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FROM OUR DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Fr Mark Cooper

One of my favourite stories is St Francis and the wolf. A wolf is terrorising the town of Gubbio and when St Francis hears of it, he goes there to tame the wolf. When he meets the wolf, he arranges a peace by promising the wolf if he stops, the people of the town will make sure he doesn't go hungry.

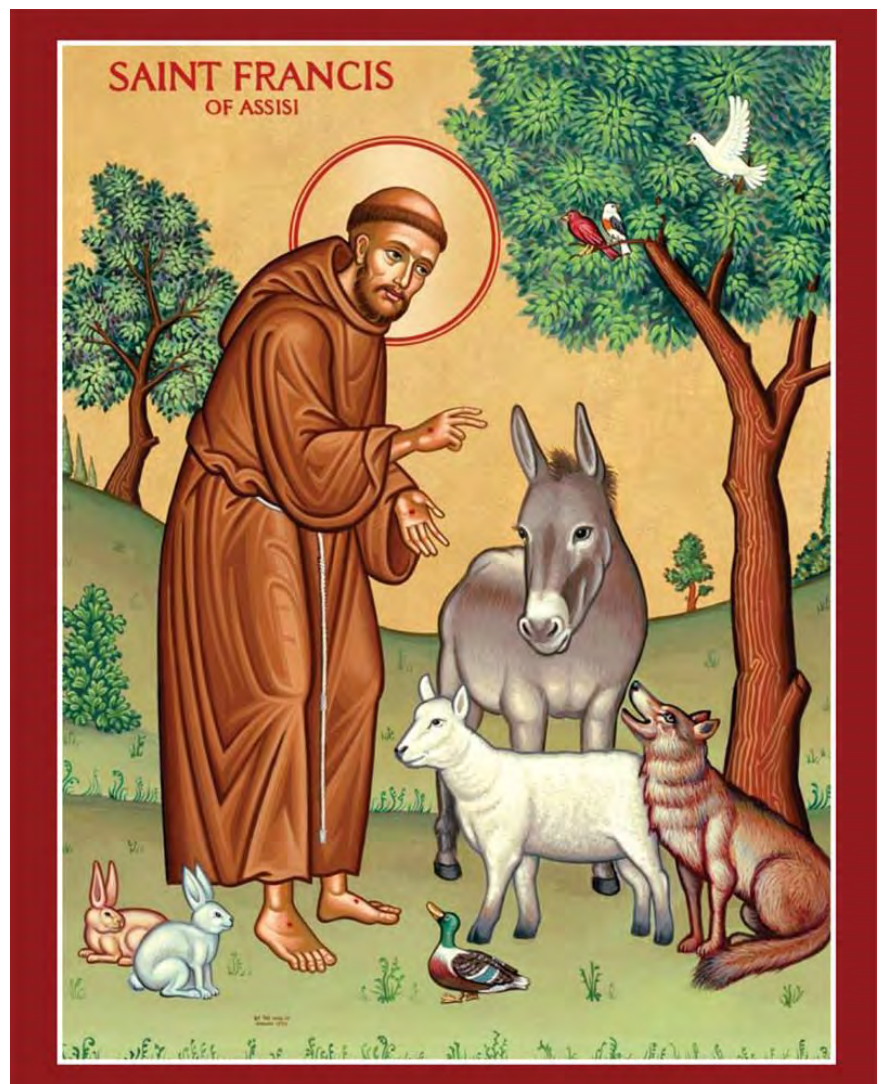
The townsfolk agree and from then on, the wolf roams freely throughout the town, well-fed by the residents. When the wolf finally dies, he is mourned by every person in the town.

I love this story for a few reasons. The logical way of resolving the problem of the wolf is to hunt him down and kill him. St Francis' way is conflict resolution. Both sides have to want to repair the relationship and both sides have to give something up. The ending that would have happened if the village hunted down the wolf would have been cheering his death. The ending we get, though, is sorrow at the wolf's death.

Conflict resolution is never easy. We will often put ourselves in the initial role of the villagers; "I've done nothing wrong, it is all the other person's fault". Can we open ourselves to the possibility both of us need to change? Maybe this relationship can be salvaged?

