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Transformations & New Beginnings from Our Diocesan Spiritual Advisor

Over the past week I've had cause to reflect on new beginnings. And as I write, we are about to celebrate the day of Pentecost. In the weeks

following Easter, there was a time of deep transformation. We began at the empty tomb, where we found not death, but the amazing promise of resurrection. Then we saw the risen Christ appearing before his disciples several times, showing his wounds, reminding them of his love, giving them hope, and ultimately delivering the Great Commission to them:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

With this, Jesus also ordered them to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Holy Spirit:

"After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father." Acts 1:3-4

On receiving the Holy Spirit, the disciples are transformed, able to speak and hear in different languages; they are filled with 'the new wine'. For them this is a new beginning. Then Peter stood and preached the Scriptures that explained who Jesus was and what he came to do. And when they heard all Peter had said, their hearts were changed to believe and asked Peter, "What should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

A transformed Peter is now what we see. Here, we see him not as a cowered disciple overcome by guilt for denying Jesus and having no confidence in his competence and abilities but as a powerful and stirring witness of Jesus. On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood before a crowd of the same people he once feared and boldly stated the gospel of Jesus Christ. Peter was changed for good when the Spirit of God came to him.

But what does it mean to us now? What does having the Holy Spirit look like to us today? I remember getting serious about my faith journey after my Cursillo weekend. Some of my friends and those in church, noticed I was changing. I believe the way I talked and acted gave me away. So, they would ask me about it, and I would simply say that God was working in me. I was becoming more kind, more compassionate, and more confident about who I was. To me, having the Holy Spirit meant being transformed and having a new beginning in my life, loving and following Jesus.

Thus, here is the invitation and good news: let each of you open your heart to the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. Let it direct you to become better spouses, parents, friends, neighbours, and human beings. Let us fearlessly live our faith, as the apostles did, and trust that we are not alone. The Spirit of God is within each of you, empowering you to shine God's light into your lives and communities. Let this be a day of transformation and new beginnings. Amen.

Rev Pauline Harley



YES! We are **Powering UP! & Powering ON!**

Much has happened since our last OWLE went to print. Over 60 Cursillistas returned reinvigorated (although somewhat weary) from a very successful Pilgrimage, visiting Grovely, Esk, Warwick, Boonah and Harrisville parishes over the May long weekend. It was especially wonderful to meet other local Cursillistas who catered lovely meals and socialised with the group. Our theme of 'Journey in Faith' and our

continuing efforts to revitalise our Cursillo movement, were reinforced by messages delivered by Rev. Stephen Briggs, Rev. Loretta Tyler-Moss, Ven. Lizzie Gaitskell and Rev. Rob & Rev. Jenny Weekes and thank them sincerely for their interest and support of Cursillo. As a bonus, Rev. Rob arranged for the local museum to be open for us, following which the acclaimed Women's Shed of Boonah-Harrisville catered morning tea in the community hall. What a wonderful finale to a great weekend.

Secretariat and Diocesan Servant Community members held a planning day on April 20 at All Saints, Booval, with a view to developing an Action Plan for Cursillo. A follow up session on June 15 will continue the process. The action plan is built upon a strong foundation from previous Secretariats and, notably some of the issues are similar to those in previous years and, hopefully our action will address these concerns with a new and positive approach.

Without repeating details from my correspondence to you all on May 2, you will be aware that the #83 Cursillo, originally planned for Toowoomba 2024, will not proceed but has now been booked at Glendalough for August 22-24, 2025. These dates will confirm that Cursillo is trialling a 2-night weekend to meet the increasing demand for a shorter weekend and a possible fresh approach.

This was advocated by many Cursillistas in feedback and endorsed by Bp Cam and it will certainly be a leap in faith. Be assured, God has this in hand! Secretariat has enthusiastically endorsed Ann Martin-Victor as the Lay Director for #83, a combined weekend, following on from the success of MW82 in 2023. The whole team will be commissioned at the Diocesan Ultreya at Sherwood on Saturday, November 2. Secretariat agrees that the label MW for weekends will not apply in weekends that are combined in future.

