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All of us have gifts and talents given to us by our Lord.

Men's 80 Cursillo 28th – 31st October Come as You Are

Women's 80 Cursillo 4th – 7th November I called upon the Lord and He answered me

Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre, Lakewood Drive, Peregian Beach.

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~ A Message from the Diocesan Spiritual Advisor ~

What do you call those messages we consistently feed ourselves – the self-talk that keep us on track through the dry areas of life? There's sure to be a pop-psych word that someone will know and share with me.

My popular favourite is: Just be faithful to God because God is always faithful to me. It's so good, I'm going to repeat it – just be faithful to God, because God is always faithful to me – to you.

It's something we need to keep hearing, keep reminding ourselves in these days of changing Covid requirements. There's no room for an 'I' in a pandemic. As they keep telling us, *We're all in this together.*

I remember being really touched when I first read Viktor Frankl's book *Man's Search for Meaning*. It would be at least 45 years ago now. Frankl was a prominent Austrian psychiatrist who was incarcerated in Auschwitz in WWII and his book reflects on what the experience taught him about the primary purpose of life – the quest for meaning. One phrase I remember, spoke of how those who had a 'why' to live – particularly those in loving relationships, survived.

Another key point is particularly relevant to us today – the hardest freedom that can be taken from us is that we are free to choose our own response in any given set of circumstances. Are we going to be a plaything of circumstances, or is this where our growth in faith, hope and love - our freedom will come from?

Here's where our 4th day groups come into their own – no matter how you're meeting – phone, email, Zoom for the technologically adept - being in a group where you are upheld in love and encouraged in your journey is a particular blessing for us all.

We know how Jesus calls us to live – as people who love and are loved.

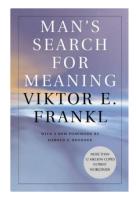
God bless you as you choose to let your faith shine like a beacon in your family and neighbourhood.

De Colores,



Valerie

Archdeacon Valerie Hoare



"..curing the soul by leading it to find meaning in life..." Viktor E. Frankl

\sim A Message from the Diocesan Lay Director \sim Reflection

Back in January 2020, my role as your Diocesan Lay Director had just begun. Writing at the time, this was not just any year, it was the turn of a new decade and hope was for the future.

My experience of Cursillo happened at the turn of the 2000 decade. It opened my eyes to the love of Our Lord and over the last 20 years, I have been given the peace that comes with the belief of knowing the Lord is with me.

Cursillo is a special tool to bring people closer to God.

The 3-Day Weekend is a turning point for many, as it was for me, but it goes further than that. The Ultreyas, Pilgrimages, Group Reunions, Cursillo Teams, and Secretariat participation, all contribute to God's work and tools to support parishes.

The reflection of God's Love shows in parishes with Cursillistas. It is commonplace to see Cursillistas performing many active and leadership roles in our parishes. Sometimes however, I am saddened by the few clergy who have closed their mind to the Cursillo tool with no experience of the Cursillo programme for themselves.

Cursillo is an experience, different for each person.

You have to experience it for yourself to understand it.

Getting back to January 2020Your Cursillo Secretariat (the management committee) promised to set a good platform for Cursillo growth for the 20-30's decade. **It is happening!**

In 2020, we were the only diocese in Australia in the COVID shutdown who were consistently active.

The Zoom Ultreyas were so popular with some attracting over 90 on-line plus people holding pseudo gatherings at homes and churches as the restrictions eased. This year we have been able to meet in person AND Zoom as well where distance is too large.

Our Men's and Women's 80 will cater for more candidates this year even though these Cursillos had to be postponed to late October and early November because of COVID; by the way there is still time to register candidates from your parish.

The National Secretariat Conference to be held 10th to 12th September was cancelled due to the COVID situation. This also meant that the Ultreya to be held at Saint Alban's also did not go ahead.

Each Secretariat Member leaves a legacy for their successor to build on. If you feel you would like to

contribute by being on Secretariat, then please give any Secretariat Member a call, email or SMS and we can answer any questions you may have. Our contact details are inside the front cover.

First roles off the rank are Secretary, Diocesan Co-Lay Director and Music Copyright.

Couldn't resist this little quote from Simon Sinek.

De Colores,

When we help ourselves, we find moments of happiness. When we help others, we find lasting fulfillment.

-Simon

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Welcome to this Spring edition. The front cover shows the first words of God's Gift written by Ann Morris. All of us have gifts and talents given to us by Our Lord. See the beautiful words of her song on page 7. Thank you for sharing, Ann.

