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CURSILLO NEW DAY

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A message from
Bishop Ian



It is the start of a New Year for New Day, with what Adrian Price, a dear Warden and LLM at Boyup Brook parish, calls our New Year Revolutions, rather than Resolutions! There is a sense that with the tickover to 2024, and an entirely new year, it is a very appropriate time for taking stock of the priorities and aims in our lives.

What Revolutions have you made this year, if any? Might I be so bold as to suggest that prioritising growing in love for God and for our neighbour, whomever that may be, is a surefire winner as a New Year's Revolution? Why, because you have already experienced something of God's love for you and from your fellow Cursillistas and you know how special and valuable that is. Secondly, because if we sort out these priorities first, I believe every other priority begins to fall into place.

The theme of growing in love for, and encouragement of, one another, is the present diocesan strategy. Coming up shortly is a Lent course on this very theme, which I warmly commend to you. If you would like to access this Lent course for a group or for individual study, please contact Jodi on bishopspa@bunbury.org.au or ring the office.

I wish you a blessed New Year!

Blessings,

+Ian





*From
Our
Lay
Director
Anne
Ritson*

*May the
Lord bless
his people
with peace*

Hello Everyone,

Happy New Year to you all!

do hope you all enjoyed your Christmas with family and friends and celebrated the birth of Jesus with all the hope and joy we should always accord.

Even with all the media coverage, it is difficult for us living in Australia to appreciate the difficulties people in other countries face on a daily basis. Starvation, corrupt governments, exploitation and war are simply not a part of the Australia we know. Mind you, people still whinge but the things we complain about are so insignificant by comparison.

We should be offering thanks to God for all the privileges we take for granted, and especially for peace.

Knowing that Russia is losing on average 1,000 men per day in the war

in Ukraine, I was particularly perturbed when a Russian member of the Kremlin, something of a 'philosopher', but doing his 'duty' to urge more men to join the army claimed that "man is not a man until he has fought in a war", "that war is normal", and that "peace is unnatural". Brainwashing in the extreme!

I was much relieved when Psalm 29, which finishes with the words, "May the Lord bless his people with peace" was read at church on Sunday.

There is an increase in dissension amongst the ordinary people of Russia – made worse this week because of massive power cuts in freezing weather even in the major cities let alone small towns. They need all the hope, love and peace

that we as Cursillistas can give.

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you."
John 14:27

Heavenly Prince of Peace,

I want to feel your peace in my mind, even penetrating my soul.

We bring to you our concerns of the world and pray that you will guide our hearts and footsteps, so that we as members of Cursillo can influence people to love one another ensuring that everyone can live a life of peace. Amen

I look forward to seeing you all at the Diocesan Ultreya on 17th February. Peace and blessings, Anne

De Colores!

Anne



Giving a Witness Talk—ACMA Manual, part 4

The prime purpose of a witness talk is to demonstrate the effectiveness of the Cursillo method in the life of the speaker.

Ideally the witness speaker is a member of a group reunion that has been instrumental in nurturing and supporting them. Consequently the speaker may refer to many aspects of Christian life and confirm the value of the Cursillo method.

Witness speakers at Ultreyas give witness to a person's growth in union with Jesus Christ so that others may be encouraged to go and do likewise. Witness talks expose others to the different apostolic life styles within the Christian community. Listeners encounter a broad range of possibilities for Christian growth and action. The speakers offer concrete examples of living what is fundamental for being a Christian in family, neighbourhood, place of work, or with friends. It is sharing in a practical way. The talk is a witness to one's recent experience in the Fourth Day.

A witness talk is delivered as a living experience of what one is or believes. A truth is presented, e.g. God is love, and then an experience from the life of the speaker is used

to illustrate that truth. The witness should not be an instruction or intellectual exercise but a personal sharing of one's:

- growing union with Christ.
- growing in the knowledge of Christ.

The three essential elements of a witness talk therefore are —

- a truth, that comes through the outline of the talk
- a life: that of the person giving the talk
- a living experience, that gives witness to the truth, present and being lived in the person

The talk should be kept simple and short.

A witness talk is not:-

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| <input type="checkbox"/> an extraordinary event or sensation | <input type="checkbox"/> irrelevant to life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> an outpouring of personal troubles | <input type="checkbox"/> a sermon or instruction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a life story or an event from the distant past | <input type="checkbox"/> a propaganda message for the speaker's own agenda |

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Editor's Notes

Hello all,

Well, we are at the beginning of a new year. We may find ourselves facing new beginnings, new opportunities and perhaps even new challenges.

