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A message from

Bishop Ian



Firstly, congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Wendy Mabey who has been faithfully compiling and editing Cursillo's *New Day* and whose final edition this is. I always look forward to what Wendy writes.

Wendy tells me that this edition carries the theme of journeying. Wendy is no stranger to journeying, accompanying Canon Ian on his monthly trips to Hyden and other parts of the diocese and, with her work on the Mothers' Union national committee, travelling all over Australia.

Journeying is a rich theme in the Bible and in Christian history. The Old Testament makes much of the journey of faith of Abraham to what we would now call Israel, and of the Exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt to the Promised Land, and later of the forced journey into exile in Babylon and the people's eventual return to Jerusalem. In the New Testament, Jesus had an itinerant ministry, foreshadowed by John the Baptist and joined by the disciples. They became confused and perturbed when Jesus set a clear course for Jerusalem. The early missionary journeys of Paul and Barnabas, and later Silas, were substantial enterprises in distance and time and danger. One of the tags given to the early Christians in the Roman Empire was that they were "People of the Way." Later, Christians observed pilgrimage – defined in a recent article in *To the People* as a "long journey on foot with sacred intent."

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There are at least three elements to a journey – preparation, enjoying the travel (or “smelling the roses along the way”), and reaching the destination. St Paul, writing to the Christians in Philippi, the first church in Europe started by one of his missionary journeys, addresses the last of these elements in chapter 3.12-14: “Not that I have ... reached the goal, but I press on to make it my own. ...this one thing I do; forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.” As destinations go, this exceeds all others, enabling Paul to encourage the Philippians to rejoice even when he was writing from prison and they were facing some significant challenges. (They would have also recalled that on Paul and Silas’ first visit to them, both men had been beaten and placed in stocks in prison and yet were still praying and singing hymns).

As you journey towards this goal of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus, I conclude with how Paul finishes his letter: “the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your Spirit.”

+Ian



Editor’s Notes, blessings, Wendy

My Journey as editor of the New Day has come to an end after 24 editions. Please pray for Mary Esslemont as she takes on this ministry. Here is a message from Mary:

Cursillo was brought to Perth Diocese from Queensland in the 1990s. One Sunday morning there was a big and very friendly group of visitors at the Church I attended . Our Priest, Fr Denis Claughton, who had come to us from Qld, introduced them at the end of the Service – they were bringing something called Cursillo to the Diocese. Cursillo was a Spanish word meaning “Short Course” – a short course in Christian Living. This course would run from a Thursday morning through to a Sunday evening – there would be a weekend for the Girls and another weekend for the Guys. Accommodation with full board was all arranged, and folks from all round the Diocese were invited to enlist.

Sounded great, except I couldn’t get the required time off work.

Several of my parish friends attended, and quite obviously the experience had a huge impact on their lives – to me that impact answered the call expressed in Micah: “And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God”. I really wanted to be part of this Group! But it had to wait till my husband and I retired and moved to Margaret River. Not long after, Cursillo was coming to the Bunbury Diocese! For me, this was an answer to prayer, I was free to enrol for W1!

My experience was of being warmly welcomed and through the weekend, I was enveloped in the love of Christ. The hymn “Brother, sister, let me serve you” puts it into better words than I can express. For me, Cursillo has been and continues to be, a gathering which touches the hearts of all who come. A huge and warm friendship group, accepting all just as they are – welcoming the talents we bring, offering understanding when we have doubts, being as Christ to one another. Blessings, Mary

From Co-Lay Director Anne Ritson



Hello All Cursillistas,

I am always excited when we have travel plans - even though I know all of life is a journey.

So with our Cursillo Pilgrimage plans well under way thanks to Canon Ian, and the time fast approaching to start date, let's focus on this new journey.

It is something I suggested a couple of years ago, but trying to squeeze it in between our 3 day Weekends which unlike some of the other States, we have been better able to maintain, and the difficulties imposed by COVID, it just didn't happen. But it was always meant to be; our Lord said so! The main aim was to promote Cursillo in our more distant towns in this vast Diocese of Bunbury, and very importantly, to provide a service in those places which do not enjoy the benefits of a full-time Minister. So...we are off! Endeavouring to visit 3 places each day, starting 30th September.

Everyone is welcome to come and can join in at any juncture for as long or as short a time as suits you. Accommodation will need to be booked so look up your friends or check out various hotels/caravan parks. See the details in this issue of New Day.

Cursillo is often referred to as a journey – one we undertake to learn more about the life and teachings of our Creator God and his Son Jesus. We really don't go anywhere or do anything without them – to know they are there beside us, guiding, guarding, loving us is so reassuring. One of my favourite hymns, "God gives us a future" by Elizabeth Smith includes the line 'Love us into action, stir us into prayer' almost epitomizes Cursillo; it has become my personal mantra.

For those of you who can't make the trip in person, you too can journey with us.

Your thoughts and prayers will be gratefully accepted and the occasional phone call will help us on the way as we commit to follow in Jesus' footsteps, loving others and spreading His word.

De Colores,

Anne Ritson





From Co-Lay Director Barbara McDowell

In August we held the first Diocesan Zoom Group Reunion.

I was delighted that 8 people came together to review their commitment to Piety, Study and Apostolic Action. Thank you to those who attended and were willing to share and pray together. We came together online from Capel to Margaret River and Albany.

If you missed out then maybe you would like to join in next time - Saturday 2 Nov 2-3pm. Send your email to Barbara at gelorupanglicanchurch@gmail.com and I will make sure you get the link.

I have had success in finding a willing New Day Editor. We thank Wendy Mabey for her many years of keeping us informed and connected through the New Day.