We can't make the other person come to the table, but I never want to be the one who is the obstacle to reconciliation. I don't have to give up everything. I don't have to let the other person walk all over me, but I do want to be sitting at the table with an open mind and a listening ear.

De Colores,
Fr Mark Cooper

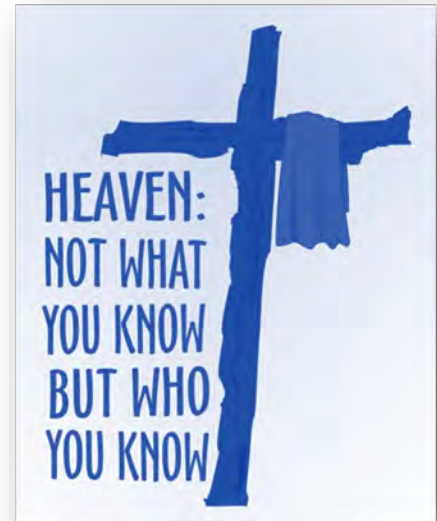




MONTHLY CURSILLO PRAYER DIARY

Pray everyday for Bishop Peter
along with our Assistant Bishops Sonia and Charlie

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- Day 2 National Secretary - Leanne Doyle; (National Secretary Elect - Kay Self)
- Day 3 National Treasurer - Margaret Brodie
- Day 4 National Episcopal Advisor - Bishop Ian Palmer
- Day 5 National Spiritual Advisor - Reverend Lee Weissel
- Day 6 National Webmaster - Shirley Tongue
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- Day 9 Diocesan Co-Lay Director - Geoff Wooden
- Day 10 Diocesan Spiritual Director - Reverend Mark Cooper
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- Day 24 Manning - Clergy, Servant Community; Deanery Contact - **Position vacant**
- Day 25 Upper Hunter - Clergy, Servant Community; Deanery Contact - Tony Farmer
- Day 26 Newcastle - Clergy, Servant Community; Deanery Contact - Fr Chris Bullock
- Day 27 Lay Director - MW51 Lyn Wickham
- Day 28 Prayers for combined Cursillo men's and women's weekend
- Day 29 Prospective Sponsors and Potential Candidates
- Day 30 Fourth Day Community
- Day 31 Kairos, Torch and Kairos Outside/Inside/Juvenile





FROM OUR NEW DIOCESAN CO-LAY DIRECTOR

Lorraine Phillips

Welcome to the Winter Edition of the Encourager.

At the time of writing this report we are looking forward to our first combined weekend, MW51, to be held at Catalina Conference Centre Rathmines 22–25 August. Lyn Wickham and her team are doing a great job at their training days. Please continue to pray for male and women candidates for the weekend!

When looking to sponsor someone, please ensure that you speak to your parish priest before approaching the person you think would be a great candidate.

A workshop was held at St John's Raymond Terrace on 6 July to look at how Cursillo in the Newcastle Diocese can move forward into the future. There were 35 people in attendance and we looked at the results of the survey sent out to all Cursillistas.

Anglican Women will be holding their Spring Celebration on 3 September at St Peters Church Hall, Bank Street East Maitland, 9am–2pm. All Anglican Women are encouraged to attend. We are all Anglican Women!

Women Celebrating Their Faith will be on 7 September at St John's Raymond Terrace, 9am–3pm, cost \$40.

4th Day Welcome will be held on 14 September at St John's Raymond Terrace, 9.30am–1pm, BYO lunch.

In October the National Secretariat will be holding their meeting in Newcastle on the 25–27 October at Wallsend Diggers Club. The Diocesan Ultreya will be incorporated with this meeting at Wallsend Diggers. The Ultreya will be followed by a dinner at the Club for anyone who would like to attend. Registration and cost for dinner will be announced as soon as we are notified by the National Secretariat.

As we will be losing some members from Secretariat this year, please continue to pray for your Secretariat as we look for Cursillistas to take their place. We will need a Co-Lay Director, Spiritual Advisor, Secretary, a Treasurer (with Xero knowledge), 4th day Application and Promotion positions filled.

It is a great privilege to serve you as Diocesan Co-Lay Director through God's Grace.

