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Like Eagles

'Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar like eagles.' Isaiah 40.31

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

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~ A Message from the Diocesan Spiritual Advisor ~

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have been remiss in my writing and apologise to you and to the producers of On Wings. My gifts lie in talking not writing and sometimes I need a prod to get things done.

Strangely during the events brought on by Covid 19, I have had to adapt and change. Some say it is a challenge, but where I am in my faith, I call them opportunities.



I share this because I believe knowing oneself is part of the journey of our faith. Life is the place where we are tested, shaped and grow. We look at the things we do, but they are also the places to see ourselves. As we reflect with God, we look to be shaped into the image of Jesus. To live out the life God calls us into. To embrace the gifts and deal with the difficulties. Some we can change, others we live with. In all we seek God, the perfection of our faith.

Our Cursillo community has also been tested in this time. To understand our ministry and purpose, to continue offering a place for us to encourage one another and to see the body of Christ in the wider church. These struggles are opportunities to look at Cursillo and to grow.

Just as the Camino provides opportunities to see ourselves and God so the Camino of life can do the same thing. It should not scare us, but excite us, because it provides a place for us to depend on God and to come closer to God. To go onward and upward.

Ultreya
Iain



~ A Message from the Diocesan Lay Director ~



From Your Diocesan Lay Director

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The First Ever Online Ultreya in Australia and it was presented by our Diocese.

Back in my first Jottings in January, I expressed optimism for the Cursillo Movement at the start of a new decade. So why am I so optimistic in light of the naysayers that say Cursillo has had its day. Interesting to note, many of the naysayers have never experienced Cursillo.

98.5% of people who experience the Cursillo 3-Day weekend, come away with the glow of a deeper relationship with our Lord. That is what Cursillo is all about. Cementing that relationship with Our Lord makes our parishes stronger. Cursillistas usually form a core of people who are



front and centre within our parishes. They are often the ones who offer their skills and talents happily and with joy in parish Life.

Over the last decade, it is true, the interest in Cursillo has not been as strong, but we are in a new decade. The Cursillo Movement nationwide has understood how we have wandered away from a sound discipleship formula and wants to do something about it.

The Ultreya on Saturday May 23rd was a first sign to Cursillo on the rise.

Four parishes came together and worked hard in preparation to present a finished Ultreya that had 20 – 30 messages of praise.

The parishes were Ashgrove, Grovely, Samford and The Gap.

When you couple the expertise of a handful of Cursillistas (who do not want to be named) with expertise to handle all of the technical and admin bits to make it run smoothly, plus beautiful music and singing to boot, we all felt the success of what was a pioneering moment experienced.

There were around 60 local and 25 connections from all over Australia & even as far as Thailand. When you count couples on one connection, there were in excess of 100 people attending.

Enjoy some of the comments
Blessings

Alan

Message from Jim Warland,
National Lay Director

From Jim Warland - NLD to [Everyone](#):
Congratulations to Brisbane Diocese, Alan Gray - the 3 Parishes and everyone involved in this historic venture for Cursillo! We may even get to have a National Secretariat on Zoom in the future

From Greg and Rhonda Nth Qld
to [Everyone](#):

North Qld Cursillo Weekend 24th to 27th September
please keep us in your Prayers Fr Greg Windsor SD
NQ

From Jan to [Everyone](#):

Greetings from a chilly Warwick. Congratulations to Jeanette and her team. Congratulations to the tech team as well. Love to you all. from Jan and John Corcut

From Consuela Gerrity to [Everyone](#):

Thank you. Hopefully we will be able to do something similar here in Canberra-Goulburn

From Sharon Stacey to [Everyone](#):

Congratulations to all. I really enjoyed participating, from couch in warmth.
Sharon(Maryborough).

From Libby's iPad to [Everyone](#):

thank you every one for a wonderful time together
Blessings

From Kay Self to [Everyone](#):

Hello everyone. Thanks to the team, what a great job. Love to all. Hi Grace Smith.

From iPhone to [Everyone](#):

Well done and thank you all. Shirley from Tasmania.
👍

Well done good and faithful servants.



~ A Message from The Editor ~

In this edition!

The cover; Christ at the centre of Virtual Ultreyas.

Thank you to members of Secretariat and Servant Community for your uplifting articles. Read Rev. Robert Paget's Meditation presented to Servant Community in February this year (page 8). Very wise words indeed!

