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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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Cursillo Three-day Weekends 2021

Men's 80 Cursillo 12th – 15th August

Women's 80 Cursillo 19th – 22nd August

Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre, Lakewood Drive, Peregrine Beach.

Please pray for the Lay Directors as they form their teams and who you may wish to sponsor for these weekends.

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~ A Message from the Diocesan Lay Director ~



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Hello to my fellow Cursillistas,

Today, my message is to get back to basics.

In 2021 we have two Cursillo 3-Day Weekends happening in August, a great opportunity to invite your parishioner friends to have a wonderful experience of Christian Community and encouragement of Faith.

What Makes Cursillo Special?

An explanation for those with limited or no knowledge whatsoever of Cursillo: -

Cursillo is another opportunity to gain greater religious depth, with a difference. It is Lay driven with religious oversight. It is an International Lay Movement originating in Spain in the early 40's and gradually spreading globally.

It starts with a 3-Day weekend retreat. You are driven, by a familiar person to the venue, no matter where it is, where there are no distractions. The venue changes each year in our diocese. This year it is Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre, Peregrine Beach.

It is not a silent retreat, far from it. All 3 days are full of laughter and singing, fun and spiritual reflection. You see the Lay Leader in charge, follows an agenda as set down by the Spanish Lay elders back in the early 40's; such is the success of the plan. No matter where in the world you attend a Cursillo 3-Day Weekend, the format is the same.

In this diocese, 3795 people have attended a 3-Day weekend since 1985, the year it was endorsed by our Southern Queensland Diocese. It is fair to say 98% of attendees have a positive experience. Most people leave the weekend on a high having found another dimension to their faith. But what happens when the high turns back into everyday life? There is a plan for that too; it is called the Fourth Day.

This part of Cursillo involves keeping the Spirit alive for the whole year and beyond. It is an invitation to attend small gatherings called Group Reunions, larger events called Ultreyas, and special events such as Pilgrimages and refresher days.

So please help your friends to learn about Cursillo; you will be sharing something special.

Blessings,

Alan Gray
Your Diocesan Cursillo Lay Director

~ A Message from The Editor ~



The front cover picture this edition comes from the Warwick Ultreya and certainly encapsulates current Ultreya protocols. Read Jan Corcut's article on page 9. Susan Cruickshank's witness talk was inspirational. Susan made her Cursillo at W79.

Read our esteemed leader, Alan Gray's report on the previous page encouraging us all to keep the Holy Spirit alive as we live out our fourth day with enthusiasm. Catch up on the new membership of Diocesan Servant Community in Marg Carr's report on page 5. New members are always being sought and welcomed. Give Marg a call and join this vibrant group of Cursillistas.

Late last year I received a beautiful handwritten letter (page 6) from Margaret Thurgood talking about aspects of her Cursillo journey. Last week I had the delightful pleasure of visiting her to take her photo. She turned 101 in February! Thank you for sharing with all of us Margaret.

Unfortunately, there was no Fraser Coast Ultreya this year, however; Ann Morris organised a get together of sharing and laughter with 12 Cursillistas. Read her article on page 7.

Rev Jane Lamont is the new Spiritual Advisor for National Secretariat. Thank you to Alan Gray for passing on her prayer for Autumn (page 10).

The next Ultreya is in Toowoomba on June 12th. Read all the Post Cursillo information in Kay Self's information on page 9.

Wishing you all a happy and God filled Easter. Not too many chocolate eggs! All Fairtrade of course.

Thank you for all your photos and articles! Please continue to send them in for publication! Original articles, prayers, poems, photos are needed, encouraged and welcomed. Handwritten, email, text messages – send them all!

Some Article Ideas: -

- ✈ Parish contacts please send information about what is happening with Cursillo in your parish.
- ✈ Share your God moments and warm our hearts.

See the cut-off dates for each edition below.

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Thank you in anticipation,
Irene

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Winter Edition 2021 June	25 th May	15 th June
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DIOCESAN SERVANT COMMUNITY



DID YOU KNOW?

In 1991 there were 4 regions in the Diocese of Southern Queensland, each with its own Diocesan Servant Community; now there is one. Considering this fact, we are fully supportive of new initiatives to make Cursillo widely known in all parishes.

Diocesan Servant Community -2021

Who are we?

- ☺ Margaret Carr - Leader - Waterloo Bay
- ☺ Nick Crisp – Manly
- ☺ Irene Moy - Sherwood
- ☺ Kay Self - Kangaroo Point and
- ☺ Sally Turnbull - Chinchilla



What do we do at our meetings?

Presently meetings are held monthly via Zoom.

Each team member takes turns in ...

- ☺ sharing a meditation,
- ☺ participating in and leading Group Reunion and
- ☺ joining in corporate and individual prayers for the Cursillo Movement in our diocese and nationwide.