Blessings and De Colores,
Lorraine

CURSILLO WEEKEND PLANNING DAY

I want to thank the 35 Cursillistas who attended on July 6, and worked with us to consider Cursillo and how to keep it going. I also want to thank Susie Foster for her work preparing, issuing and analysing our questionnaire. The 114 people who responded (and thanks to them, too) provided us with much food for thought, and some challenges.

Many said the Cursillo weekend is perfect. 75% said the weekend had a perfect balance of talks and activities and we received a 4.4 star rating out of 5. Well done! Many said it was a bit long (46%); however, that leaves the other half who thought it was perfect.

In short, many and conflicting answers. Quite a bit of time was spent reviewing and discussing the questionnaire and its implications. Some constructive feedback and suggestions from the survey revolved around getting enough time for processing thoughts, integrating some physical activities and more rest, and other ideas or concerns that will be useful to know in communicating the weekend, planning, and general awareness.

Reflecting on those who believe Cursillo is just right as it is (and that is a significant cohort) emphasises that any change to Cursillo must be carefully considered and intentional. On the other hand, the fact we are down to only 7 Dioceses active in Cursillo in Australia (and by the time you read this Sydney will have had their closing down celebration of achievements, too) highlights that we must undertake some changes if we are to continue our ministry into the future.

Secretariat has considered and implemented some changes reflecting what is already in place in other Dioceses across Australia. For MW 51 we will trial a mixed Cursillo, with a mixed team, and an intentional ratio of men and women on team, segregated table communities, and some combined talks. We did not recommend limited durations for talks and will only have a small number of combined talks. We decided not to move to a 2-day Cursillo weekend. The Team, with Secretariat support, managed to bring Clausura earlier (about 3 pm) and it is expected most participants will be home before dark.

Secretariat is not considering any further changes to MW51 and we are now leaving it in the Team's capable and prayerful hands to deliver.

Once that was discussed the 35 who attended were divided into 3 Groups for discussions under 3 Themes:

- Introducing Cursillo to (potential) Candidates
- Content of the 3 day Cursillo
- Strengthening the 4th Day

Out of interest, the third Group were given a running sheet for a 2-day Cursillo weekend from another Diocese and were asked to tell us what had to go back in.



They were somewhat surprised when they did not actually have much to say. Lively discussion followed. Thank you to all who were involved.

Geoff Wooden

CURSILLO PRAYER CHAIN

James wrote, "The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." (James 5.15-16)

God always answers our prayers, although sometimes the answers are not what we hope for, since God knows everything, not just what we see or understand.

Our Cursillo prayer chain has seen some amazing answers to prayer; we could even describe them as miraculous. Other times, the answers have been much more subtle, and we may not have even recognised them as answers until we looked back with 20/20 hindsight. But, Jesus assures us: "So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." (Mark 11.24)

For those of you who are unsure as to how to request prayers, it is really quite simple. Having received permission from the person or people involved, you can contact your Deanery contact, or contact the Prayer Chain Coordinator (that's me until the end of the year). Please don't include personal information unless you have explicit permission. We need the name of the person giving permission, the name of the person or people we will be praying for, and a brief description of the situation (e.g Joe Blow is having an operation on Tuesday). God knows the rest.

If you contact your Deanery contact, they will email me with the information. I will then email all Deanery contacts, as well as Secretariat members. Deanery contacts will then contact Parish contacts or Cursillistas in their Deanery, if there aren't current Parish contacts.

It is also good to, if possible, pass on follow-up information, once again with permission. For example, "Joe wishes to thank everyone for their prayers. His operation went well and he is recovering as anticipated."

Thank you for your ministry of prayer.

De Colores and Ultreya!

Alison Wooden

alisonwooden@bigpond.com



Out of 114 Cursillistas who completed our Survey we received a 4.4 Star rating (out of 5; 5 being the highest) when asked to rate their overall experience.

That is a wonderful score worth celebrating!



