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Theme Prayer for Men's and Women's 63

God in the good times,
God in the bad times,
God in every pain and in every triumph,
we present ourselves before you,
just as we are, tired and broken,
dried out and struggling,
searching and seeking.



Take us and transform us in the way only you can.
And make us channels of your peace.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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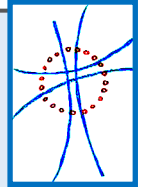
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Summer Edition 2024/25



From Bishop Murray

I recently read the results of a global survey of children's views on peace. Hilma, an 11 year old Swedish girl, said that for her peace is when everything is calm. Thith, aged 12 from Laos, said that peace is solidarity, love and knowing how to take care of the earth. Encouragingly, the children seemed to understand that peace is far more than simply the absence of war. Today peace seems as far away as ever, and many of the children surveyed had little hope of peace in their own countries anytime soon.

If peace is going to be a reality in our lives we all have to take responsibility to work towards it, even in small ways. As the words of a song written for an International Children's Choir put it, ***let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*** Another song about peace is one of my favourite worship songs, ***Put peace into each other's hands*** (by Fred Kaan, sung to an ancient Irish melody). It's one we could use as a prayer:

***Put peace into each other's hands
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.***



The blessing at the end of the Holy Communion service teaches that God's peace not only passes all understanding but it can keep our hearts and minds in a knowledge and love of God and of his son, Jesus Christ. This is the peace we should seek daily for ourselves and others. **+Murray**

From our Spiritual Director

On my recent holiday I saw many waterfalls but the one which stood out for me was Gullfoss Waterfall in Iceland. There was such force and strength in the river as it powered downhill, churning around rocks then dropping over the cliff and through a narrow gorge.

The roar was deafening, spray rising into the air and soaking all in its path. I was glad I was safely out of harm's way. Which brings me to a picture I once saw of a mighty waterfall just like Gullfoss and there on a tree branch reaching out over the waterfall sat a bird on its nest seemingly unconcerned with the danger surrounding it. Such peace in the midst of such turmoil!

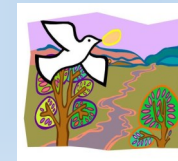
Peace is described as a calmness within during the chaos of life. Many of us have experienced that sort of inner peace in life situations when we should have been anything but peaceful, and it surprised us. It's the peace of God which passes all understanding. That's Jesus' gift to us as we grow our relationship with him and trust him with our lives. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." (John 14:27) With so many people experiencing turmoil throughout the world, we need Jesus' peace.

Shalom,
Rev. Rhonda Callander



**Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury, Your pardon Lord;
and where there's doubt true faith in You.**

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*



**Theme song for M&W 63.
Mission Praise, Song 456.**

This wonderful hymn, attributed to St Francis of Assisi, is a prayer asking God to help us bring His love, forgiveness, hope, faith, and peace to this world.

Cursillo with Hope25

For more than four decades since **Anglican Cursillo** came to Australia, it has brought and still brings renewal to people across our Dioceses.

The Cursillo Mission Statement "**Make a friend; be a friend; bring that friend to Jesus**" aligns with the vision of HOPE25.

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Comments on the Cursillo Weekend cont

Susan Pryde (Candidate):

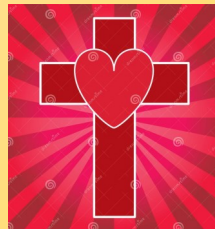
I attended Cursillo on 5th—7th October 2024, having little conception of what was in store for me. All I knew was that it was a course in Christian living.

My table was Esther, and right from the beginning I was surrounded by a group of beautiful women. The love and joy I encountered with these women grew stronger as the Weekend unfolded, and by the end, we all felt deep bonds. Love and joy are infectious and I felt so much love amongst the group as we were showered with surprises and gifts.

It was so inspiring to hear the personal stories of others before us who were walking with Jesus, many of whom faced challenges and heart-aches!

At the close of the Weekend, I felt closer to God and became aware that I was on a journey, not alone, but surrounded by love and support. It was a truly wonderful experience.

Susan Pryde, De Colores!



From our Lay-Co-Ordinator

Rodney Iolback Diocesan - Lay Co-ordinator.

Hi everyone,

Well, another year has flown by. We're into our **Summer Courier** edition which means Christmas is just around the corner.

Merry Christmas.

I love Christmas. Christmas is all about peace, hope, and joy. And love.

Even the secular world comes together to celebrate the concept of goodwill to all mankind.

The reason I mention this is because Cursillo is Christmas all year long. As a community, Cursillistas everywhere want to come together, even if only in spirit, to support each other, to uphold each other, just to be in Christian community with each other, to love each other as God loves us, and to love our God.

We know the peace and joy that the love of Christ brings and we want to share it with everyone around us in the sure hope that we are a rescued people.

It is my hope that in the year ahead we continue to come together to share the joy of fellowship and love with each other and with God.

Rodney



Cursillo Weekend

Dave Jones – Lay Director M & W Cursillo 63

Men's & Women's Cursillo 63
Saturday 5th—Monday 7th October 2024,
at Grafton Cathedral.

I am pleased to announce there were **12 candidates** at the **Cursillo Weekend** and I congratulate them on becoming Cursillistas, I feel it shows a big step out in faith: **Margaret Angus, Emma Christian, Ruth Clarke, Marian Egan, Julieanne Hammond, Susan Pryde, Elizabeth Ryan, Carol and John Foran, Graham Back, John Reed, and Geoff Roach.**

My thanks also go to the **team members**, without them the weekend would not have been a success: **Geoff & Wendy Duffy, Barbara Swain, Julie Pine, Debbie Clarke, Susan Tyrrell, Erica Lake, Desley Ryan, Maria Gandey, James Bilson, Terry Tweedie, Don Grant, and Ron Pelley.**

Our **Spiritual Advisors, Rev'd Geoff Vidal and Rev'd Leanne Smith**, both valued members of our team, were on call the whole weekend. My thanks also to our musical director **Carol Vidal** who tinkled the ivories rather well.