Our role of ensuring Cursillo is current has the team regularly updating documents and procedures e.g., the ACMA manual plus documents associated with the 3 Day Weekends. Diocesan Servant Community is keen to hear from Parish Contacts and Cursillistas as we are assisting Sharyn Gray (Database Coordinator Cursillo SQ) to update the database.

Covid times have challenged Cursillo to be creative and to ensure that Ultreyas can still be accessible for all Cursillistas. DSC helped produce new forms for digital events and works closely with Post Cursillo Coordinator (and DSC member) Kay Self and Diocesan Lay Director, Alan Gray.

How can you help us? Cursillistas throughout Southern Queensland are encouraged and invited to pray for the Cursillo Movement as it revives, refreshes and rejuvenates in our diocese. We are keen to meet Cursillistas and will be visiting parishes soon.

Contact Marg Carr for any information regarding Diocesan Servant Community – 0408 780 587



Vale ...

Rev Doug Lloyd has passed away. 1934 - 2021

Rev Doug's Cursillo was M16 in 1989 and he served as a team member many times in the roles of Musician and Spiritual Advisor from 1989 to M73 in 2014.

Rest in Peace Rev Doug.

In Loving Memory

Margaret Thurgood Letter to Editor

Thank you for sending me the copy of "On Wings Like Eagles". I was reminded of happy times when I was part of Cursillo. I had my hundredth birthday last February so that means I am on the way to being 101 years. (Margaret turned 101 in February 2021.) Since I became a centenarian, I have been written up in the University of Queensland magazine and the Anglican Focus.

I wondered if I should tell you a bit about my Cursillo?

My husband Jack went to the first one in 1985 and came home on a spiritual high. "You must go Margaret," he said. I could not go until W4 as I was my mother's carer. When she died, I was able to go.

I was on team for W7 and it was at the final eucharist we had to put something of ourselves on the altar. I put my biro. As a result of this, God gave me the gift of writing.

I was a member of Saint David's, Chelmer and they had a monthly News and Views. I think I wrote my first article in 1989 and continued until 2016 when Saint David's News and Views stopped being circulated and I broke my arm. Cursillo forms part of my spiritual journey. I'll always be grateful for the joy of being part of that fellowship. Jack died in 1999. He was on team eight times and was on the team which took Cursillo to New Zealand. Jack's hobby was carpentry and he made hundreds of crosses and other gifts for Cursillo.

I retired here at Aveo Durack in 2002 and became part of Saint Hughes, Inala when I could no longer drive to Saint David's. I know Inala has had quite a few Cursillistas and for a time we used to meet with friends from Algester.


Age gets in the way.

May God bless your future plans.

De Colores




Margaret Thurgood





In Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa, children are still trafficked and forced to harvest cocoa in order to supply our loved Easter chocolate.

That's why I, and thousands like me, choose to buy Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance or UTZ labelled products. The label tells us steps have been taken to prevent and disrupt this abuse.

Gathering at Hervey Bay

For many years now the Fraser Coast has held a combined Ultreya in February alternating between Maryborough and Hervey Bay. Last year the few folks who did the organisation decided it was time to hand over as they were old and tired! We asked for others to come forward, but no one did, so this year there was no Fraser Coast Ultreya. This caused some sadness, but in light of Covid, may well have been part of the great plan God has for us!

As I wrote up my diary from 20 to 21, I was aware of all the dates that had Ultreya Planning on them so decided to contact some for the folk who did the planning and have a meeting to catch up with each other. As you all know, in our busy lives unless we plan this, it never happens!

As a result, 12 of us met at the Beach House Hotel on the Esplanade at Hervey Bay.

Five folk from Maryborough and five from the Bay and two ring-ins from Gympie (lovely to see you Leanne and Neil) met for a very jolly lunch. We started and finished with prayer – probably much to the bemusement of other diners/drinkers - and in between talked of family, friends, team formation and the general state of the universe. There was much laughter, some shared concerns, but above all, loads of love being shared. Three hours later, we reluctantly went our own ways to continue with our day to day challenges, refreshed, and determined to meet at least twice a year in this relaxed and enjoyable way.

Ann Morris



Greetings from Post Cursillo

I trust you are looking forward to a safe 2021, when we can travel and meet together worshipping in community.

How is your 4th day going?.....

Are you in an active Re-union Group?

Do you need support to regain that "De Colores" feeling?

Are you considering sponsoring someone for W80 or M80?

At the Diocesan Ultreya at Freshwater in November last year, Bishop Cam encouraged us all not to place too much importance on when our Cursillo experience began, but to celebrate in how that experience is enriching our relationship with God everyday.....our 4th day.

Your Sponsor, Parish Contact, and the members of Diocesan Servant Community and Secretariat are on their 4th day too and are very excited to support and share your journey (see contact details on page 2).

To the wonderful Parish Contacts.....thank you very much for the work you do in your parishes. With God's help, you provide the links between us all.