There is a theme throughout this edition of using God's gifts, getting involved and helping. See Archdeacon Valerie's article on page 3 referencing Viktor Frankl's book

about living a meaningful life and Alan's article on page 4 asking people to be involved in Secretariat roles. He quotes Simon Sinek, "When we help ourselves, we find moments of happiness. When we help others, we find fulfillment." This is vital!

Rev. Jane Lamont, National Anglican Cursillo Spiritual Advisor's prayer on page 6 also asks "What can YOU offer God?". All of us have gifts and talents given to us by Our Lord.

A shared Reflection from Desley Randle is on page 8, thank you Desley. Read about the great work being done by Diocesan Servant Community (page 9) and be inspired to join both DSC and the MW 80 Follow Up Day team after reading Marg's enthusiastic articles. Marg and Kay are asking on page 10 for your interest for Zoom Group Reunions. What a fantastic idea especially for those not able to join a group in person.

Do you have a Parish Contact? Both Peter on page 11 and Kay, page 12 are encouraging you to step up and put your hand up for the role if there is not a Parish Contact currently in your parish. Get Ultreya information from Kay as far ahead as March 2022 on page 13.

Are you up to date with your contribution? All the detailed information from treasurer, Ann Martin-Victor is included on page 14.

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

See the cut-off dates for each edition below.

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Thank you in anticipation, *Irene*

Edition	Cut-off Date for Articles	Email/Publish Date
Christmas Edition 2021 December	27 th November	7 th December
Lent/Easter Edition 2022 March	17 th February	16 th March
Winter Edition 2022 June	25 th May	15 th June
Spring Edition 2022 September	31st August	21st September

Prayer

What can you offer God?

National Secretariat recently heard of Diocesan Cursillo in crisis, and I would really appreciate all your prayers for that group in particular, but for all Cursillo throughout our country.

We all suffer from a shortage of people willing to put their hands up to fulfil the necessary roles to keep Cursillo functioning. Many times, we find the same people shifting roles or even taking on more than one function within the Secretariat. This is not a healthy practice, and we should be looking at succession planning from the moment we take on a role.

I would like to remind you that this is something that you can offer God. He asks so little of us and, yet still we withhold that small thing. Perhaps we withhold it from fear, that we may be misunderstood, or that we will fail if we attempt it.

Perhaps we withhold it from a perception that what we have to offer is insignificant and worthless. Perhaps we think we need to have more skills or education to do the things He would have us do.



Maybe we are concerned about what others will think of us if we put up our hands to do His calling. Maybe we feel we're already too busy to take on anything else to build His Kingdom.

So my prayer is this:

Heavenly Father, you shower me with your seemingly endless blessings 24 hours a day. You ask so little of me in return, only that I love you with my whole heart and that I love others in the same way that you love me. You tell me to go and feed your sheep (John 21:15-20).

Lord God, remind me, I pray, to trust you when you say in Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

And again in Hebrews 13:20-21 when he promises us to equip us to do his work, "20 Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, 21 equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight," through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

So Lord, I pray for courage for me and for all your people to take a step in faith and take an active part of that discipling movement we

call Cursillo, safe in the knowledge that you will always be with me in all I do, equipping and guiding me. And that through Cursillo and in Your strength more and more people will be called to serve You.

I pray this in the Name of our Great Shepherd Jesus, Amen

Rev. Jane Lamont, National Anglican Cursillo Spiritual Advisor

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Thank you to Ann Morris from Maryborough for sharing her faith and creativity through these words on the front cover and here.

God's Gifts

Sung to "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken (173 Mission Praise)



All of us have gifts and talents given to us by our Lord.
We all have some wondrous colours, deep inside us safely stored
God allows us each a share of gold to use to praise his name
Threads of white and green and yellow, turquoise, blue and startling flame.

Some of us can paint a picture, others bake delicious cake, There are those who plant the gardens, or with needle garments make. Some can lead and some can listen, there are those who reach in love Every person deep inside them, has a gift from God above.

Have you treasures buried in you, gifts you have not used full well? Jesus will give strength to grow them, giant tree from tiny cell. Some make music, some build houses, others teach us how to pray. Celebrate the great diversity, giv'n to us to use each day

We're all different from each other, different background, different hue, But as we weave in our colour, strength and beauty will show through. God the master weaver shapes us, into fabric rich and rare, Let the Lord enhance your colour, so God's glory you declare.



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Vale ...

Rev. Ross Cameron, husband of Jocelyn died peacefully and painlessly in the final hours of 12 July from pancreatic cancer. His funeral was held at St Andrew's, Toogoolawah, on Tuesday, 20 July followed by the interment of his body at Esk Cemetery. Ross and Jocelyn attended many Ultreyas. Ross was Spiritual Advisor on many Cursillos in this diocese; more than ten from 1986 until 2019 and was also Spiritual Advisor on New Zealand M01 and M02. He will be sadly missed by all.

