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# ***CURSILLO NEW DAY***

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**A message from  
Bishop Ian**



As you may, or may not have heard, the Revd John Jones passed away on 10 April only weeks after being diagnosed with cancer. John was a Cursillista on Bunbury Men's 8. He was aged 59 and would have been 60 on 18 May. He had been the chaplain to Albany Maximum Security prison for a number of years but also served in the Cathedral, with the Mission to Seafarers (in both Bunbury and Albany), with Amana Living. He also ministered at St. John's, Albany and regularly visited the congregations at Lake Grace, Bremer Bay and Southern Forests.

His funeral service was attended by scores of prison staff who, like many people and churches, had been touched by John's ministry, which the Acting Superintendent said had changed the entire culture of the prison.

He had previously been the Principal Horticulturalist for the South African government and in that capacity had become friends with Nelson Mandela and dined with him. John loved the sea and Australian scenery and nature and was a gifted photographer and drone operator. John had a wonderful assurance and peace that although sad about leaving his daughters, he was going to be with his Lord Jesus Christ. As Ven Brian Newing put it: 'it is not how long we live that is important but what we do with the years we are given'. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

+Ian





## From Co-Lay Director Barbara McDowell

I wonder if like me you are planning to attend the Cursillo Pilgrimage at the end of September.

During the April school holidays Doug and I experienced another pilgrimage when we walked from Porto to Baiona on the Portuguese Coastal Camino.

So what is the purpose of a pilgrimage?

It can be different for each one of us, but a pilgrimage undertaken for a spiritual purpose involves a search for meaning, purpose, values or truth.

Cursillo is like a pilgrimage, we live in Christian community and discover and share new meanings, purpose, values and truth to better equip us for our return to the world we live in.

On our recent pilgrimage Doug and I had a wonderful experience on our 4<sup>th</sup> day of walking, which was an example of Christian community in action.

We had been chatting as we walked with a lady from the Netherlands. Like most pilgrims she walked faster than us and soon left us behind.

We were walking an 11km section from Esposende to Castelo Do Neiva and it involved some lovely areas of track through bush alongside a fast flowing stream. I was concentrating on my footing and looking at the ground a great deal when I found a small zip lock bag containing folded euro notes. I didn't open it to see how much, but there was at least one 50 and one 20 Euro. Doug and I stopped and puzzled over what to do, I had to pick it up not leave it on a muddy track. We wondered if the lady from the Netherlands had dropped it and how would we ever catch up with her.

As we walked on I engaged in a conversation with God about the options to deal with this responsibility of someone's money. Would we catch this lady, was it her money, should I find a police station and hand it in, could I donate it to a church, or even should I keep it? I definitely knew straight away I wasn't keeping it, that thought was so brief. God simply said "you don't need it!"

About 30-45 minutes went past, this money distracting me from any walking concerns and I saw a pilgrim coming from behind and made way for her to pass. Shockingly I realised it was the same lady from the Netherlands, but how could she be behind us? I nearly said nothing; she couldn't have dropped the money if she was behind us. But I asked her, have you lost any money? She said no, she didn't think so but she had stopped by the stream to have a picnic lunch as it was so beautiful. Well that explained how she was now behind us. I said I had found money on the track and she said, oh what coins? I said no, a bag of euro notes. She looked perplexed and checked her bumbag, shocked to find she did indeed have a bag of money missing! She had opened her bumbag before deciding to take a break. It was her

money and she was elated that I had found it and been able to return it. We were all delighted and carried on our way with our hearts full of joy. We had been able to share a small miracle of love in action on the trail that day. Her money was returned before she even knew she was missing it!

Who knows what God has in store for each of us, when we step out on our pilgrimage in the faith that he will guide us and be with us to share our journey?

De Colores

Barbara – Co Lay Director

## From Co-Lay Director Anne Ritson



Hello Everyone,

I find it difficult to watch T.V. or listen to the news as every article seems to bring such injustices and highlights increases in crime, etc. I don't want to be political but when statistics show 4 women per week are killed in domestic violence scenarios and there has been a threefold increase in motor bike accidents this year, it saddens me enormously. We are living in a wonderfully rich, enlightened country, yet.....

