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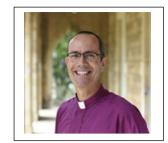
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~ A Message from the Episcopal Overseer ~

Creation gift and Easter mystery

At the beginning of this year the news was rightly dominated by bush fires in Australia. The impact of those fires on communities and individual people, and the destruction of flora and fauna on an extraordinary scale... particularly in New South Wales and Victoria. The smoke that blighted



the lives of many for weeks on end, and the fear of not knowing whether the rains would come.

There were stories of communities going the extra mile to support one another, and people opening their homes and hearts to strangers in need. While day and night many Rural Fire Service personnel put their lives on the line working in conditions that some commentators called apocalyptic. For many it seemed like the end of the world.

And for many... their world has forever changed. Fires can do that.

Huge swathes of National Park and agricultural land have been left blackened and grey. Almost a moonscape, with no food for surviving birds and animals, and no cover to hide from predators. It is a grim thing to walk through such places, particularly when they are much loved and filled with memories of green and brown flourishing.

Years ago, I walked through the ashes of Mount Archer National Park after such a fire. It seemed that nothing had survived, and all appeared lost... and then it rained! Within ten days the miraculous green shoots of grasses and cycads started to appear... new life after death. Slowly, but surely, most trees regenerated enabling insects and birds to return. Two years year later you had to sit quietly and observe the black scars that remained, because if you walked quickly you might miss them and not recognize the destruction that had occurred.

It's encouraging to find things, within the natural world, which remind us of resurrection. Things which remind us that 'though death is the end of life... in God's grace new life can come. So, as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ this Easter, we can rightly give thanks for the life-giving rains that have come to so many places.

And, we can remember God's love for the world, and our call to be good stewards. When we remember the verse from John's Gospel which speaks of incarnation, we often hear more clearly the second part better than the first. We remember, 'so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life...' and forget, 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...' (John 3:16).

Creation and incarnation; discipleship and stewardship; and love in the midst of death and life

The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

Blessings

Bishop Cam

Bishop for the Western Region

<u>4</u> <u>March 2020</u>

~ A Message from the Diocesan Lay Director ~

Hello to all Southern Qld Cursillistas Have been having a wonderful Cursillo time since my last On Wings report.

Attended the fabulous Ultreya at Hervey Bay on the Fraser Coast.

Do you know, there were 78 people who attended, of which 15 were possible

Candidates coming to see what Cursillo was all about. The Witness speaker, Mrs Diana Roper was truly inspirational. Well done to Jill Crane for a great job as our MC for the day however there were many people who contributed to the success. Thank you to you all who organised and everyone who came for making it a memorable event.

What is Cursillo?

As a Cursillista, you may be asked "What is Cursillo"?

We can all tend to stumble & fumble at this question, myself included.

Here is a possible response, according to Alan, that I would like to share with you.

Cursillo is about building a stronger, lifetime relationship with Christ regardless of where your relationship is now.

The process starts with a 3-day Cursillo Weekend in Christian living.

The name Cursillo is Spanish for short course. (Spain is where the Cursillo process originated)

The next step is called the Fourth Day. (i.e. every day after the 3-Day Weekend) It is a process to keep our Lord front and centre and is achieved by building friendships, having confidence to take on ministry roles within our Parishes, events, and lots more.

How are Cursillo 3-Day Weekends Organised?

Our Anglican Brisbane SQ Diocese is split into 3 regions roughly defined below,

Northern - Bishop Greaves's region (Brisbane River to Bundaberg)

Southern - Bishop Roundhill's region (Brisbane River to Tweed)

Western - Bishop Venables's region (Booval to the west, Charleville Cunnamulla & beyond)

Cursillo in Brisbane: The tyranny of travel plays a role in our Diocese. To this end a non-regional Weekend is held in the Brisbane area to cater for people within a reachable drive from Brisbane.

Our 3-Day Cursillo Weekend's, 1 x Men's and 1 x Women's each year, are held on consecutive years. e.g. 2018 Western, 2019 Brisbane, 2020 Northern, 2021 Southern, 2022 Western etc.