Diary Dates for 2024

Men's and Women's 51: Lay Director: Lyn Wickham, 22–25 August, Venue: Catalina

Training Days: 10 August and 17 August at Cardiff

Welcome Day: 14 September, 9.30am at St. John's Raymond Terrace

Secretariat Meetings New Lambton @ 7pm

6 August, 3 September, 1 October,
5 November (with Bishop), 3 December – Christmas Tea

Diocesan Events 2024

Anglican Women Spring Celebration: 3 September, St Peters Church Hall, Bank Street East Maitland, 9am–2pm

Women Celebrating our Faith: 7 September, at St. John's Raymond Terrace

Diocesan Ultreya: 26 October, Venue Wallsend Diggers Club

National Conference: 25 to 27 October, Venue Wallsend Diggers Club

Ultreya Dates 2024

Kotara: Friday 4 October 6pm. Church of the Good Shepherd. Contact Jim Warland 4957 6060.

Combined Ultreya: Lakes Anglican, Church of the Holy Spirit with Wyong Church, Saturday 19 October 2024. Contact Noeline Darcy 0411 202 739.

Position Vacant! Urgent!

TREASURER

If you have been wondering what you can do to help with the Cursillo Ministry in the Diocese, or God is calling you to get involved, the Cursillo Secretariat urgently requires a new Treasurer to replace Colleen.

The treasurer position requires you to use the Xero Accounting Software and have basic financial reporting skills including submissions to the ATO. If you are interested please contact Colleen colleen.read@bigpond.com or 0405 539 605.

FROM OUR
DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL ADVISER

Reverend Judy Walsh

“The Lord is my Shepherd”

One of my favourite books in the Bible is the book of Psalms and of course the one we all love is the 23rd Psalm “The Lord is my shepherd.” Well, we all know that we are like lost sheep sometimes and can go astray, but my question (and I asked this of my Bible Study Group once) is “Who is the Lord to you?”. My group all came back each with a different word, believe it or not! My word was “Companion”. The Lord is my companion! So we went on from there to rewrite the entire 23rd Psalm using our selected word and my 23rd Psalm goes like this:

“The Lord is my companion, I shall never be alone, He walks with me every day, and rests with me every evening.

He gives me strength to carry on, and keeps me safe every day. Even when things are tough, He is there beside me, encouraging me to never give up.

With Him there, I have no need to be afraid, I know He will give me the strength to carry on.

I know with Him, my future is secure, and no one can take that away from me. He provides my every need, and I count my blessings every day. I have faith He will be with me until the end of this life on earth and then I shall be with Him and rest in glory for all eternity.”

Amen.

Let me challenge you to ask yourself ‘who’ is the Lord to you and to write ‘your own’ 23rd Psalm.

De Colores!



MW51 CURSILLO WEEKEND REPORT (22–25 AUGUST, 2024)

LYN WICKHAM, LAY DIRECTOR MW51

The Commissioning of the team for MW51 was held on Saturday 25 May at St Thomas, Cardiff. The Eucharist was celebrated by Rev'd Alison Wooden and team members were commissioned by Rev'd Judy Walsh. The Diocesan Cursillo Spiritual Director, Father Mark Cooper, was unable to attend due to a commitment away from Newcastle. Team training commenced following the commissioning service. It is an honour to work with a team of wonderful men and women who are very committed to the Cursillo movement!



MW51 is the first combined i.e. Men's and Women's Cursillo weekend held in the Newcastle Diocese. Combined weekends have been held in all Australian Dioceses with active Cursillo movements and in Hong Kong. The financial constraints of holding Cursillo weekends have been a primary factor leading to combined weekends. The Newcastle Anglican Cursillo Movement is self-funded which means that our endeavours, e.g. Cursillo weekends, publication of The Encourager, to bring our sisters and brothers into a closer relationship with our Lord and the strengthening of our Christian journey is funded through donations, payment by Cursillistas of their annual fees and the Cursillo weekend accommodation costs.

During MW51 the integrity of candidates will be upheld by arranging table communities into women only and men only. We have a female Spiritual Advisor and a male Spiritual Advisor on the team to provide support to candidates as necessary.

Please consider sponsoring a candidate for MW51!

Your prayerful support of the team members and candidates attending MW51 will be a valued selfless act of love. A brief, positive, sincere message i.e. a Palanca letter, preferably handwritten, will also show your support. During early August a list of candidates will be distributed throughout deaneries and updated as we draw closer to the weekend.

Palanca can be mailed to Newcastle Anglican Cursillo, PO Box 174, WARATAH NSW 2298. Please allow time for mail delivery or give Palanca to a team member to deliver. A list of team members is included on page 12 .

