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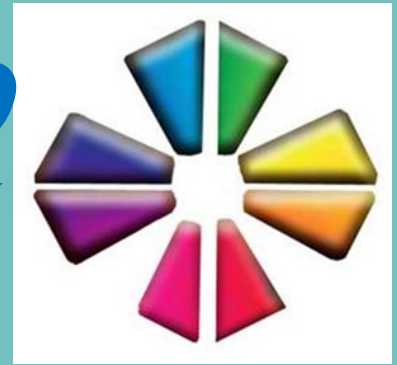
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# CURSILLO NEW DAY

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## A message from Bishop Ian



It was wonderful to be part of the recent Ultreya at St. Boniface Cathedral and see so many Cur-sillistas from right across the diocese. For the very first time, I was asked if I could commission Mrs Barbara McDowell as the new Co-Lay Director, via Zoom, since Barbara had tested positive for Covid and therefore could not be present, which I was pleased to do.

As you know well, Ultreya means "onward" and the idea behind such gatherings is to provide encouragement to one another for our Christian journey and 4<sup>th</sup> day observance as Salt and Light in God's world, entrusted with the gospel of God's love for all.



Blessings,

+Ian





## From Co-Lay Director Anne Ritson

*He has  
promised  
us eternal  
life*

Hello Cursillistas All,

I read a sentence recently which really struck a chord.

Paraphrasing it said, "We can all find contentment in our lives of air conditioning, State provided power along with water supplies, and of course, our instant communication via smart phones. But...if you want happiness, you have to earn it."

Most of our older generation will appreciate the sentiment, sadly our younger ones will not.

Yes! We had to provide our own power or use kerosene lamps, dig wells and long-drop toilets, build our own telephone lines, etc. BUT

the simple sense of accomplishment was enormous. Today, we are denying successive generations of the satisfaction of knowing they have done a job well by providing them with so much. They regard it as their *right*.

It can even be a cause of marriage break-ups. Instant gratification, large mansions with all the trimmings don't necessarily create happiness.

Maybe one of our greatest challenges will be to teach future generations that happiness can't be bought, it must be earned.

And further, we can't buy faith.

Did Jesus hanker for earthly possessions? No!

So why should we? *when He has promised us eternal life, His constant love, and redemption.*

And further, we can't buy faith.

In this season of Lent, let us remember the selfless life Jesus led, the examples he set for us, simply for our sake.

May your happiness reside in the Lord always,

Anne





## From Co-Lay Director Barbara McDowell

Firstly, I would like to thank the Albany Cursillistas for the recent Diocesan Ultreya. Although I was unable to be there physically I was there in spirit, and virtually. From all I heard it was a very successful event.

One of the greatest gifts I have observed from the Cursillo movement is that it connects the parishes and people of the whole Diocese, and beyond. This is important as we need to reduce isolation and feel supported.

Whether you attended a Cursillo weekend in the last year or in the last 30 years we really need you to stay connected with the movement and there are many ways you can do this.

Re-connect with those friends you made during a weekend or attend a fourth day group.

Attend Ultreyas or look at holding one in your parish.

Look at joining the Secretariat; there are current vacancies and always positions for those with fresh ideas and vision.

When you are asked to join a weekend as a team member, prayerfully consider if this is what God needs from you. It can be a very rewarding experience and a gift to be able to work with a team of committed people.

We need more people to be responsible for being a contact person in Parishes. It is vital that information is shared, events are announced and others encouraged. One of the things I'd like to see is an updated and current database.

Sign up to the Facebook page, the more followers the more vibrant it will become.

Write an article for the 4<sup>th</sup> Day newsletter, share a poem or experience, to encourage others.

Mostly pray for each other and for the movement.

Thank you for the role you have in your community as you share a Christian example; I will pray for you as you pray for me.

De Colores,

Barbara





## Editor's Notes

Hello all,

In 2014, some 10 years ago, I had the privileged of being team leader for the Australian Cursillo Ultreya held in Coffs Harbour on behalf of the Diocese of Grafton, where some 150 Cursillistas from around our country came together for a weekend of learning, fellowship and worship.

Unfortunately this was the last national Ultreya held, as planning for subsequent events in the years that followed fell away.

While the opportunity is no longer there for a national gathering of this type, dioceses bring together their Cursillistas for one day and weekend events which allow us to explore and deepen our faith, while enjoying fellowship and worship together. There are Fire Days, Regener8, Pilgrimage Weekends, Days of Deeper Understanding, and our own upcoming Pilgrimage Week. I hope you may be able to join in this special gathering in our dioceses later in the year.

Blessings *Wendy*



Congratulations to the Diocese of Grafton on celebrating 40 years of Cursillo.

Please pray for the following Cursillo weekends:

Southern Queensland: Pilgrimage weekend May 4—6, &

MW#83 Sept 19—21

Tasmania: M & W 36 May 2—5

Perth: Mixed 3 Day Oct 10—13

### After the Three Days - What next?

The Cursillo weekend is not an end in itself. It is a starting point that lasts the rest of your life, a springboard to a long-term practice of the Baptismal Covenant in the life of the Church and of the world. Cursillo calls this the Fourth Day, which is composed of three major elements: ref <https://www.cursillo-australia.org/faq-s>



# A message from Rev Canon Ian Mabey, Spiritual Advisor



It has been my pleasure and honour to minister in Christ's name over the past 26 years as an ordinand, deacon and priest in 7 different parishes or worshipping communities and 2 different diocese. I have ministered under 6 different bishops and countless parish councils or committees who have worked with me. I never cease to be delighted by the depth of faith I encounter in all situations where I have ministered.

Currently I am entering my 7<sup>th</sup> year as the priest in charge of the Mandurah Parish which is the largest parish in the Bunbury Diocese by quite some margin and as such has a character like no other. My role here is far more that of CEO or manager than chaplain, with regular baptisms and funerals and ensuring all safe church and work safe requirements are adhered to while overseeing a team focusing on pastoral care and other teams focusing on outreach while others run a large and active op-shop.

One weekend a month I travel a 700km round trip to Hyden to take a service at with a regular congregation of about 8-10 people. I don't have oversight of this community, that lies with the Archdeacon, I just spend a small amount of time worshipping and befriending these faithful and diligent people who are the face and hands of God in this remote, small community. This part of my ministry is as important as any ministry I do. Not only for these wonderful people or the community but also for me. This ministry is the very basis of what my life as an Anglican Priest is all about. It grounds me in an understanding of what following God's call is all about. I learn so much from these people who "keep the rumour of God alive" where they live and work. They act out their faith in their community, sometimes in great hardship and sometimes in isolation. They are the presence of God in the community at all times.

It is so important we celebrate all those people who live out their lives in the place where they are. It is so important we love them, support them and learn from them as we travel through our own spiritual journeys. To this end we hope to run a pilgrimage to some of these isolated little communities in our diocese to love the people, to learn and gain inspiration from their faithfulness and to gain encouragement for our own life journey.

Ultreya

Ian



## 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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There is a Cursillo page on our Diocesan webpage:

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