Cursillo M80 & W80 (Northern at Glendalough – Peregian Beach)

The role of the Diocesan Lay Director is to select the Lay Directors (LD) for the upcoming Cursillo. What I hadn't realised is the DLD is being asked to select this important role from people they don't know anything about. It is like swimming in a big fishbowl with over 3,000 fish and being asked to choose a fish to lead others. At the start, all fish look alike, however as time moves on, some fish volunteer themselves to accept the role Lay Director or Team member. If you would like to be considered to lead a Cursillo 3-Day Weekend or be selected to be on Team, then please make yourself known to me. All conversations will be confidential.

Blessings,

Alan

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~ A Message from The Editor ~

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

This is my first edition of On Wings Like Eagles!

Thank you to Kaye Clouston, and Gill and Lionel Outen for their outstanding work keeping everyone informed through this amazing publication in recent times.

Thank you to Sue Ellis and Jan Corcut who will be proof reading and correcting all my mistakes before you get to read each edition.

Thank you to Tony Shellshear who has done all the emailing and printing for many years and continues to do this.

Thank you to Gill Outen who has all the undeliverable copies returned to her address and then updates the data base.

Copy-Right laws prevent us from using articles, poems, photographs, quotes etc from many other sources.

Please send articles for publication. Don't be shy!
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
- 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."

See the cut-off dates for each edition below.

Send articles to: -The Editor, 110 Fort Road, Oxley 4075 irenemmoy@gmail.com M 0402901159



Thank you in anticipation, *Irene*

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Spring Edition	Monday 31st August	Monday 21st September
September	-	-
Christmas Edition	Friday 27 th November	Monday 7 th December
December	-	-

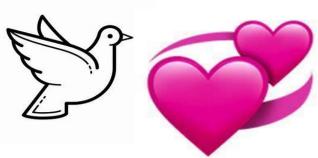
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Lockdown

by Fr. Richard Hendrick

Yes there is fear.
Yes there is isolation.
Yes there is panic buying.

Yes there is sickness. Yes there is even death.



But,

They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise

You can hear the birds again.

They say that after just a few weeks of quiet

The sky is no longer thick with fumes But blue and grey and clear.

They say that in the streets of Assisi
People are singing to each other
across the empty squares,
keeping their windows open
so that those who are alone
may hear the sounds of family around
them.

They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.

Today a young woman I know is busy spreading fliers with her number through the neighbourhood So that the elders may have someone to

call on.
Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques
and Temples

are preparing to welcome

and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary

All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting

All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way

All over the world people are waking up to a new reality

To how big we really are.

To how little control we really have.

To what really matters.

To Love.

So we pray and we remember that Yes there is fear.

But there does not have to be hate.

Yes there is isolation.

But there does not have to be loneliness. Yes there is panic buying.

But there does not have to be meanness. Yes there is sickness.

But there does not have to be disease of the soul

Yes there is even death.

But there can always be a rebirth of love. Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.

Today, breathe.

Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic

The birds are singing again The sky is clearing, Spring is coming,

And we are always encompassed by Love.

Open the windows of your soul And though you may not be able to touch across the empty square, Sing.

Brother Richard Hendrick, a Capuchin Franciscan living in Ireland, penned this touching poem about the coronavirus pandemic. Brother Richard shared his poem "Lockdown" in a Facebook post on Friday, March 13. His original post has received more than 19k positive reactions and has been shared more than 34k times.



~ News from Post Cursillo ~ Jan Corcut

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Contact: Ann Martin-Victor

> email: annmv@tpg.com.au mobile: 0407029989

Goondiwindi:

Date: 1 August

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

lunch provided at 12 noon, Ultreya 1.30pm, afternoon tea to follow Details:

Alicia Stewart Contact:

email: aliciajstewart@bigpond.com

mobile: 0488260101

Kangaroo Point:

Date: 29 August

Location: St Mary's, 433, 447 & 449 Main Street, Kangaroo Point

Details: 10am morning tea provided, 11am Ultreya followed by BYO lunch

Contact: **Kay Self**

email: kay.self1@gmail.com

mobile: 0410630755

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

email: jcorcut@gmail.com mobile 0431243248

New for Ultreya! New for Mananita! New for Clausura!

We have developed a new sign on sheet for Ultreyas, Mananitas and Clausuras.