MW51 represents a change in the way Cursillo weekends have previously been conducted in our Diocese. For some Cursillistas this change may not be easy to accept. However, to enable the Newcastle Anglican Cursillo Movement to flourish it is incumbent upon us to adapt to the realities of the constraints faced in our society.

De Colores!

Lyn Wickham



MW51 CURSILLO WEEKEND SERVANT COMMUNITY DUTIES

22–25 AUGUST 2024 AT CATALINA

MANANITA **Sunday 25th 7.30am:** Maitland and Upper Hunter
CLAUSURA **Sunday 25th 3.00pm:** Paterson and Manning
PALANCA: Lake Macquarie
PALANCA & WELCOME (Thurs.): Newcastle

WELCOME DAY

St Johns Anglican Church
Sturgeon Street, Raymond Terrace
Saturday 14 September, 2024
Morning tea 9.30 am for 10.00 am start



This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome and encourage the new Cursillistas and to share in fellowship with one another. BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

CURSILLO SPONSORSHIPS

Men & Women's 51, 22–25 August 2024

It is not too late to sponsor a candidate for MW51! Do you know anyone who would benefit from the Cursillo weekend?

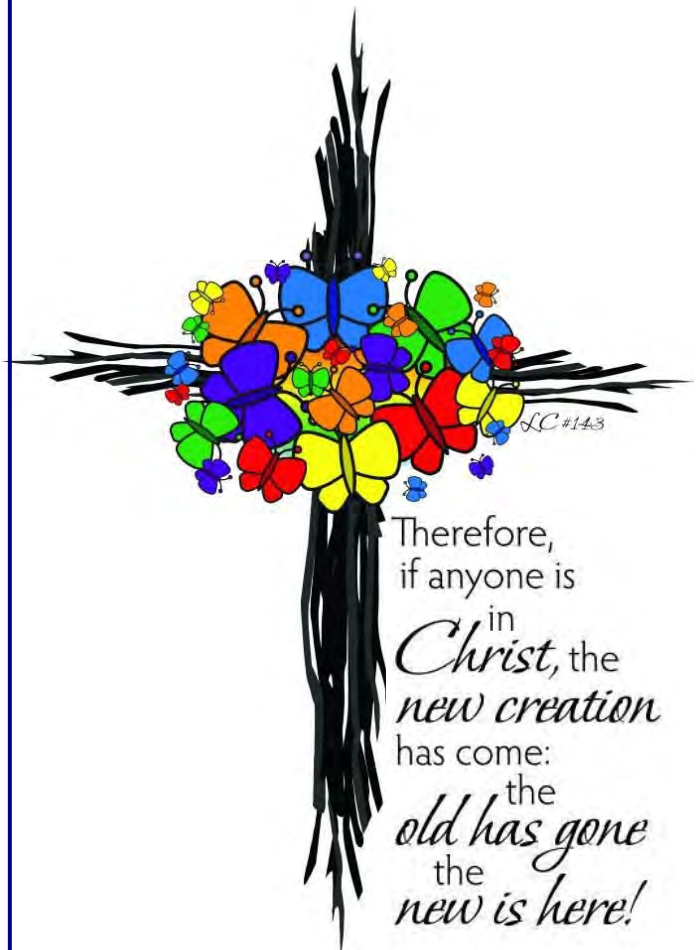


Then please consider sponsoring them!

Candidate Applications Forms can be downloaded from our webpage at:

www.cursillonewcastle.org.au/about-us/forms/

**“Make a friend,
Be a friend,
Bring your friend gently to Jesus.”**



Therefore,
if anyone is
in
Christ, the
new creation
has come:
the
old has gone
the
new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

TEAM MEMBERS MW 51

De Colores!