I hope you will find much to contemplate and consider in this edition of our Cursillo New Year. There is much to ponder, much that we are called to respond to.

As we continue to journey with our diocesan vision and strate-

gy plan, we are being called to live out our Christian calling in developing our love for God and for one another. Our upcoming Ultreya is an opportunity to take the first steps towards embracing the next strategy of being salt and light, wherever we are placed.

Please consider whether you can be present at our Ultreya, and don't forget to read the article on the proposed pilgrimage and consider how you will respond.

Blessings *Wendy*

Giving a Witness Talk, contd.

Those who live close to God reflect God. It is important that those who share do so because of the testimony of the life they live and not because it is their turn. Nobody should be pressured to give a witness talk and anyone may decline to do so.

Witness speakers must liaise with the Spiritual Advisor of the Ultreya before the Ultreya so that a summary and interpretation of the talk in the light of the Gospel may be prepared. Ideally a copy of the talk is forwarded to the Spiritual Advisor a week prior to the Ultreya.



If you are asked to give a witness talk, don't panic and say 'no'. Take it to God in prayer. Even the most nervous speakers have given some of the most meaningful witness talks as they are among loving and caring Christians.

Even so, it may occasionally happen that you feel that your spiritual experience has been moving and profound in a particularly personal sense, and because of its uniqueness you are reluctant to share it with others in public. If you feel this way, rest assured that those feelings will be understood and respected.

After the witness talk, the Spiritual Advisor for the Ultreya then takes those present to the theme of the talk, relating it to the Gospel.





Diocesan Ultreya



**GO OUT WITH JOY
AND
BE SALT AND LIGHT
IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

When

**Saturday 17 February 2024
10:30am morning tea, 11am start**

Where

**St Boniface Cathedral
Bunbury**

33 Parkfield St, Bunbury WA 6230

BYO

**Group Reunion Card
Rainbow Bag Donation (\$\$)
Picnic Lunch**



**Anglican Cursillo Movement Australia
Diocese of Bunbury**

To assist in preparations please indicate your attendance to Cherry O'Donnell, ceodonnell49@gmail.com 0427 280 349

A message from Rev Canon Ian Mabey, Spiritual Advisor



Dear Cursillistas

The Secretariat are looking at running a pilgrimage in 2024. At this stage we are looking for expressions of interest from those who might like to be a participant and also from people who may like to be a part of a team formed to run such an event. Please see below for the broad outline which we are working with. If you would like to be involved or know someone who would like to be involved please make contact via email with me. At this point it is just an idea that we would like to work with others to develop.

Proposal Cursillo pilgrimage of encouragement and Love.

To invite people to travel through the eastern wheatbelt to encourage and remember communities of worship through the isolated communities of the diocese. Holding morning prayer, holy communion and evening prayer in the churches both still in regular use and those who are not currently hosting regular worship. Through the spirit of Ultreya and rooted in our deep love for one another we celebrate the pioneers and stalwarts of our diocese while each individually coming closer to God through pilgrimage and prayer.

Time

The concept is to travel independently in a week starting on a Monday and finishing on a Saturday in the period of time just before the school holidays in September 2024. Suggested week is Monday 16th September to Saturday 21st September. People would be responsible for their own accommodation and meals and could 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 could use local parks or free camping locations, others could use local accommodation options in nearby towns.

Services

With possibly 17 stop overs and services it is proposed that team members be asked to take responsibility for time at each church: a service, a reflection on the past of the church and a challenge to understand the future of the community in which the church is situated. What role and response could the church be taking? The three pillars which are taught in the Cursillo movement of Piety, Study and Apostolic Action being the basis of the time spent in each church.

Possible stops

- Day 1 Williams Quindanning Marradong
- Day 2 Pingelly Mourambine Corrigin
- Day 3 Kondinin Hyden Lake Bidy
- Day 4 Lake Grace Badgebup Broomhill
- Day 5 Gnowangerup South Stirling Jerramungup
- Day 6 Ravensthorpe Lake King Go your own way home

Ultreya, Ian

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 Lay Director - Anne Ritson
- Day 10 Diocesan Co-Lay Director - that an appointment may be made
- 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 - Wendy Mabey
- Day 21 Parish Contact persons
- Day 22 Fourth Day Community and Group Reunions
- Day 23 2024 Diocesan Ultreya to be held in February
- Day 24 Albany Cursilistas as they prepare to lead our Diocesan Ultreya
- Day 25 2024 Diocesan Cursillo planning
- Day 26 All Cursillistas in our diocese
- Day 27 Your own personal Cursillo journey
- 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>