June Fradgley, a member of the Robina / Mermaid Beach Parish Reunion Group, died on Friday, 20th August. June did her Cursillo in NSW and was a valuable member of the group which met each month for many years at June's place. Even when she went into an Aged Care Facility, she organised for several of the residents to view the on-line Sunday service of Robina Anglican Church on a Monday in the facility's theatrette. She showed the "Face of Jesus". June's funeral was held on Thursday 26th August at Robina Anglican Church. May she rest in eternal peace.



THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK, LOUISE HARRIS

Louise has served Cursillo in our diocese with distinction. She has given her resignation as Secretary of Secretariat effective now. She will continue her role of Music Copyright Coordinator until the Diocesan Ultreya in November. Since her Candidate Cursillo on W55A in 2003, she has served as Table Team Member on W74 and W78, Assistant Proctor on W73, and was Lay Director of W77. Secretariat activities included Copyright Coordinator from 2011 to now (10 years!), Servant Community 2007 and 2008, and Secretariat Secretary in 2020 and 2021. Louise was also an integral part of the team that organised and ran the successful 2018 Pilgrimage to Mitchell. Thank you, Louise, for your hard work and dedication in these leadership positions.



Reflection

We are hardwired for connection with God, with each other and with creation. There's a well-known quote that says "evangelism "is just one beggar telling another beggar where to "find bread". How do we have that humility within ourselves? And what is the bread? It's the bread of connection. As we break bread, we see Christ is present in the midst of us. That's the lesson we see from the early resurrection narratives. "Are not our hearts burning within us" as we sit around meal tables? As we anticipate one day being at the grand banquet feast in God's Hall?

This year may every meal that is shared be an anticipation of that great day, of that moment when we will find God through connecting with each other and through the breaking of bread.

An Aboriginal lady once told me that "you are who you eat with." "Who are we? Who are we eating with? Who are we sharing our tables with?"

Bind us together, Lord. Bind us together, with cords that cannot be broken. You have created us for community and connection.

written by Jon Owen, Pastor and CEO of Wayside Chapel Sydney

Passed on with love and blessings, Desley Randle



What is Diocesan Servant Community?

In the early years of Cursillo in Queensland, there were 4 Servant Communities, now there is one, so what does DSC in 2021 do?

The Diocesan Servant Community works across all four regions of Southern Queensland. Members meet monthly. The meetings are held by Zoom during the current times allowing our long-distance members to join in. Meetings may also be in person. The Leader of the Servant community usually chairs the meeting. Monthly agendas may vary, however there are some core components. Members contribute (on a rotational basis) by sharing a meditation together, participating in and leading group reunion and joining in individual prayers for the Cursillo Movement in our Diocese and Nationwide.

The updating of documents and procedures e.g., the ACMA manual and associated documents for the 3 Day Weekends or initiating procedures for new approaches (e.g. Zoom Ultreyas) allows members of DSC to work as a collaborative team.

Diocesan Servant Community is a forward focused, prayerful and practical group of Cursillistas which welcomes new members who have a passion to advance the authentic Cursillo Movement in Southern Queensland.



Men's and Women's 80 Follow Up Day

DSC has spent time and energy reviewing and redrafting the programme for the Follow Up Day, making decisions based on feedback from the M79 and W79 Follow Up Day leader Sue Ellis and team/candidates. The changes are very positive and will allow all parishes to benefit. The main change is taking out the third meditation which will be sent to the Parish Contacts so that current and new Cursillistas can share their views together, as a group, regarding "On the Road to Emmaus". Parishes without new Cursillistas will benefit from this meditation as it will be a refreshing Cursillo Weekend reminder, no matter how long ago. Hopefully this will be done in every parish group reunion at the beginning of 2022 after the MW80 Follow Up Day on 15th January. We encourage all Parish Contacts to look forward to the meditation which will be emailed to you soon. After 15th January it will also be on the website.

Marg Carr, Kay Self, Irene Moy, Bruce Moy, Chris Rohde, Greg Blundell and Anne McAlister are the current team members for the Follow Up Day. More people are needed. If you would like to join this group, please contact Marg Carr. The venue will be the Cooroy Anglican Church of Holy Nativity corner Tewantin Road and Miva Street, Cooroy.



Zoom Group Reunions are on the way.

Are you keen?

If you have trouble accessing a group for Group Reunion, we are keen to start a Zoom Group Reunion in each of the four regions – Northern, Western, Southern and Brisbane.

Each region will have a host and groups would meet according to the wishes of group members.