Thank you to Jeanette Reason (page 11) and Sharyn Gray (page 13) for writing such beautiful reports summing up the magnificence of the two recent Virtual Ultreyas.

Special thanks to Gerald Shannon for sharing life experienced in 'lock down' through his article, "I Pegged Out Last Night" (page 9).

Bob Randle sent in the John F Kennedy quote, which became so very relevant not only in the context of Covid 19 but also with respect to world racial tensions (page 14). Thank you for your insightfulness Bob.

Please continue to send articles for publication! Once included here; you can pronounce yourself a published author!

Original articles, prayers, poems, photos are needed, encouraged and welcomed.

Handwritten, email, text messages – send them all!

Let's have so many that some may need to be held over for the next edition!

Some Article Ideas: -

- ✦ Our Group Reunion – who is in your group, where you meet and how often; share a photo about how you have been meeting in lock down.
- ✦ Answered Prayer – what has God been doing in your life?
- ✦ Study – share titles of books, apps, bible verses, etc that you love, find uplifting and which strengthen your faith.
- ✦ God Moments – "I love the face of Christ I see in you."

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Thank you in anticipation, *Irene*

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Diocesan Servant Community

Diocesan Servant Community has a new team in 2020. Following the retirement of John and Jan Corcut and Bob Smith, new members have joined the team and brought fresh ideas. We acknowledge and thank John (as Leader of the Servant Community for many years) and Jan, along with Bob, for their huge contribution to a strong foundation in recent times. DSC forms part of Diocesan Secretariat and works closely with

Post Cursillo throughout the year to ensure that the process and environment of the Cursillo experience for all Cursillistas is smooth and progressive. From refining and updating the Anglican Cursillo Manual of Australia to Cursillo weekends, the DSC team is involved.

During meetings we focus on 3 main areas:

- Prayers for the Cursillo movement and meditations that challenge us in our spiritual development
- Updating sections of the ACMA manual following feedback from events held
- General business – including tasks associated with Ultreyas, the 3 Day Weekends and education for all Cursillistas and/or Parish Contacts that may be required.

Parish Ultreyas for 2020 were neatly embedded in the Cursillo Calendar and then the global challenge of 'lockdown vs keeping connected' evolved. This has provided DSC with a challenge to compile a planning form for parishes to use with their Virtual Ultreyas. If your parish is planning to continue with your Ultreya, this form is available from Jan Corcut (Post Cursillo) and comes with assistance if required. We will be interested to hear how it works.

Our current 2020 members and parishes are:

1. Rev. Robert Paget – Spiritual Advisor – Samford
2. Marg Carr – DSC leader – Waterloo Bay
3. Ann Martin-Victor – (Treasurer in Cursillo Secretariat) - Waterloo Bay
4. Irene Moy – (On Wings Editor) Sherwood
5. Kay Self – Kangaroo Point
6. Shawn Slade - Logan
7. Sally Turnbull (*drumroll*) – Chinchilla!!! (Sally was our long distance phone/video chat team member – now we all do the same! What a trendsetter you are Sally.)



New members are always welcome, and we endorse new Cursillistas into this team if you are keen. The 2020 Servant Community Team Prayer has been composed by Rev. Robert Paget, our spiritual advisor. It reminds us to be fresh in our approach and that is exactly what the DSC team aims to do in our tasks and interaction with Cursillistas.

***God, ever with us,
may your Holy Spirit fill us with wonder
at the knowledge of your love for us.
May our eyes always be
firmly fixed on you as we serve you
as the Cursillo Servant Community
within this Diocese.
Keep us fresh and faithful to that calling
Through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
AMEN.***

*Diocesan Servant Community meetings are/were held on the 4th Friday of the month – pre Covid 19 at St Francis' College however at present, we **zoom** in and out of meetings! BYO device!*



God Bless
Marg Carr



Rev Robert Paget



Marg Carr



Ann Martin-Victor



Irene Moy



Kay Self



Shawn Slade



Sally Turnbull



Meditation Servant Community February 2020

A new year can be a welcome thing or it can be a scary thing.

“New” can bring change, and in the main, we don’t like change. There’s a certain comfort in things familiar. Like that old lounge chair that’s looking very tatty or the sweatshirt that’s long overdue for the rag bag that we’ve hung onto, old habits, old ways of doing things give us a sense of security.

The new year brings a challenge. It says to us, “time for a fresh start”.