I also have booked a venue for the next Cursillo weekend, in Busselton. The weekend is planned for 3-5 October 2025. Please pray for the Secretariat as we seek a Lay Director for the weekend and that there will be willing people to form a team for this important ministry.

Gelorup have an Ultreya being planned on Saturday 23 November 2pm – the theme “Let us adore him”, in the lead up to Christmas. We invite you to come and join in the festivities.

I am looking forward to the Cursillo Pilgrimage coming up at the end of this month, especially connecting and re-connecting with others across our Diocese.

I have not had any response for people to join the Secretariat – yet! So I will be delighted when I hear from you.

Finally the Cursillo movement is such a valuable ministry in building up our faithful laity across the Diocese, in a time where we do not have sufficient clergy to cover all areas. Please consider how you can support – prayer, involvement, financial – all support is valued.

De Colores,

Barbara – Co-Lay Director



A message from Rev Canon Ian Mabey, Spiritual Advisor



A man walked into a country pub to ask directions, "How do I get to Ardath?" The relaxing drinkers looked thoughtful for a moment then replied "If I was going to Ardath I would not be starting from here."

The truth is no matter where we are traveling to and how far our destination is away, the place we are starting from is where we are now.

It would make sense to understand where that is. There is always unknown about our journeys, some surprises, some shocks. The one thing we can know is where we are right now.

The same with our spiritual journey. Where are you starting from? We would all like to be in a better place, closer to God, more focused on God's call to us, more like Jesus in all we do. It's good to have a clear goal, something to work towards but the starting point is to understand where we are right now. Then we can start to look to the journey and all that has in store for us.

Yours in Christ,

Canon Ian Mabey

And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.' Isaiah 30.21

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Ps 119.105

If your journey is indeed a pilgrimage, a soulful journey, it will be rigorous. Ancient wisdom suggests if your aren't trembling as you approach the sacred, it isn't the real thing. The sacred, in its various guises as holy ground, art or knowledge, evokes emotion and commotion. Phil Cousineau.



Anglican Cursillo Movement Australia Diocese of Bunbury

2024 Cursillo Pilgrimage



**MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER
to
SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER**

Come travel the wheatbelt region of our diocese with us as we meet together in fellowship and worship, celebrating the pioneers and stalwarts of our small communities

Possible stops:

Service	MP	HC	EP
Day 1	Williams	Quindanning	Marradong
Day 2	Pingelly	Mourambine	Corrigin
Day 3	Lake Grace	Lake Bidy	Hyden
Day 4	Lake King	Ravensthorpe	Jerramungup
Day 5	Gnowangerup	Broomhill	Badgebup
Day 6	Wagin	Go your own way home	

**To assist in preparations please indicate your interest in being a part of the pilgrimage to imabey@westnet.com.au
0427 131 480**

People are responsible for their own accommodation and meals and can join and leave the pilgrimage at any point along the way. (We would just ask that they let us know for duty of care). People with caravans and mobile homes can use local parks or free camping locations, others can use local accommodation options in nearby towns.

Updated Monthly Prayer Diary

Adapted from the Anglican Cursillo Movement, Diocese of Newcastle

- Day 1 National Lay Director - Paul Doyle
- Day 2 National Secretary - Kay Safe
- Day 3 National Treasurer - Marea Niland
- Day 4 National Episcopal Advisor - Bishop Ian Palmer
- Day 5 National Spiritual Advisor - Reverend Lee Weissel
- Day 6 National Webmaster - Allan Grey
- Day 7 Australian Cursillo Community
- Day 8 Diocesan Episcopal Overseer—Bishop Ian Coutts
- Day 9 Diocesan Co-Lay Director - Anne Ritson
- Day 10 Diocesan Co-Lay Director - Barbara McDowell
- Day 11 Diocesan Spiritual Advisor - Rev Canon Ian Mabey
- Day 12 Diocesan co- Spiritual Advisor—that an appointment may be made
- Day 13 Diocesan Secretary - Rachel Sambell
- Day 14 Diocesan Treasurer - Dianne Cable
- Day 15 Registrar - that this role may be filled
- Day 16 Pre–Cursillo Coordinator - Irene Weber
- Day 17 Post Cursillo Coordinator - that this role may be filled
- Day 18 Diocesan Resource Coordinator - Mike Burgess
- Day 19 Secretariat Members - that people will be called to serve
- Day 20 New Day Editor - Mary Esslemont
- Day 21 Parish Contact persons
- Day 22 Fourth Day Community and Group Reunions
- Day 23 2024 Diocesan Cursillo planning
- Day 24 2024 Diocesan Pilgrimage 30 Sept—5 oct
- Day 25 All Cursillistas in our diocese
- Day 26 Day 27 Your own personal Cursillo journey
- Day 27 Perth Three Day Combined Weekend, October 2024
- Day 28 Cursillo in the Diocese of Perth, their Secretariat and Fourth Day Community
- Day 29 Cursillo around the world
- Day 30 Kairos, Torch and Kairos Outside/Inside/Juvenile
- Day 31 Cursillo in Hong Kong and the Highveld, South Africa

Our National Prayer

Gracious God,
we thank you for all the colours of your love.

We hold before you our Cursillo community and ask for your continuing love and guidance.

As you keep your promises to us, may we be true to the promises we have made to you.

Through piety may we feel your presence and identify the vision you have for each one of us.

Through study may we gain new insights and explore the vision we seek.

Through apostolic action may we share your love with others as we live the vision before us.

This we pray in the name of your Son and through the power of the Holy Spirit within us.

Amen



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<https://www.bunburyanglican.org/cursillo.html>