Excitingly, 2025 is also the 40th anniversary of Cursillo Southern Queensland and St John's Cathedral will be the venue for this Ultreya on November 8, commencing at 1pm. Irene and Bruce Moy will be leading the team for this great celebration of '40 fabulous' years of Cursillo in Southern Queensland. We hope to see every Cursillista there as it will be a very memorable occasion.

Commissioning of new Secretariat and Diocesan Servant Community members will occur during the Toowoomba West Ultreya at St Augustine's. New members are Dianne Catto (PreCursillo), Rev. Pauline Harley (Diocesan Spiritual Advisor), Dave Denham (Resources team), Sally Turnbull (PR and Pilgrimage) and Rev. Nicole Anderson (Diocesan Servant Community Spiritual Advisor).

And finally, here is some more refreshing news. Bp Cam's role description has the title of Diocesan Episcopal Overseer and, along with other Secretariat members who reviewed their role descriptions, he has requested that he be known as The Diocesan Episcopal Advisor and Friend! Personally, I believe this to be another breath of fresh air for Cursillo.

De Colores, Marg Carr (W33, 1993) Diocesan Lay Director



Message from The Editor

There is a nip in the air but I am hoping you will be warmed by the stories of faith and encouragement in this issue.

Rev. Pauline challenges us to let ourselves be transformed by the Holy Spirit. The highlights of Chris Pass's Camino journey also hold a story of transforming. While in this issue, I could only fit in 1 page, Chris's story is definitely worth a read and the whole story is available on the website, including fabulous photos.

If you were thinking that Cursillo is not relevant and no longer active, the pilgrimage report should



answer those questions. The photos in this issue give an indication of the numbers and how much effort was put in at each venue. Howard even hired a bus so he could chauffeur the lovely ladies of Logan and added a sign! Sally has requested your photos to put together a power point for the Diocesan Ultreya. Thank you to Sally and your team of helpers throughout the diocese who made the pilgrimage a reality and indeed a success.

I attended the planning day that Lay Director, Marg led. It was thought provoking and did address issues about the future of Cursillo. We didn't solve them all, but there was healthy discussion and encouragement for the way forward. Planning Day 2 on June 15 will help consolidate our Action Plan 2024-2028.

You will notice there is no Bayside Ultreya this year. The Bayside parishes – Waterloo Bay, Wynnum, Manly, East Redlands - have teamed with Carindale and it's been named the Moreton Ultreya in line with the Deanery. Rev Nicole is excited to host and the theme will be Refresh. I am looking forward to the Toowoomba Ultreya at St Augustine's on the 8th June. Please make the effort to come to as many Ultreyas as you can – you will be blessed and be a blessing to those organising as well.

It was great to have input from other parishes about different celebrations. I hadn't even heard of World Labyrinth Day. Thanks Sylvia for bringing it to our attention. The story of Jill Beardmore, one of our unsung heroes, will I hope, inspire you to share the stories of your friends, with their permission of course.

Lastly, what can you do to make Cursillo more visible in your parish? A poster in your church, chat to your priest, a note in your pewsheet, borrow a banner? What about offering to be your parish contact or helping in some other capacity. Please give it your prayerful consideration. De Colores,

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8 June

Toowoomba West

St Augustine's, 232 Tor Street, West Toowoomba

1:00 pm BYO lunch from 12

Theme: He's got the whole world in his hands.

21-23 June

Synod Stall

24 August

Moreton Deanery

Organised jointly by bayside churches & Carindale

At St Gabriel's, 11 Bridgnorth Street, Carindale

1.00 pm BYO lunch from 12

Theme: Refresh

12 October

Peninsula

Organised jointly by the parishes of Freshwater &

Redcliffe at Freshwater Anglican Church, 43 Park

Road, Deception Bay

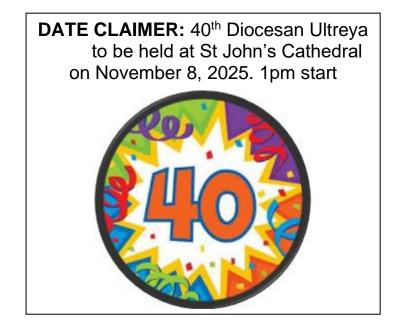
1:00 pm BYO lunch from 12 noon

2 November

Diocesan Ultreya

St Matthew's, 648/650 Sherwood Rd, Sherwood







PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PILGRIMAGE



The Pilgrimage on the May long weekend was a great

success with over 60 people travelling to all venues and a number of people joining for just 1 or 2 stops. We started with a delicious breakfast in the hall at St Matthew's Mitchelton where instructions and souvenir bags were distributed. There was a busy hum in the hall and the rousing singing and message from Rev Stephen Briggs sent us off to begin our scavenger hunt. Most headed off in the right direction, but others...