Don't forget that the Parish Contact Kit is now available for viewing and printing from our Web site, www.cursillo-brisbane.com. It is located under the Resources tab. To access these resources, Parish Contacts need to register with the Webmaster with personal login details. The Webmaster will then contact you with approval.

The Parish Contact Kit contains all the things you need to support you in this role. It also has the documents to help you plan an Ultreya in your parish.

Ultreyas in 2021

Toowoomba West:

Date: 12 June

Location: St Alban's, Cnr ANZAC Avenue and Hill Street, Toowoomba

Details: 12 noon BYO lunch, Ultreya at 1pm.

Contact: Sharyn & Alan Gray

email: alangray48@icloud.com

mobile: 0425 288 985

Goondiwindi:

Date: 7 August 2021

Location: Holy Trinity, 37 - 43 Bowen St, Goondiwindi

To be confirmed

Diocesan:

Date: 20 November 2021

Location: To be confirmed

Please contact the Post-Cursillo Coordinator to book your Ultreya into the calendar for 2021.

There are a number of options for running an Ultreya:

- Attendance at your church for the Ultreya
- A Virtual Ultreya via the internet
- A combination of attendance and via the internet

We have a technical team who can help you set up your Ultreya for the internet.

Post-Cursillo Coordinator.

Kay Self



2021 Warwick Ultreya Report

PLUGGED IN



41 Cursillistas and non-cursillistas attended in person the 2021 Warwick Ultreya held at St Mark's Church. There were 18 people who joined the Ultreya via the internet. The parishes represented at the Ultreya were Allora-Clifton, Booval, Freshwater, Grovely, Hervey Bay, Kangaroo Point, Laidley, Logan, Manly-Tingalpa, Mt Gravatt, Nerang, Sherwood, Stanthorpe, Toowoomba West, Warwick and Waterloo Bay. We also had someone from Thailand join us

via the internet.

Our theme for the day was "Plugged In", from a Meditation in "Walking with God" by David Jeremiah. The scripture on which it was based was John 15:1-11 – "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."



The witness speaker, Susan Cruickshank, shared with us the difference that her Cursillo Fourth Day makes in her life. She hoped that we would be encouraged to stock our Cursillo spiritual pantry with these essential Fourth Day ingredients: by maintaining a personal relationship with Christ and taking those opportunities for time with other Christians, and so grow close supportive relationships; by being cheered through group reunions and Ultreyas to strengthen our foundations which support everyday adventures with Christ.

Before attending her Cursillo weekend she would frequently ask God, "What will I be when I grow up?" After the weekend her question morphed into, "Who will I be when I grow more?" and its answer takes the words of Catherine of Sienna. She will ... "Be the person God meant [me] to be and [I] will set the world on fire."

Through a difficult 2020, she has been supported by her daily devotional and Bible readings, by the weekly phone group reunion, and attending Ultreyas.

Susan's conclusion to her witness talk: "So wherever we find ourselves this day, this week, this year, may we find ourselves among these present-day saints, cheering each other on in the race set before us. This is no competition, but we are well equipped for the road conditions of our journey. Check out our Cursillo toolkit and the troubleshooting resources in our community relationships, so that those many power sources are plugged in properly, and this world can be set on fire for God."

Reverend Matt Skelton, in his spiritual reflection, spoke about abiding in Jesus. Just as the branches abide in the vine, we are to abide in Jesus who nourishes us with his love and the love of the father. This all comes with an expectation - to bear fruit. And what is that fruit? To love one another as Jesus loves us. Being plugged in to Jesus, being a part of his vine means that we are also decidedly plugged in to his church, the community of believers - indwelt by the spirit - that we should love each other as he loved us. As we abide in Jesus, he will sustain us, equip us, and fill us with overflowing love, through his word, through his spirit, and through his church.



We were challenged by the inclusion of two new songs which had special meaning for Susan: "New Wine" and "Another in the Fire". The Pop-up choir helped us to attempt to sing these songs. The last song, was led ably by Ian Carr – De Colores. Ultreya!

Jan Corcut

Prayer for Autumn

God of autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green,
letting go of what has been.

We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity
and risk. Help us let go when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves lay in coloured patterns on the ground, our
lives have their own patterns,

As we see the pattern of our own growth, may we learn from
them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights, there is always
mystery and wonder in our lives.

We also need to recognize your power filled presence. May we gain
strength from this.

God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, may gifts of
growth lie within this season of our surrender.

We must wait for the harvest in faith and hope. Grant us
patience when we do not see the blessing.

God of geese migrating for another season, your wisdom enables
us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be
carried out.

God of flowers touched with frost and windows wearing white
designs. May your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the
empty seasons.

God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us and entrust us with the
freedom to choose life. For this we are grateful.

Amen

(written by Rev Jane Lamont – National Spiritual Advisor)

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