We have done this for several reasons:

- To capture information on who is attending these events;
- For Workplace Health and Safety requirements; and
- To obtain approval for publishing your photo on the Web Site or in On Wings Like Eagles.

The sign on sheets look like this:

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When you attend one of these events, please take the time to sign on.



So, we want to hold an Ultreya.

What do we do?

It's a good idea to have a team to run the Ultreya.

You might like to consider having an Ultreya with other Parishes, making it an Area Ultreya.

Here are some steps to help you have a successful Ultreya:



- 1 The Ultreya contact person gets in touch with the Post-Cursillo Coordinator to check the availability of the date. In the OWLE and on the Website (cursillo-brisbane.com) are the details for contacting the Post-Cursillo Coordinator.
- 2 The Post-Cursillo Coordinator enters the tentative date into the Cursillo calendar to avoid conflicts.
- 3 The Post-Cursillo Coordinator forwards a set of documents to the Ultreya contact person for their assistance. The documents include: Ultreya Guidelines; Witness Speaker Points to Consider; Spiritual Reflection Points to Consider; Lay Response Points to Consider; Parish List; Ultreya Sign On Sheet; sample flyer for advertising, required information for advertising in Focus.
- 4 The Ultreya team confirms the date and details of the Ultreya. The team organise the Ultreya.
- 5 The Ultreya contact person notifies the Post-Cursillo Coordinator of the details of the Ultreya confirmation of date, location, timing (time, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea), contact details (name, phone number and email address), theme
- 6 The Ultreya team prepares a flyer for advertising the Ultreya and completes the information sheet for advertising in the Anglican Focus.
- 7 The Ultreya team sends the flyer and information sheet to the Webmaster and the OWLE editor for advertising. In the OWLE and on the Website (cursillo-brisbane.com) are the details for contacting the Webmaster and the OWLE Editor.
- 8 On the day of the Ultreya, please take photos for placement on our Web site and for the OWLE.
- 9 Celebrate the Ultreya and begin planning for next year.
- 10 The Ultreya team writes a story about the Ultreya and forwards the story to the OWLE Editor and Webmaster.

Contact the Post-Cursillo Coordinator if you have any questions regarding Ultreyas.



What a glorious display of nature did our God turn on for us for the annual Fraser Coast Ultreya. Having had months of drought and watching our landscape brown off in the months of preparation leading up to the event, we were able to enjoy greening countryside and slightly cooler weather on the day.

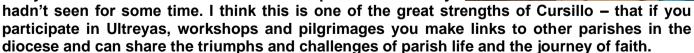
The Theme was "The Word of God Lasts Forever" and we wanted to capture that great truth, so the decorations for the church were themed around this with the pews having words stuck on the end of each one and a banner all along the altar displaying many of the words of reassurance with which Christians live.

We have had falling numbers for the last few years at our Ultreyas, so were highly delighted and encouraged when a number of people from other areas decided to join us for this time of prayer and praise. Lunch was a very chattery affair, with folk catching up with each other and sharing stories and laughs.

We moved from the hall to the church to start proceedings and our MC Jill Crane did a wonderful job overseeing proceedings and enlightening us with interesting bible facts and a few good jokes! Robyn Roper our witness speaker (pictured here), shared her journey as a priest's wife – actually two priests – and how opportunities to share the gospel stories had been used to bring people to Christ. Wendy Matthews then responded to Robyn's content, while Fr Jeff Jarvis did a thought-provoking spiritual reflection.

The group reunion time addressed a number of questions relating to the theme of the day, and very excitingly we had 15 people who came to visit with a view to attending our Cursillo in August at Glendalough. We pray that many of them will decide they would like to experience a full Cursillo weekend.

The afternoon ended with a gargantuan afternoon tea where everyone once more took time to catch up with those they





As usual in the "bush" we convened to the RSL for a shared meal and then headed wearily for home. This 30 km journey back to Maryborough for some of us was frightening, as a massive rain depression came in and it was 20kms per hour for much of the trip. The Lord saw us all safely home and I believe those who attended were refreshed and encouraged by their day.

Ann Morris

Reverend Pauline and Peter Harley's Camino Pilgrimage

Peter and Rev Pauline walked the Camino in Spain in 2019. Read about the gruelling pace they set for themselves for 34 days. Burgueta/Auritz to Pamplona – 39.6 km, in one day!