A big thank you to our chefs **Rod & Sue Lollback** whose meals were of their usual high standard and kept us well fed and happy for the three days.

With a great deal of planning by **Desley Ryan**, the team and candidates were all placed at the same venue, Glenwood Tourist Park. The accommodation worked well and was more than acceptable to everyone

This was only the second mixed **Men's & Women's Cursillo Weekend** held in the Grafton Diocese, and a shorter time was allotted. It was held from Saturday AM till Monday PM – two and a half days. Some of the talks were shortened and some were combined, compared to previous weekends.

All in all, the weekend was a great success. The candidates and team members bonded well together, and faith values were upheld. I feel the new shortened format could be used for future Cursillo Weekends without any problems at all. **De Colores, Dave**



BUTTERFLIES

Butterflies undergo a transformational change from caterpillars to beautiful winged creatures. The caterpillar grows quickly and goes into the pupae stage where it lies in a chrysalis. When ready, the skin splits open, the butterfly climbs out and flies off.

It has become a beautiful butterfly. (Wikimedia)

This amazing metamorphosis in some ways reminds us of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It also reminds us of the new life in Christ that we have when we receive him into our lives: 2 Corinthians 5:17:

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he (she) is a new creation: behold the old has gone; the new has come.”

It is an internal metamorphosis

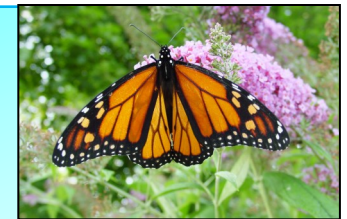
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CATHEDRAL ULTREYA



In the New Year, there will be an Ultreya
on Saturday, 22nd February 2025
at the Grafton Cathedral.

Bishop Murray will be in attendance.

We will commence at 9.30 am with morning tea
then 10 am Eucharist in the Cathedral.

Please come for a wonderful day of fellowship.

More details will be sent closer to the event.

Vale Helen Marie Light

Born March 6th 1936 - went to Gods eternal rest
November 12th 2024.

Helen made her Cursillo at Women's 15. She was very active in the Cursillo community, being a team member on W21, and Asst Proctor on W24, and then serving again on W37 and W54.

Helen participated in Cursillo activities in both Casino and Sawtell communities. She attended Ultreyas, Cursillo Weekends, and made friends far and wide. Helen was always the life of the party and always had great stories to tell.

Helen actively shared her faith with her family and friends and she knew she was going to be with her God and re-united with her great love, her husband Bill.

Rest in Peace beautiful Helen, you will be missed.

Susan Lollback



M&W 63 Cursillo Weekend



Follow Up Day

Follow Up Day Report

Dear Cursillistas,

On Saturday 16th November we held our **Follow Up Day** for the **Cursillo Weekend** held on October 5-7. Those that could, attended: the team, candidates, sponsors, and secretariat. Numbers were down, illness and the business of being late in the year having an effect.

Despite that, we had a good day. The morning started with prayer, praise and proclamation led by Fr. Geoff Vidal followed by an exchange of ideas to improve the running of the weekend.

Following lunch we had two very good **Witness Talks**, one by team member, **Carol Vidal** and one by a candidate **Graham Back**. I loved both of them! Rev. Rhonda Callender gave the response.

I explained to the new Cursillistas the events they could attend next year, such as Fire Days and Ultreyas, and we closed in prayer with **David Jones, Lay Director of M & W 63**, leading us in the theme prayer **"Peace"** for the Weekend.

We did, of course, do plenty of singing with Carol on the piano, and we finished with the Grace all in a circle, and then we departed to all parts of the diocese.

My thanks to all who helped, especially **Maria Gandey** who led the whole day. Thank you also to the Anglican community of South Grafton for the use of your facilities. Greatly appreciated.

De Colores, Rodney

Fun and fellowship at lunch during Follow Up Day.



Comments on the Cursillo Weekend from Team and Candidates

From Don Grant: With the theme of "peace" we were blessed with the peaceful central location of the Grafton Cathedral. It was a joy to have 12 candidates (8 women & 4 men) in attendance. It was a full-on weekend, led by the Holy Spirit, with some challenging talks and lively discussions in which the candidates took an active part. There was some time for fellowship between the team members and candidates as we met with each other, some for the first time. I look forward to maintaining this friendship into the future especially at other Cursillo functions.

De Colores, Don Grant, M/W 63 team-member.



Hi all, My name is John Reed, I live in Yamba.

I was invited to attend the Cursillo Weekend held at Grafton, October 2024, as a new Cursillista.

I arrived not knowing what to expect. We all gathered in the church hall, still unsure of what to expect.

Over the next 2 days we experienced so many highs – meeting new Christian friends. We sang many hymns and were privileged to listen to many Testimonies which lifted our emotions to great heights, and this feeling continued over the weekend. The Leaders & Facilitators gave great support & leadership to all.

Tongue in cheek (I think there were too-oo many Hymns). The Praise & Worship was fantastic.

During this weekend I felt very blessed & reached great heights in my spiritual journey.

Saying goodbye on Monday to our new friends was very hard.

The 4th Day Follow Up 4 weeks later, to me, was even better, meeting up again and sharing the feelings and emotions we had shared on the Cursillo Weekend.

Thank you to my sponsor Graham Booth for twisting my arm to attend.

John Reed, De Colores, M/W 63 candidate.