Not that there’s anything special about a new year, that is. We can make a new start anytime we like but the new year simply poses the question. Are we going to just plod on the way we have been or are we going to make some changes? New year’s resolutions, maybe? The problem with new year’s resolutions is that nobody expects them to last. Honestly, who has ever kept a new year’s resolution?

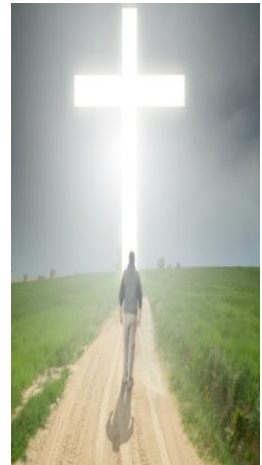
So, let’s turn that around.

Jesus calls us to make changes. He calls us to examine what we are doing and when we find ourselves a little off track (or a long way off track) he beckons us to change direction.

We call that “repentance”.

Repentance can involve a complete about face, or it can be just a minor course correction. Either way it allows us to keep responding to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Old ways can be comforting. Sometimes we need our comfort disturbed so that we can see God’s great work unfolding and be a part of it ... fresh every morning.



Lamentations 3: 22-24

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul,
‘therefore I will hope in him.’*

Rev. Robert John Paget



I Pegged Out Last Night!

Grandparents are one of the great products of creation, and during this 'stay-at-home' because of the Virus, entertaining grandchildren has become a regular activity.

In my childhood I spent some of the school holidays with my Grandparents and it was whilst there that I was introduced to a variety of card games: Snap, Strip-jack-naked, 500, Euchre and Crib were all played with Grandma acting as tutor and, dare I admit it, sometimes adjudicator.

The first 2 of these are rather mindless games whereby various plays the eventual winner strips all the cards from the opponents' hands. They are 'winner-takes-all' games where it could be said that greed and selfishness are encouraged. The others require a degree of skill and strategic card play as well as luck and, of course, making the most of the cards you have been dealt – isn't life like that? – you have to be thankful for the situation you find yourself in and make the best of it. If you are unable to make the most of what you do have, how can you convince yourself you would achieve a better result with what you only might have had?

In the current state of confinement and the anxiety about contracting the virus and even dying, playing crib is an obvious choice as it was a very popular game with sub-mariners, confined and with anxieties for their safety: the game, spirited and with a need to be alert and look for plays that optimise progress, encompasses rhyming slang, some mental arithmetic, and keeps score by moving pegs along a track consisting of 124 holes. It is lighthearted but totally absorbing, thus taking attention away from the worries of the moment.

The end of the game comes when one of the players places the leading peg in the final hole – the game is over, the winning player has pegged out.

Monopoly is another game we probably met first at Grandma's place. Jon Ortberg, (one of my favourite authors), tells of his Monopoly experience where his Grandma always won, so his great aim was to succeed over his Grandmother, and one day he did – he was king of the board – he owned the hotels on Mayfair – property and riches were his.

But then Grandma asked him what had to happen next. Oh, that's easy he said, all I have to do is to pack up. Yes, she said, just remember, that when the game is over, it all has to go back into the box – you can't take it all with you!

I exhort you all to be alert, make the most of whatever situation you find yourself in, and may the only pegging out you do, be on the crib board.

Oh! P.S. I am well and alive, I merely pegged out whilst playing crib with Nancy and Harry in the crib room when eating my crib at crib time, just like those Cornish underground coal or tin miners did years ago.

In fellowship,
Gerald, LD M79.



News from Post Cursillo Jan Corcut

Calling all Parish Contacts!

Coming soon to our Brisbane Cursillo website (www.cursillo-brisbane.com) will be the Parish Contact Kit. You will need to log in to the page so that you can access the documents available. Stay tuned for information about registering for access. If you don't have a Parish Contact in your Parish, perhaps you would like to consider taking up this vital role. For more information, contact the Post-Cursillo Coordinator, Jan Corcut.



Upcoming Ultreyas

Real or Virtual will be decided as health restrictions are advised.

Go to the website for updated information.

Bayside:

Date: 18 July
Location: Online Zoom
Details: Ultreya begins at 1pm. Please Zoom in by 12.45pm.
Information will be sent out via email.