"We both went through high and low points on this most challenging walk. However, we both had our highest point on the same day at a different point. Pauline's was at 'the Cross' at the highest point of the Camino. We both had our low point 2km down the track when the albergue we planned to stop at was not there, followed by my emotional highpoint that evening with a sole guitarist at Aceto singing 'Let it be' and 'Alleluia'. I still cry just thinking about this day.

We made it to Santiago de Compostela after 29 days after stopping just 10 km short the night before so we could arrive, complete our accreditation and attend the pilgrims' mass at midday. Evidently it is normal for the queue to be about 3 hours. We got through in 90 minutes (praise the Lord)." Peter Harley



A more detailed account of Rev Pauline's and Peter's walk can be found on the Brisbane Cursillo webpage.

www.cursillo-brisbane.com







Great News from North QLD

As a background; many of you will remember Robin & Marcia Hyde who were active members of our Diocese before moving to North Queensland, 5 to 6 years ago.

At the last National Secretariat meeting in Sydney, Robin explained that Cursillo NQ was heading towards going into recess. It was becoming too difficult as they alone, were the major driving force.

National Secretariat agreed that from each of our dioceses, we could make up a Cursillo Team (or part thereof) and travel to NQ to get the ball rolling again.

All they had to do was find the Candidates.

Well, here is an extract from Robin & Marcia's email

"All systems are on "GO" for a 3-day weekend in NQ. We have booked the Cathedral School in Townsville for the weekend of 2^{nd} to 5^{th} July. The weekend will be a combined Men's and Women's – MW14"

Isn't that great news they have been able to form their own Team!
The Lord knows when we need help!
Bp. Keith in North QLD is supporting efforts for Cursillo success in the Diocese.

More Updates next OWLE or check the Brisbane SQ Website on <u>www.Cursillo-Brisbane.com</u>

Let's encourage other dioceses with messages of goodwill for their special Cursillo events.



Upcoming Events

National Secretariat – Newcastle 5th to 7th June

30th Anniversary Cursillo Celebration

Theme: 20/20 Vision – His Plan – Our Mission www.Cursillo-Australia.org for more detail.

Grafton Cursillo 5th to 8th June

Fire Day Port Macquarie 2nd May 9:30am – 2:30pm

(on fire for Christ)

Contact Ruth Morris ruthmorris849@gmail.com

North QLD combined Cursillo MW14 2nd to 5th July

Warwick Ultreya

Be a Light to the World

Thirty-two cursillistas gathered at St Mark's Warwick for a BYO lunch followed by the Ultreya, with the theme of: -

"Be a Light to the World". The scripture verses were Isaiah 49:6b and Matthew 5:14-16.

Sharon Payton, our witness speaker, shared how she and her husband rely on the Lord. She has utilised her gifts in her Parish, by running a speaking course. Sharon and her husband also run a ministry called "Movie with a Message". Making her Cursillo was one of her best life experiences.



Lunching together in the hall



Sharon speaking at the Ultreya



Singing at the Ultreya

In her spiritual reflection, Reverend Lizzie Gaitskell spoke to us about being a light to all. Alan Gray, Diocesan Lay Director, shared with us the list of upcoming events, highlighting the Pilgrimage in May.

The songs chosen, matched the theme. Some of us could sing them, others had some difficulty.

But we had fun! Jan Corcut



Cursillo Three-day Weekends in 2020

Congratulations to Bill Lawrence, Lav Director of Men's 80 and Merilyn Greensill Lay Director of Women's 80. Please pray for them as they form their teams.

Men's 80 & **Glendalough Peregian Beach**

Women's 80 Cursille **Glendalough Outdoor** Peregian Beach.

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Sponsoring information and forms can to be found under the AC Manual tab.















Congratulations to sponsors from the Parish of Bundaberg. At the time of this edition; this parish has already completed forms for one candidate for W80! Well done!

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Many thanks

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Below is my contribution advice towards Cursillo.

I/We understand this is a totally voluntary offering, and is made with love towards keeping the vibrant ministry of Cursillo open to all Candidates and Cursillistas.

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

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