Jesus also had his disappointments but he pushed on with his ministry of love and mercy. When I feel troubled I turn to Nature, God's marvelous creation. Even then I have worries such as *our* fire burning policies, *our* loss of fauna and flora species, *our* farming practices, etc. But the sky, stars and sun are bigger than anything else. Sitting outside and seeing the stars in all their glory is very calming; and overawing. Even though we have been deprived of rain and our stock are on limited feed and water, we have been spoilt with wonderful clear nights for star watching. You cannot fail to recognize God's power, creativity and majesty.

There is always something of God's wonder and beauty within our sight.

Psalm 19:1-4 "The heavens skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the end of the world."

Wonderful God, open our eyes to see the beauty and glory of your creation and give us the wisdom and strength to willingly care for all of Nature and our fellow citizens. Amen

Anne Ritson



## Editor's Notes

Hello all,

Welcome to this edition of the New Day, my 21st as editor.

I have advised our co-lay directors that I feel it is time for me to step away from the role of editor, which I have held for just over three years and I have asked that they work towards finding a new editor as soon as they can.

While the role of continues to be enjoyable I feel it is now time for the secretariat to move forward with new people.

As editor I have not been a member of Secretariat, This is something that I requested as it was the only way that I was able to undertake this ministry. The editor has previously been a member and it would certainly add to the numbers from a decision making perspective if the new editor had the capacity to take up a position on Secretariat.

At the request of Secretariat I have produced a New Day every two months. It maybe that moving forward quarterly editions are more appropriate , with newflashes being used to distribute information that cannot wait until the next edition.

Each editor of the New Day has brought their own unique style

and perspective to our diocesan magazine.

For me the New Day is an opportunity to encourage Cursillistas in their Fourth Day by sharing messages, offering hope., telling stories of personal experiences. Where the living in the presence of God is made available to us all.

It is also a means by which Cursillistas can be informed of happenings in our diocese and the wider Cursillo community. It is a forum by which information about the Cursillo method can be provided.

Unfortunately during my time as editor I have not had more than one or two contributions from parishes and group reunions, or individual Cursillistas—which means there is plenty of opportunity for new growth in the time to come.

Blessings *Wendy*



# A message from Rev Canon Ian Mabey, Spiritual Advisor



It never seems to amaze me how people are able to overcome huge obstacles in their pursuit of living the life that God wants us to live. So often the greatest obstacle to living the life God has planned for us is the life we think we should be living.

One of my family's favorite sayings is "if you want to make God Laugh just tell him your plane". Yet despite ourselves and so many other obstacles that are thrown our way, most of us somehow seem to muddle through and manage to find our way to what God had in mind for us. For some it may be achieving great things and notoriety but for most of us it is happiness, peace and love. "And the greatest of these is Love" - it would seem that the thing God wants for us, and we also desire for ourselves is to love others and to be loved. The starting point for this great goal in life is God's love for us. Understanding and accepting that God loves us, not for what we might become or what we have done, is the foundation of finding our way to that life God has in mind for us.

Later this year we are hoping to spend time traveling around our diocese visiting small remote churches and spending a short time praying in them and seeking to understand how God has loved the people who over the years have worshiped in these places and how they sought to find God's call to them. In seeking to immerse ourselves in how God loved these people and how these people loved God hopefully we may also come to grow in the understanding of God's call to us. It is an opportunity for us to be encouraged in our lives as we seek to overcome our "obstacles to a life of grace" in God's love. Please join us in this pilgrimage.

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Canon Ian Mabey

**NOTE:** YOU WILL FIND DETAILS OF THE PILGRIMAGE ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.



## 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	Badgebup	Broomhill
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](mailto:imabey@westnet.com.au)  
0427 131 480**

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.

## 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 - Wendy Mabey
- Day 21 Parish Contact persons
- Day 22 Fourth Day Community and Group Reunions
- Day 23 2024 Diocesan Cursillo planning
- Day 24 2024 Diocesan Pilgrimage
- Day 25 All Cursillistas in our diocese
- Day 26 Day 27 Your own personal Cursillo journey
- Day 27 Cursillo in Grafton Diocese which celebrates 40 years this year
- 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



### ***Cursillo Rainbow Bag***

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