co-Lay Directors, Noelene Lentfer and Bill Nicolle, presented their comprehensive report of the year, including the joys and the struggles. We do thank God for their dedicated leadership.

We were very pleased to have been able to welcome Bishop Sonia. She presented apologies from Bishop Peter who was unable to come. Her presentation was an affirmation of the theme for the day ("This is a day of new beginnings") as she shared thoughts emanating from 2 Corinthians 5, especially v17 namely *"if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation everything has become new"*



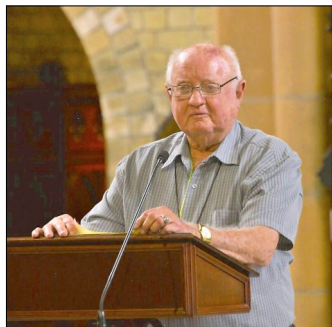
Bishop Sonia conducted the decommissioning of the retiring members of Secretariat before commissioning those who were to assume service.

Completing their current responsibilities were: Spiritual Director, Fr Steve Niland; Co-Lay Director, Bill Nicolle; and from Secretariat, Fr Chris Bullock, Rosemary Allen, Brian Taylor and Geoff Wooden.



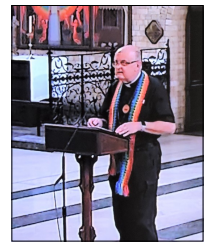
Those commissioned were: Diocesan Spiritual Director, Fr Mark Cooper; Co-Lay Director, Geoff Wooden; and Noreen Robertson, Brian Taylor, Leonie Toovey, Lyn Wickham, Reverend Alison Wooden.

Bill Nicolle presented the Co-Lay Director's cross to Geoff Wooden.



The Witness Speaker is always eagerly anticipated – and Noel Herbert's witness was no exception. His talk focused on the "power of prayer" with emphasis on "power". The two songs he selected ("All to Jesus I surrender" and "He's got the whole world in his hands") were very appropriate bookends for his talk, given his personal experiences. The responses from the floor affirmed his testimony.

Fr Steve in his response was also led (like Bishop Sonia) to Paul's letter to the Corinthians. He commented on an openness to the desire to be transformed by God. He used, amongst other things, an illustration of changing a house into a palace.



Fr Mark followed Noelene's closing remarks and thanks with closing prayers.

The final song "We have a gift to the nations" was an appropriate closing to a day that focused on the theme of new beginnings.

There was no opportunity for Group Reunions because of the current health restrictions, but there was encouragement to meet in groups to share lunch in the Cathedral grounds. And some took advantage of the pleasant weather to do that. It was indeed a blessed occasion.

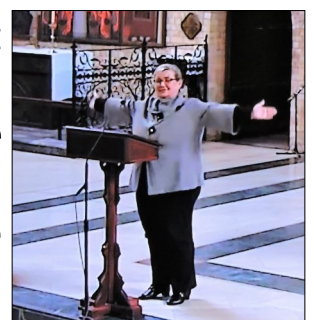
Fr Chris Bullock,

Newcastle Deanery Contact

"This is a Day of New Beginnings"

– What a Delightful, Inspiring and Encouraging Diocesan Ultreya

Thank you to the Bishop Sonia, Dean Katherine, the Secretariat and the team who brought us an inspiring Diocesan Ultreya yesterday morning. By live streaming from Christ Church Cathedral we were all brought together from across the Diocese to a welcoming, united, joyous gathering filled with the love of our God. We were able to be together, while afar, and as I watched from the comfort of my home, I felt a part of the gathering which as



Cursillistas we have looked forward to every year.

All speakers brought alive for us the theme of *"This is the Day of New Beginnings"*, with Noel Herbert bringing it all together as he shared his journey with God through Prayer.

It left me wonderfully inspired, and filled with a desire to continue on our journey in prayer, faith, worship and song, which is constantly renewed by Group Reunion. In this time of finding new ways to gather, while apart, I am inspired to look to new ways to group reunion through our new made ways of meeting through Live Stream, Zoom, Youtube, gatherings at a distance, over the phone, or through the email.