Contact: Ann Martin-Victor
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mobile: 0407 029 989

Kangaroo Point:

Date: 29 August
Location: St Mary's, 433, 447 & 449 Main Street, Kangaroo Point (Zoom too!)
Details: 10am morning tea provided, 11am Ultreya followed by BYO lunch

Contact: Desley Randle
email: desleyrandle@hotmail.com
mobile: 3849 7585

Diocesan:

Date: 21st November
Location: The Church of the Risen Christ, 43 Park Rd, Deception Bay
Details: 12 noon BYO lunch, 1pm Ultreya, followed by afternoon tea

Contact: Jan Corcut
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NORTH WEST VIRTUAL ULTREYA - 23 MAY 2020

Theme: Come as You Are

What a privilege it was to be invited by our Lay Director Alan Gray to present our Ultreya online - the first in Australia, as far as we are aware!!

It all began long before the Corona Virus Covid 19 threw us all into this strange way of life to save as many lives and as much suffering as possible.

Three friends in our Retirement Village, each of whom worship at different parishes, Samford, Grovely and The Gap, were commiserating about our not having any Ultreyas to attend on the Northside and with the limitations of age and limited distance-driving that we couldn't attend the ones that were offered. The challenge! Do something about it! Form a committee to have a combined Ultreya using the best venue! St Mark's, The Gap with its new hall and covered way from the church!

After much consultation, permissions given, and the co-opting of another friend from the 4th parish, Ashgrove and a couple from The Gap, our committee met late in 2019. Several meetings were held and the programme was ready for print by our off-site committee member - the Secretary/Administrator of Grovely Parish, and Computer Whizz, Elizma who did her Emmaus Walk in South Africa many years ago.

We had:-

Opening Prayers - Craig Ray, The Gap Parish.

Gospel Reader - Ian Minns, The Gap Parish.

Witness Speaker - Marion Ireland, Samford Parish;

Lay Responder - Glenda Sherlock, The Gap Parish;

Spiritual Reflection - Rev Robert Paget, Samford Parish.

Musicians - Sue O'Hare on Keyboard with Singers, Tara Pinsker, Peter Hartshorn, Rev Deborah Hay and Helen Reeve from Grovely Parish.

M.C. Jeanette Reason - Grovely Parish.

When all large gatherings were cancelled, we were happy enough that we were ready for next year.

Little did we realise that presenting an Ultreya online is a lot of extra work for a few people. For me the appropriate music, satisfying copyright for use on Zoom and the social distancing rules were the biggest. Others found their devices difficult to negotiate.

We knew nothing about Zoom, but a few kind and generous Waterloo Bay parishioners, Ian, Peter and Ann, offered their help and rescued us with a training session and two rehearsals. Even so, there were some hiccups at the presentation with sound and volume and nerves. Speaking to someone in front of you, or an audience, might be daunting, but speaking to a screen and waiting for a message to say you have been "Unmuted" before you can speak, virtually speaking to a picture of yourself on the screen is quite off-putting.



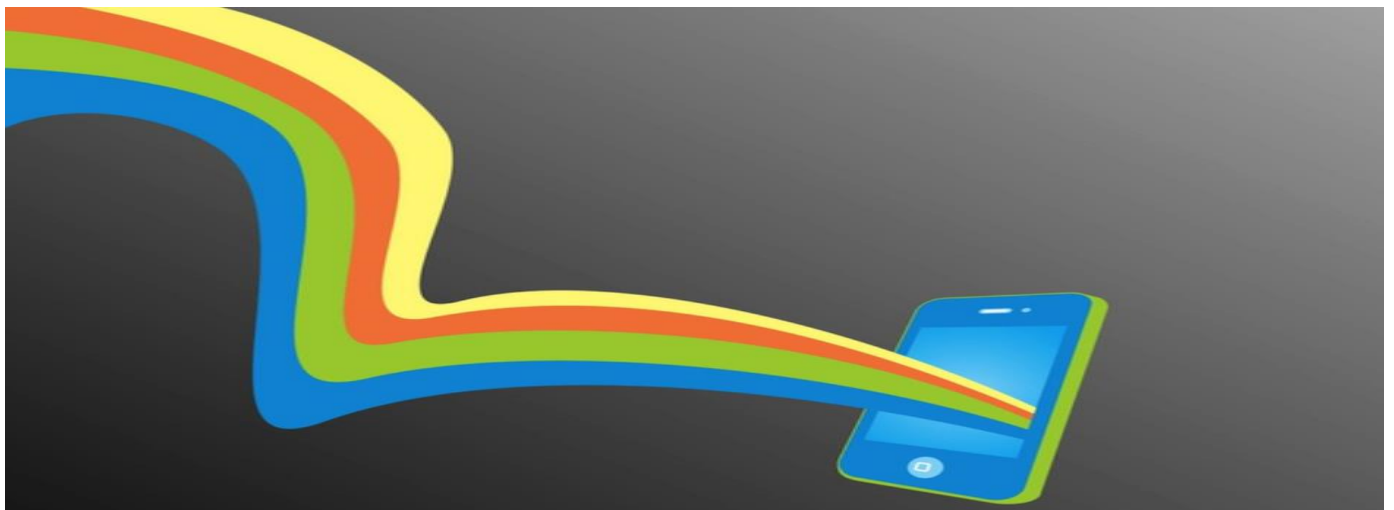
Even so, the expressions of appreciation which came from far and wide made it all worthwhile. There were well over 100 participants when we counted the couples who watched on the one screen. Brisbane Cursillo paid for 100 screens and relies on the Love Offering at Ultreyas and Cursillos to cover such costs. If you enjoyed our Ultreya, please give a generous donation along with your fees for the year to help make up the shortfall.