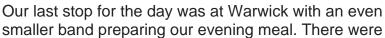


The Grovely team (at Left) catered well for the crowd of pilgrims who began the pilgrimage.



The questions were designed to help people learn a little about the places where we stopped

and also to interrupt the journey, to take photos and gather information along the way. Lunch on Saturday had been prepared by the lovely ladies of Esk. Rev Loretta led us in song and we had group reunions there.









pilgrims happy to have an early night in their motels or caravans. All were up bright and early for our Sunday morning service at St Marks with Rev Lizzie. Most had lunch at the Aratula Tavern en route to Boonah, where Rev Rob and Rev Jenny were waiting at Christ Church with guitar and flute in hand and a service before our evening meal at the Boonah Tavern. Bundy Bob shared some of his bush poetry.

On Monday, after a fascinating tour of the extensive museum at Harrisville, we enjoyed morning tea at the School of Arts and the questions for the Scavenger Hunt were marked. A range of awards were handed out and all agreed that everyone who had participated in the pilgrimage had been a winner.

Thanks so much to my husband Errol, and friend Mary who provided invaluable help and support as well as Lay Director Marg and Treasurer Ann. It has been heart-warming to get appreciative messages from pilgrims who had a great time.







BUTTERFLY AWARD FERNE HILTON

In recognition of your colourful personality.





ROOSTER AWARDS



For chivalry above and beyond the call of duty.



Guess which one of these was reported to the police as being missing by his family?



GREG BLUNDELL

For travelling the furthest.





The bush poet extraordinaire - composer, author and performer.



ERROL TURNBULL

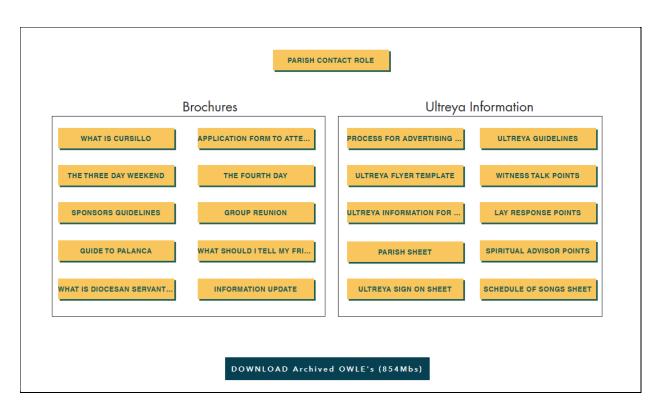
For his tolerance and understanding of his wife's dedication to this pilgrimage.





Do you know your **parish contact**? Do you even have a parish contact? Are you a parish contact who has lost touch? How can anyone else hear about Cursillo if they are not told? What about other Cursillistas in your church? Maybe they feel they are disconnected because they have moved, or maybe, it's been a long time since they were involved and they have lost touch.

Being an effective parish contact isn't difficult. Yes, I am one! The guidelines are on the Brisbane Cursillo website and there are also all these resources at the click of a button. Check this out!



Perhaps you could invite neighbouring parishes for a group reunion. Perhaps you could talk to your priest about having the 5th Sunday as a SHOW YOUR COLOURS day. This day, Cursillistas could wear their colourful scarves, have a short article in the pew sheet, maybe even speak about Cursillo during notices, plus have some brochures ready to answer questions at morning tea. It's about keeping the word Cursillo, current, and reminding them what it is all about. Remember that feeling of transformation you experienced from your Cursillo. We are having a fallow year, and this is one way to keep our Cursillistas encouraged and informed and stir up numbers for #83.

Our database needs your help. Please contact Alan Gray if your contact details have changed in recent years. This is very important to ensure that you receive communication from Cursillo SQ.







by Ann Morris

There are many unsung heroes in our community and here is the story of **Jill Beardmore**, who made her Cursillo

in 1989 and has billeted Cursillistas visiting Maryborough over the years.