NAME	POSITION	PARISH
Lyn Wickham	Lay Director	Cardiff/Boolaroo
Rev'd Mark Cooper	Spiritual Advisor	MICA
Rev'd Toni Wein	Spiritual Advisor	Glenrock
Denise Brown	Proctor	Raymond Terrace
Jane Molloy	Gopher	Lakes Anglican
Lance Phillips	Gopher	Raymond Terrace
Donna McCann	IT	All Saints/Anew
Noreen Robertson	Muso	All Saints/Anew
Jeanette Deaves	Team member	Southlakes
Graeme Jeans	Team member	Lakes Anglican
Jen Forester	Team member	Nelson Bay
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Bruce Fraser	Team member	Kincumber
Mark McCann	Team member	All Saints/Anew
Nettie Sullivan	Team member	Williamtown/Medowie/Mallabula

PALANCA

Can you remember the powerful feelings you felt when you received your first Palanca?

So much love and encouragement received by people you did not know. WOW! Our God working through us to display His love and grace. You can give that feeling to those attending Men's and Women's 51. Mail your Palanca to:

Newcastle Anglican Cursillo
PO Box 174
WARATAH NSW 2298

Please allow time for mail delivery or give Palanca to a team member to deliver.





MEREWETHER ULTREYA 15 JUNE 2024

ST AUGUSTINE'S MEREWETHER

On a wet, cold Saturday afternoon on 15th June about 25 Cursillistas attended the Ulreya at St Augustine's hall, Merewether, which was jointly presented by Merewether, Cook's Hill and Cathedral parishes. We were delighted with the numbers attending and all sang with great joy, and enjoyed much fellowship.

Bev Birch was our witness speaker, who has recently experienced much ill health following a severe fall around Christmas time. Bev spoke of how her faith had helped her every day through the ordeal, and just how much support she had received from her Lord and Saviour. Her brother, the Reverend Michael Birch and his wife Libby, both attended the afternoon and Michael introduced his sister's Witness Talk. Michael also spoke of his great faith, and told how he had made his Cursillo in Rockhampton. Thank you so much Bev and Michael.

Reverend Ken Youman was our Spiritual director for the afternoon, and he replied to Bev's talk, giving a sensitive and heart-felt response. Ken also lead our Saturday Evening Prayer Service at the conclusion of the Ulreya. Rosemary was our muso, who always excels at the piano; and our songs were chosen by our local Cursillistas. Each was then asked to say why, in one sentence, they had chosen the hymn.

Our afternoon finished with Jeanette Johnston's lively choice "We Serve a Risen Saviour" .

Anne Clarke
De Colores

CENTRAL COAST ULTREYA 6 JULY 2024

ST MARY'S GOSFORD



Pictured are part of the lovely crowd of 11 at the Central Coast Ultreya on Saturday, 6 July. Parishes of Gosford, Woy Woy, Wyoming, Kincumber, Bateau Bay and Lakes were represented, but we don't seem to have the attraction once typical of such a joyous reunion.

Unfortunately, the planning that goes into an Ultreya deserves more attention than many can give, especially if the calendar is full or it's school holidays.

New Cursillista, Jeff, gave a wonderful Witness to the comfort he finds in understanding the beatitude of Matthew 5.4 "blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted". As Spiritual Director, Christian Ford Rector of Gosford parish, reminded us all Jesus' words that bring hope are 'shall be', the promise of the future to come.

Three Group Reunions were inspired by these reflections as they brought their personal experiences of growing closer to Christ (Piety), their Christian calling (Study), and their success or disappointment in fostering faith in others (Apostolic Action).

To finish Ultreya, we were entreated to know and pray for the MW51 team, training and the August Three Day Cursillo, praying that sponsors match candidates approved by their parish clergy; and looking forward to the National Ultreya celebrations in late October as Newcastle Cursillo hosts Australian Cursillistas and the National Secretariat.

Lunch, Ultreya and afternoon tea time were a welcome opportunity for catching up on old and new friends. Now, if only we can each encourage our various parish Cursillistas to share the blessings at the next Central Coast Ultreya on Saturday 19 October, certainly, as well as the travel and time challenges which supposedly keep us young and alive, we will be comforted in what shall be!

Helen Fraser
for Central Coast Servant Community



WOMEN CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2024



Saint John's Anglican Church
45 Sturgeon Street
Raymond Terrace

9:00 am registration and morning tea
10:00 am start and concluding at 3:00 pm

Reading: Isaiah 43 verse 1

“But now this is what the Lord’s says – he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.”

Outline:

Arrive: 9:00 am for a 10:00 am start. Welcome by Bishop Sonia.