One message which really touched us was from a lady on Flinders Island, a very small community in Bass Strait, who, like a lot of the oldies amongst us, needed assistance to install Zoom and to use it. She said that they are in lockdown, have no minister and limited access to services etc online, hadn't been to an Ultreya for years and was uplifted by being able to pray together, sing together, listen to wonderful messages, and feel like she was with us all. She had a sore throat from singing...!!!!

That one message was enough to satisfy us that it was all worth it.

Jeanette Reason

Grovely Parish Contact



Toowoomba Far West Virtual Ultreya – June 13th, 2020



Toowoomba Far West Ultreya was on a par with the Ultreya held at The Gap three weeks ago;

a great success!

With the 81 people and more when counting couples plus 10 at our church, the audience exceeded 100.

God's work in action.

The theme for the day was 1 Corinthians chapter 14 verse 16

Let All You Do, Be Done in Love

Bishop Cam led the way with a "Welcome" message to all participants. Next there was lots of joy and singing before our Witness Speaker, Tracey Gummow from the Far West MWAMA (Maranoa Warrego Anglican Mission Area) based in Mitchell.

To say her Witness Talk was awesome would be an understatement! True to the Theme of the day, Tracey gave a very powerful message to all of us on love and how her life had been affected by the lack of love and abundance of unconditional love, especially the love of our Lord.



The response to Tracey's message was given by our own Rev. Pauline Harley.

Rev. Pauline's response was exceptional as well. Although we only had 10 Cursillistas in the church, you could hear a pin drop for both messages.

We are still learning with this new Zoom technology.

Fifteen minutes before the 1:00 pm start, we had a major catastrophe where one of the critical computers crashed (turned up its toes). The quick thinking of Rev. Pauline managed to salvage the situation with a few little hiccups in the rest of the Ultreya presentation. God looked after us.

Where does this new Zoom Technology fit into Cursillo?

Six months ago, using Zoom would have been out of the question for the future.

Now, instead of the normal 30 to 40 participants at a Church Ultreya, one hundred are now attending. From the positive comments after these first 2 Ultreyas, a thumbs up for continuance of Zoom mixed in with Church Ultreyas when things get back to normal.

It is wonderful being able to reach Cursillistas from all over Australia & beyond, including dioceses that are in recess. People who would not normally be able to come to an Ultreya are finding it easier to get back into the flow of Cursillo.

To summarise;

Grateful thanks to the hard-working Team who brought the Ultreya to us.

The comments from Saturday show everyone enjoyed themselves. Please try to be at the next Ultreya, Bayside, on the 18th July and bring non Cursillista friends.

De Colores
Sharyn Gray



Database

Are your details up to date on the database?

Members of Secretariat and Servant Community are currently contacting Cursillistas to keep the database current.

What a BIG job!

If you know your details are not up to date, please send your updated information to Database Coordinator, Gill Outen (gouten6@bigpond.com).



Cursillo Three-day Weekends 2021

Men's 80 Cursillo will be held 12th – 15th August at Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre, Lakewood Drive, Peregrine Beach.

Women's 80 Cursillo will be held 19th – 22nd August at Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre, Lakewood Drive, Peregrine Beach.

Please prayerfully consider who you may wish to sponsor for these weekends.



We can help make the world safe for diversity. For, in the final analysis, our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this small planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. And we are all mortal.

John F Kennedy

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