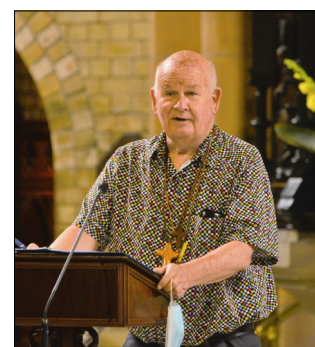
Being able to sing along with the "Foundational Male Voice Cursillo Choir" brought tingles to my heart with each song reinforcing the theme for all our tomorrows.

"This is a Day of New Beginnings". Let us all pray out our journey into all our tomorrows filled with the love of God inspired and encouraged. Thank you.

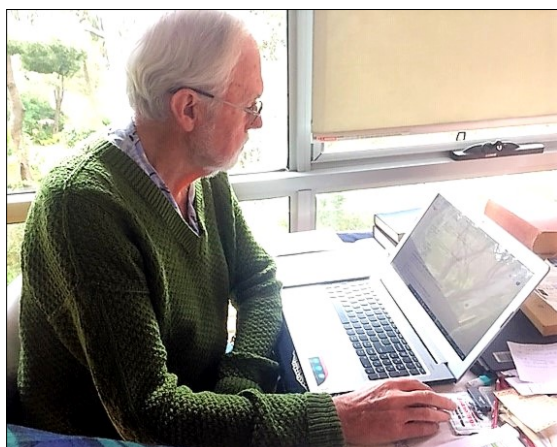
De Colores and Ultreya.

Bev Birch,

Women's' 14A, Table of Mary Magdalene.



Central Coast Servant Community Ultreya



Saturday 21st August 2021 - 2pm

How exciting it was, in spite of The Lockdown, to be able to gather for Ultreya!

Members of the Servant Community linked up the previous Wednesday to rehearse a Zoom meeting from our homes. Notice was given to each Parish in the Deanery, and Secretariat was informed of the event.

The Eagleton landed (ie Graham) as Lay Leader, and 20 locals linked in, including 2 Group Reunion participants from Upper Hunter and Armidale, eager to see one another. Ten members from other Deaneries, including 6 from Secretariat, were brave enough to join us too.

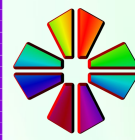
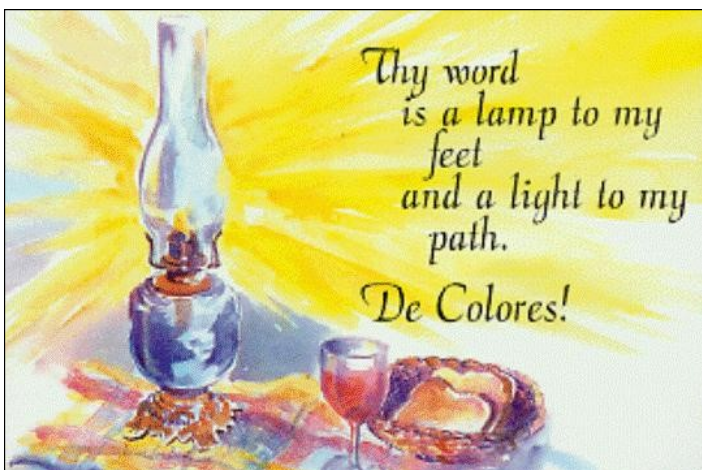
God is good, and Ultreya was good.

We sang four songs from Emu Music, had a reading of Psalm 46 from Marion MacGregor, an encouraging Witness from Leonie Toovey, clear Spiritual Direction from Helen Fraser; lots to think about.

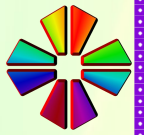
There were a number of improvements we learned about for next time. As our Zoom programme did not include a breakout room facility we missed out on Group Reunion, but the interaction we did enjoy will be explored for future Zoom Ultreyas.

Jim Warland commented that Cursillo is alive and well and will be for a long time to come. Perhaps our growing expertise of online connection will help.

Hosts, *Bruce* and *Helen* Fraser.