Jill is an active member of the **Maryborough** Anglican Church and her mission throughout her whole life has been to support the Anglican Board of Missions (ABM). This organisation was founded over 100 years ago and provides funding and support for a wide variety of works.

The ABM has chosen to award Jill, a **Coaldrake Award Citation**. This prestigious award is named after Frank William Coaldrake, a pioneer in community work for the disadvantaged. Coaldrake started his work setting up a boy's hostel in Longreach and went on to support those who had a conscientious objection to war, as he believed no one wins in war and it solves no issues – something we can all relate to in this day and age as we see countries decimated by unresolved wars. He fought for the rights of the disadvantaged, lobbying governments at all levels for justice for those who were unable to speak for themselves. He was one of the first church officials to recognise that the old "colonial" way of mission was untenable and advocated listening to the indigenous people. He eventually became the first Australian born Archbishop of Brisbane.

Jill took up the cause of ABM very early in her life being stirred by stories of the work it did in Australia and the Pacific. This practical assistance took the form of setting up a local branch to raise funds to help ABM projects. She has been instrumental in running stalls from outside St Paul's Memorial Hall, where she and her band of willing helpers have sold a wide range of craft, sewing, cooking and preserves. Many readers will bear witness to purchasing beautiful things at a reasonable price and eating the goodies offered. Over the years these stalls have raised tens of thousands of dollars to support many worthy projects. This award is usually reserved for those who are actively working in the mission field, so for Jill to receive it, is indeed a rare and well-deserved honour.





across the World through Cursillo Kay Self W53A

The Cursillo Movement is a worldwide movement of Christians, as we have all learned about during our 3 Day Weekend. When my husband Greg and I travel, we worship in local churches and I enquire whether Cursillo is active in

that faith community, wherever that may be. It is a great way to make connections in faraway places. One of those connections has borne much fruit as you can read about from the following witness piece written by Karen and Dave Smith from Wisconsin, USA. We met up with Karen and Dave again recently as their 9-month world cruise docked in Brisbane for the day.

"On a trans-Pacific cruise in 2009, we met a couple from Brisbane Australia, Kay and Greg Self, and developed a friendship and dined together for weeks, enjoying each other's company on and off the ship. We rented a car in Honolulu and invited Kay and Greg to join us for the day. While at a small rest stop cafe, we remarked about all the Christian sayings and scripture verses painted on the walls. Karen and Kay began talking about church retreat experiences both were involved in. Lo and behold, we discovered a connection through the worldwide Cursillo ministry!

As lifelong Lutheran Christians, we were busy with our lives as parents and our professions as a teacher and a physician. When a new minister joined our local congregation in 1995, he began to encourage members to participate in a weekend retreat experience. So, in February 1998, we found the time in their busy schedules to attend Sonrise Weekends #23 & 24, which was such a blessing to our lives. We found an energized community of believers across our state, which helped to strengthen our faith life both as individuals and in our local congregation. We found deeper connections with weekly groups and serving on the semi-annual retreat weekends with fellow pilgrims. Whether serving in the kitchen, in coordination, delivering talks, as a rectora for Karen or Dave as a musician, we felt God supporting and encouraging us in our life of faith. Though we have "retired" from active roles in the community, due to relocation, the relationships with fellow VDC members remains strong.

During the course of the Wisconsin retreat weekends, messages of support were shared from other Cursillo movements across the US. New pilgrims were always touched when hearing of communities from California to Florida recognizing what was transpiring in Wisconsin and lifting them in prayer. Thanks to our connection with Kay, our teams were often surprised to learn that the Anglican Cursillo community in Australia was also praying for them. The Holy Spirit will not be constrained by borders or time! The four of us continue to stay connected, as evidenced of our visit with Greg and Kay in Brisbane in early March, 2024."

Wisconsin SonRise Via de Cristo https://wivdc.org

Karen and Dave Smith of Madison, Wisconsin, USA







World Labryinth Day, 4th May was celebrated at St Gabriel's Carindale, with a beautiful candlelit Labryrinth Walk created by Rev Nicole. 58 votive candles surrounded this pathway of peace for celebrants to walk, pray and refresh.