Please contact

Kay Self - 0410 630 755 or

Marg Carr - 0408 780 587

to find out more about this exciting concept.



Facebook Group and Page

Did you know we have a Facebook Private Group and a Facebook Public page now?

Our Facebook Private Group is for those who have lived the Cursillo Weekend or equivalent to share thoughts, prayers, encouragement and sharing how your Fourth day is going. At the moment we have 78 members. Why not join our group? Just search for Cursillo Southern Queensland in Facebook.

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Parish Contact Kit

Dear Parish Contacts, did you know that the Parish Contact kit is online on our website now?

Cursillo SQ, Parish Contacts, Web Page, Log in/Sign Up procedure

- 1. Point your web browser to https://www.cursillo-brisbane.com/ web site
- 2. From the Home page Top menu, click on "Parish Contact Kit" under RESOURCES menu:
- 3. The First time you use this page, you will have to click 'Sign Up"
- 4. You will then be asked to enter your details as below then click "Sign Up" button. You will need to enter your First Name, Last name, Email Address and enter a password.
- 5. A notification will then be sent to one of the Website Administrators who will approve or reject your request.
- 6. Once above is done, the next time you go to the "Parish Contact Kit" under RESOURCES menu, enter your Email address, and Password then click "Log In"
- 7. If Log In is successful you should see the screen as shown below.



Parish Contact Kit-

8. Click on the "Parish Contact Kit" button and you will see all the documents in the kit.

Peter Victor

Webmaster

Greetings from Post Cursillo

Parish Contacts

Parish Contacts are a vital part of the connections within and between Parishes. They are the multi-coloured life blood that link us together and encourage us all in our 4th Day. Thank you to all those Cursillistas who have taken on this role over many years.

In some Parishes, those loyal folks are now ready to pass on this role or already have, because they have left your Parish, are not well enough or have died.

Are you able to be your Parish's Cursillo Contact?

The only criteria for being a Parish Contact is to be an enthusiastic Cursillista......a Cursillista, who is prepared to be the link between the Southern Queensland Cursillo Secretariat and your Parish. I promise that I won't barrage you with emails and messages. I'll just be there for you and other Cursillistas, in your Parish, to support the growth of the Cursillo Movement spreading Christ's message of love and joy in our lives.

If you would like to find out more about becoming your Parish's Cursillo Contact......

Please call or email me.....

kay.self1@gmail.com M0410 630 755

A big thank you to Jeanette Reason, the Parish Contact for Grovely Parish. Jeanette is a passionate Cursillista who encourages the Cursillistas at Grovely Parish and passes on information. Thank you also to Father Stephen and Rev. Judy and the Parishioners at All Saints 9am service on Sunday for their warm welcome. It was a joyful and meaningful service of worship.



Next Ultreya

Our next Ultreya for 2021, is being hosted by Redcliffe and Freshwater Parishes on **9**th **October** at **The Church of the Risen Christ – 43 Park Road Deception Bay.** Doug Frith is the Parish Contact.

The theme is *From Little Things Big Things Grow*. It will be in person and on ZOOM. The link will be emailed separately. If you are attending in person, you are invited to BYO lunch from 12 noon at Freshwater Parish or to join the link by 12:30pm for a 1 pm start. A COVID safe afternoon tea will be provided after the Ultreya.

Thinking of holding an Ultreya in 2022?

Please contact me as soon as possible to get your date into what looks like being a busy Cursillo year in 2022.

Post-Cursillo Coordinator Kay Self <u>September 2021</u> 13

Upcoming Ultreyas

Please put the following Ultreyas into your diaries: -

Peninsular:

Date: 9 October

Location: Church of the Risen Christ, 43 Park Road, Deception Bay

Details: 12 noon BYO lunch, 1pm Ultreya

Contact: Doug Frith, M 0412 573 210, family.frisco@gmail.com



From Little Things Big Things Grow

Diocesan:

Date: 20 November

Location: Saint Bart's, 1357 Logan Road, (corner Mountain St) Mount Gravatt

Details: 12 noon BYO lunch, 1pm Ultreva

Contact: Kay Self, M 0410 630 755, kay.self1@gmail.com

Gold Coast North:

Date: 5 February 2022

Location: Saint James's, 41 Brighton Street, Biggera Waters

Contact: Pat Grant, pat.grant@bigpond.com

Southern Downs:

Date: 5 March 2022

Location: Saint Mark's, Warwick

Details: 12 noon BYO lunch, 1pm Ultreya

Contact: Jan Corcut, M 0431 243 248, <u>icorcut@gmail.com</u>

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Many thanks
Ann Martin-Victor
Treasurer

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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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