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*Make a friend,
Be a friend,
Bring a friend to Christ.*

A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR DAILY USE

(Written by Reverend Jan Deaves)
Diocesan Spiritual Adviser 2006-2009
Newcastle Cursillo Movement

Gracious God,
we thank you
for all the colours of your love.

We hold before you
our Cursillo community
and ask for your continuing
love and guidance.

As you keep your promises to us,
may we be true to the promises
we have made to you.

Through piety may we feel
your presence and identify the vision
you have for each one of us.

Through study may we gain new insights
and explore the vision we seek.

Through apostolic action
may we share your love with others
as we live the vision before us.

This we pray in the name of your Son
and through the power
of the Holy Spirit within us. Amen

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1st March - 1st July - 1st November

WOMEN CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

To be advised

Men's Weekend

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NATIONAL SECRETARIAT MEETING

TBA@ Perth, Western Australia

M49 CURSILLO

Brian Taylor - 28th April to 1st May
@ Catalina Conference Centre

W49 CURSILLO

Lorraine Phillips - 2nd to 5th June
@ Catalina Conference Centre

MW49 WELCOME DAY

18th June @ Mayfield

DIOCESAN ULTREYA

4th November @ To be advised



VALE

Our beloved Peggy Hancock was born on 30th November 1924, in Maitland and passed away peacefully in Wyong Hospital on April 17 this year, aged 96.

Peggy married Walter in 1954. Walter trained at Morpeth to become a priest, after he was ordained they travelled to several parishes with their two boys. Peggy was a devoted and loyal clergy wife and mother.

She lived for her Church, and for the Lord. As long as I've known Peggy, she was always involving herself in helping others. She worked tirelessly for the Op shop. She was truly filled with "Fruits of the Spirit". A true Christian!

Peggy was admitted to Mothers Union in 1958, celebrating 60 years in 2018. She was also involved in Anglican Women and Cursillo. Peggy and Reverend Walter hosted the first Ultreya on the Central Coast (Diocese of Newcastle) in their home at Noraville. We would often travel together or meet up at these gatherings, enjoying Christian Fellowship.

Peggy sent me beautiful Easter Cards which was my last correspondence from my dear friend Peggy she finished the note with:

***time just doesn't stand still
God's love surrounds us
each hour of the day, so we have
nothing to fear or worry about,
each day he guides us as we travel
on our journey in life.***

Leonie Toovey



Psalm 8. 3-4

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what
is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings
that you care for them?

Whilst wonderful and comforting that we can have the
boldness and sometimes even audacity to call Him Abba,
Father, I must often times remind myself that this is the
God whose hands flung stars into space. This is God
Almighty who created not just our world but every world.

We live on a little blue dot spinning in the back blocks of
nowhere in a seemingly endless array of universes all held
in their place by the awesome power of God.

We look at the night sky and what we see is just a
miniscule fraction of what is out there, yet this is the God
who knows me so intimately and loves me despite myself.

So pray with me:

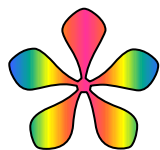
Mighty, Awesome Creator, - tender, loving Father,
forgive us when we try to make you "manageable", when
we put you in a box. Remind us, in your care for us, that
you are so much more than we can ever imagine. Forgive
us our pride and arrogance when we assume that we are
the centre of the universe. Show us for what we are, a
momentary speck on history's page, but a speck that you
love so much you gave your son Jesus so we can be your
children too. How can that be that you are mindful of me?

I sit in awe and wonder. Amen.

Rev'd Jane Lamont

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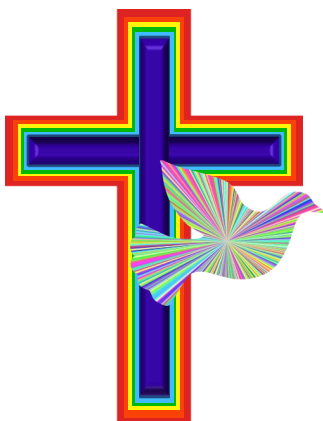
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