The Parish of East Redlands had 2 celebrations in May. The first was at St Paul's Cleveland, where they celebrated 150 years. A fabulous book was produced to commemorate this occasion and Bishop John Roundhill celebrated in Cleveland in front of a packed church with a challenging sermon on not becoming too complacent with our hope for the future.





The next celebration at St Peter's, Russell Island will happen as we go to print. 100 years is certainly something to celebrate!



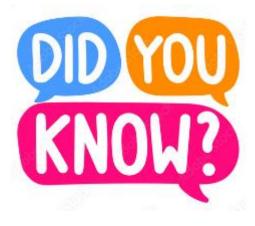
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<u>POSITION VACANT</u> RESOURCES COORDINATOR

The Keeper of a veritable storehouse of riches is the Resources Coordinator, as they provide all the essential tools and supplies required for successful events. From team boxes to talk examples, the Resources Coordinator has all the cool toys.

But they are more than just a glorified supply chain manager.
They are also a trusted advisor to Lay Directors and Team
Proctors, always on hand to answer questions and provide
support. And when the Cursillo weekend is over, the
Resources Coordinator is there to collect all the resources
and make sure they are ready for the next event.



SOME HISTORY OF CURSILLO in SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND.

The first 6 Women's weekends were 2-day.

The first 11 Men's weekends were 2-day.

The next 29 Women's were made up of 16x2-day and 13x3-day weekends.

The next 17 Men's consisted of 10x2-day and 7 x 3-day weekends.

And, interestingly, M9 and M10 ran concurrently at Hervey Bay and Coorparoo.

3-day weekends were finally established in 1992.





by Chris Pass

The Camino experience creates a community of mobile global Christians (and Muslims: yes, you did hear that correctly.) Collectively

looking out for each other, chasing after pilgrims who had missed a turn, offering help and first aid supplies, water, sharing food, asking after pilgrims (have you seen Bill, how is Robyn,) sitting with and striking up conversations with others about spiritual matters. Caring about your physical, emotional, spiritual and mental needs.

Days were hard, different days for all of the above, but there was always someone there to share the journey – to sing with, laugh with, pray with, cry with. Some walk to share time with someone, others to give time to someone, to let go, to give thanks, because someone they love can't. There are some very heartbreaking stories about why some Caminos were being walked. Without those stories you might wonder about some behaviours.

Learning point: don't make assumptions, don't judge, listen, be open, just be there.

Christians were praying together on the way, singing hymns reciting the rosary together. It is very empowering to come together with people you have just met or don't yet know, but know you are all on a point in a faith journey. We all come with the baggage of our lives and that's ok, that is life. Some struggle with unwanted thoughts and memories of past actions, you have to deal with them as they arise, and they might keep arising throughout the journey. You learn strategies to cope because you are on a journey and the Camino is just part of that.

One of the Beatitudes of the Pilgrim is, Blessed are you pilgrim, because you have discovered that the authentic Camino begins when the physical Camino ends.

Most people probably expect an epiphany but I did not meet anyone who had a spiritual mountain top experience there. The reality is; it is very much a Cursillo/retreat experience – powerful at the time but only transforming and empowering if you take up the fourth day experience and let yourself be transformed into what God has planned for you.

The Camino calls on you to contemplate, to be amazed, to welcome, to interiorize, to stop, to be quiet, to listen, to admire, to bless, to give and to receive. It teaches you we are here to serve others, to be humble, to be compassionate, to be inclusive.

Do not let unmet expectations rob you of the ability to recognise and be thankful for everything you have in front of you. God has blessed us in so many ways but sometimes we fail to see what

is right in front of us. Even something as simple as our routine can be offered to God to use – it might surprise us where this leads. Isn't that one way that we can discover God's Plan for us?

My Camino 2016 was not over. It is another turning point in my life. It is the start of a transition - God transforming me - How will that look?

My prayer communication with God - how does/will that look?

- # God's timing
- # Ask, seek, knock and keep asking, seeking, knocking
- # Be patient slow and consistent, prayer and actions
- # Be open maybe not what you thought, listen to others
- # Service, humility, compassion, inclusion but I am human too!

PS We walked another Camino in 2018 from Le puy en Valey (France) to St Jean Pied du Port. We planned another but highjacked by covid. But now the yearning is getting stronger to walk again – Spain again? Portugal? Australia? 2025.



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