Guest Speaker: Rev Michelle Watterson, “Women of the Bible”

Music and Singing

Lunch: 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Reflection: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm, Bishop Sonia

Music and Singing

Discussion Panel

Closing Eucharist

See Registration Form on reverse page!

REGISTRATION FORM
WOMEN CELEBRATING OUR FAITH
2024

Name: _____

Parish: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Cost: \$40.00 (to be paid by 30th August 2024)

Includes Morning Tea, Lunch and Conference Costs (Covid Safe requirements;
all food will be individually wrapped)

Payment: Direct Deposit BSB 705 077
Account No. 00041127

Reference: Your name

Please Mail: Registration forms and Cheques to:

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Cheryl Cooper

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Greetings Cursillo Vets,

I thought whilst updating you all on Kairos Inside (KI) at St Helier's for 2024 I'd give a brief history to our new vets on this life-changing ministry to the lives of many, many men and their families on both sides of the "barb wire fence", since this Diocese first introduced the program through the Anglican & Catholic Cursillo Movements back in October 1997. It is very encouraging to note that over the 27 years of KI in the Hunter Region, Cursillistas have made great contributions to this ministry, and continue to do so.

Over the years at St Heliers KI Men's (as of April 2017) about 250 inmates have attended these short courses run at the Correctional Centres. Whilst KI is a male ministry of men ministering to men, we are blessed in our Hunter Correctional Centres that the chaplains have encouraged the catering, agape, and prayer teams, which are made up predominately of women, to be part of the inside team. This is unique to the Hunter with our women being an essential part of the team. Some of the "men in green" describe talking with the women like talking to their mum or grandmother and it's a valued opportunity. This uniqueness has allowed Kairos to thrive and it is the "men in green" who benefit!

Reading a copy of the Encourager, Issue #26 of 1997, on page 11, it shows the list of men and women who volunteered to be on that very first team of KI #1 Men's Cessnock. The final team of 38, of which 20 were Anglican Cursillistas, was led by Cursillista John Anderson and on the preceding pages 8 and 9 of that issue, John gave a great description of what KI was about, and how the wider Christian Community could support this special ministry. The support was certainly given, and all participants of KI 1 Cessnock Community were truly blessed over the 4 days and witnessed the Holy Spirit changing lives for good! Who could ever forget the closing ceremony on that Friday night! This blessing, life-changing event for KI guests still continues today!

Well it's 27 years later, and we still have active, however aging, Kairos volunteer communities at St Helier's (Muswellbrook). Our current volunteers, some from the early years, are now a lot older, but still full of joy and enthusiasm as they serve Christ in His command to "visit those in prison", sharing all the incredible blessings that come from a Christian Community in Action.

We are always after more volunteers, to swell our ranks, in bringing the Gospel message of faith, hope and love to the "men in green".

A comment from a St Helier's chaplain really sums up what Kairos is about: *"It brings mature men and women of faith into a Correctional Centre as leaven from which friendships can develop and grow. It helps people feel important and remember that they are not forgotten."*

KI #15 at St Heliers will run from **Monday 14th to Friday 18th October 2024**, and will be led by Cursillista **Stuart Bell**. Please keep these ministries in your thoughts and prayers, and if you are interested in volunteering, or want to 'come & see' at the Friday Closing Service, please contact Stuart on **0407 400 464**.

Cheers, Blessings & Ultreya!

Bill Nicolle, M2 Newcastle

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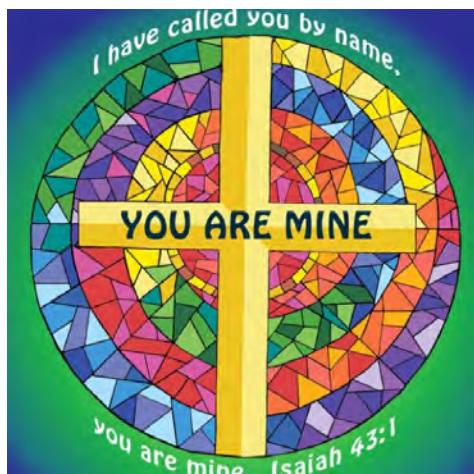
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