

January Jottings

Your monthly email Newsletter on happenings
in the Cursillo Anglican Southern Queensland Diocese

Cursillo Brisbane SQ

January 2020

2020 Date Claimers for Your Diary

8th Feb 2020

Frazer Coast Ultreya
St Johns Hervey Bay
Doolong Rd, Wondunna
BYO Lunch 12 noon

14th March 2020

Warwick Ulteryas
St Marks Warwick

1st to 3rd May 2020

PILGRIMAGE
Kindilan Retreat
An event not to be missed

23rd May 2020

North West Brisbane Ultreya
St Marks The Gap

4th to 7th June 2020

**National Secretariat
Newcastle, NSW**
Open to Cursillo Delegates
Cursillista Observers welcome
(More info next Jottings issue)

13th June 2020

Toowoomba West Ultreya
St Alban's Toowoomba

18th July 2020

Bayside Ultreya
St Georges Birkdale

2nd August 2020

Goondiwindi
Holy Trinity
Lunch Provided 12 noon
Stay the night & enjoy
the hospitality

13th to 16th August 2020

**Men's 80 (M80)
Cursillo 3-Day Weekend**
Glendalough Centre
Sunshine Coast

20th to 23rd August 2020

**Women's 80 (W80)
Cursillo 3-Day Weekend**
Glendalough Centre
Sunshine Coast

29th August 2020

Kangaroo Point Ultreya
St Mary's Kangaroo Point

17th October 2020

Highfields Ultreya
St Anne's Highfields
(Near Toowoomba)

21st November 2020

DIOCESAN ULTREYA
The big one - not to miss

A New Cursillo Decade Dawns

by Alan Gray
Your new Cursillo Diocesan Lay Co-ordinator



As a word of introduction, my name is Alan Gray, married to Sharyn and we are passionate Cursillistas, having experienced our Cursillo 3-Day Weekend in Newcastle at M27 & W27 in 2001.

History is a wonderful guideline when undertaking a new role. Cursillo was endorsed by our Brisbane SQ Diocese in 1985, having been sponsored by the Grafton Diocese. The concept was very popular, with up to 3 x Cursillo 3-Day Weekends for men and women, being held in our Diocese in a calendar year.

All was going well until around the start of the 2010's where a slow and gradual decline in the number of new people attending weekends started to happen.

As Professor Julius Sumner Miller used to say, "Why is It So?" None of us know why, however what we do know is 98% people experiencing the Cursillo 3-Day Weekend, come away excited about their relationship with our Lord, whether it was previously non-existent or something much deeper.

Within Cursillo, there is system known as the Fourth Day.

As said earlier, 98% of us had a memorable 3-Day Weekend experience. As you remember from your own time, we never wanted the "feel good" experience to end. This is where the Fourth Day comes into play. In simple terms, Fourth Day is a Cursillo process to help keep that Cursillo feeling alive by meeting regularly to talk about your Christian experiences now.

Fourth Day is not only for Cursillistas but for non-Cursillistas too. Fourth Day is a good introduction to Cursillo.

In the last decade the Fourth Day has had less priority, but needs to be restored to support and encourage Cursillo growth in this new decade.

The Fourth Day can be made up of many components.

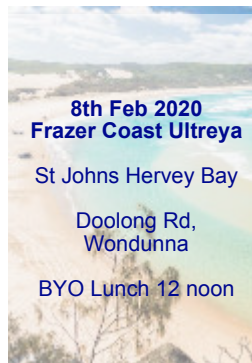
- 1. Group Reunion:** Short meetings with friends regularly to discuss your Christian life now.
- 2. Parish or Diocesan Ultreyas.**
A gathering of the Clan, meeting up with old friends in a spiritual & uplifting group.
- 3. Special Events.**
Coming up soon, we have a Pilgrimage Weekend at Kindilan in Brisbane. This is going to be a fabulous weekend of fun & frivolity with a Christian Theme.
- 4. Offering yourself to be on a Cursillo 3-Day Team.** (Cursillistas Only)
This is the most fulfilling experience. It is like having your 3-Day Weekend all over again. A beautiful experience.

Final Comment

Now it is January 2020, the start of a magnificent decade of Cursillo growth. We would love YOU to be part of it.

Blessings

Alan



2020 Pilgrimage Kindilan Retreat