

CURSILLO NEW DAY

NOVEMBER 2024



Message from Bishop Ian

Dear Cursillistas,

A special thank you to Canon Ian Mabey, Barbara McDowell and to all who joined in the Cursillo pilgrimage to the Wheatbelt last month. Visiting and worshipping in 16 churches in the space of 6 days, covering hundreds of kilometres within our diocese, was simply astonishing. Enabling people who live in all these places to feel loved and supported was priceless. It was a privilege to join you at Mourambine, and I know Archdeacon Geoff was delighted to be with you at Wagin. You may have seen Barbara's article and some of the photos of the pilgrimage in November's *Ad Clerum* and *To the People*.

We are now thinking about how we might best continue this kind of care and support. For example, churches and communities receiving a visit more often, particularly at special times such as Christmas (depending on the harvest) and Easter. Canon Ian relayed some of the experiences you had and this suggestion at our Clergy Conference this week. Next month I will be writing about this suggestion in the *Ad Clerum* and *To the People* to see if we can encourage this experience and these ideas further.

Blessings,

+Ian



Message from co-lay director Anne Ritson

Hello Fellow Cursillistas,

I do hope peace reigns in your corner of the world.

It may be that I am being somewhat out of character at the moment, especially when I think of the friendships and joy Cursillo brings to everyone.

But.....I worry about the state of the world, the man- made crises that create conflict. In this amazing creation of God's, where is the love and peace that He gave to us all to share? How do we reconcile opposing sides which both claim to be God-fearing people? Why haven't we learnt from past episodes?

In today's modern world where there is such a divide between the rich and poor, there is increasing access to modern technology, which brings us reports on 'the state of the world', some of which are not "on good authority". How do we determine what is true and accurate as opposed to rash and dishonest statements? Fake news.

We do like to seek 'authority', we get second opinions on things like our health and monetary matters. But really! Why do we make life so complicated? Where is the simplicity of old? Isn't there only one true authority?

We know why some people become dictators but you *can't* compare God with a dictator. Why do people let it happen, especially when we have so many examples, even in our own lifetimes, to teach us.

That wonderful book, the Bible, is full of stories of conflict, of people persecuting others. We sometimes find it difficult to reconcile the outcomes with our own ideas and it may take time for the full impact of the wise counsel and His love to take effect. *God is always right*. He *is* our leader. So why follow a human with all his faults when we have a magnificent God to lead us? Life could be so much simpler and full of joy.

Father of us all, give me the courage to offer my whole self to you. Help me to acknowledge you as my authority. Use me, all of me, to shine your love and peace in the world. Amen

Blessings and love to you all,

Anne Ritson



Message from co-lay director Barbara McDowell

Recently I was asked, “What exactly is being done to our Diocese by Cursillo?”

I was surprised by the question.

We have a small Secretariat and are practically begging for new members, thankful to find Mary to take on the New Day, but needing a Treasurer by the end of the year and have vacant positions in the roles of Co-Spiritual Director, Registrar and Post Cursillo office bearers.

Yet in the past year:-

- We held a successful Cursillo weekend at Narrogin.
- Started zoom Group Reunions; the next is November 2nd at 2pm.
- Held a successful Pilgrimage to the wheatbelt, visiting 16 churches and connecting with those communities.
- We have an Ultreya coming up on 23 November at Gelorup.
- We have booked our next weekend at Busselton on Oct 3-5 2025.

So my question is – **“What can you do?”**

We need your support to keep Cursillo going in our Diocese.

We need not only members on Secretariat, but we are praying for a Lay Director for the next weekend, and willing Team Members.

I have included my Pilgrimage report and some photos for this edition of New Day.

More photos can be viewed if you join our Cursillo Bunbury Facebook Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/bunburycursillo>

De Colores,

Barbara



Message from Rev Canon Ian Mabey

Spiritual Advisor

Ultreya!

And I hear you all cry back to me “Ultreya!!!”

The concept of Ultreya is central to the Cursillo Movement. The encouragement of Ultreya is our focus in all we do. How important it is to be encouraged in our Christian journey. As the voice of encouragement echoes across the valley, as one pilgrim cried out to others on the journey – encouraging them to keep going, carry on – it lifts the spirits and helps them face the task and journey that lies in front of them.

Likewise, we should not underestimate how important it is to cry out Ultreya to our fellow Christians who are struggling in their journey, sometimes facing the struggles of life without much Christian company. How wonderful it is if a couple of people take the time and trouble to travel to a remote place to join others in worship, for no other reason than to encourage and let them know they are not alone.

This Christmas season there will be places celebrating Christmas ahead of time as they are not able to have a minister on the day (Hyden 6pm 18th December). Just imagine how encouraging it would be if some Christians showed up to worship with them and turn a handful into a joyous small crowd.

Ultreya is what Cursillo is all about. You can cry Ultreya and encourage anybody at any time. Seek opportunities to travel to worship with others all over the diocese. It does not take organising, just find out when and where services are happening and take the time to travel to be with them.

Keep going!!!

Canon Ian Mabey



Message From Editor Rev Mary Esslemont

Dear Friends,

As I prepare this month's New Day for publication, we are joined in prayer to God about the many issues which face His World, our Home. Prayers for the Valencia province of Spain, whose people have suffered catastrophic floods and loss of life, prayers for peace between the peoples of Palestine and Israel, prayers for peace in Ukraine. And for the USA, prayers for a peaceful transfer of power, to be used for the wellbeing of God's world.

On a personal note, my appreciation of Wendy's very professional production of New Day. Till now it has arrived bi-monthly on my computer, and I haven't paused to think of how much effort and skill goes into it. I now know! Thank you, Wendy, for all you have done and for your detailed handover.

Also huge thanks to Elizabeth and Kathleen Crimp, Barbara's sister and niece, who have patiently sat with me as I learn, step-by-step how to get New Day organised and out to you. "Ultreya" is my word-of-the-month!

Blessings, Mary

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DIOCESE OF BUNBURY – 2024 CURSILLO PILGRIMAGE

An idea was formed some time ago to undertake a pilgrimage of the Wheatbelt region of the Bunbury Diocese, to spend time in the company of faithful Christians, to meet together in fellowship and worship, celebrating the pioneers and stalwarts of our small communities. To pray and encourage the people, and discover some wonderful country in this great land.

During the week of Monday September 30 to Saturday October 5, this event took place. What a wonderful time to travel the Wheatbelt, with wildflowers coming into bloom and crops looking healthy.

Our theme song was “God give us a future” and we shared the Pilgrim’s Prayer by Ninevah Murray. We had our own travelling musician, who used the local church organs as much as possible, or used a portable keyboard elsewhere.

Morning prayer, Holy Communion and Evening Prayer were held in churches, both still in regular use and those not currently hosting regular worship. All people, not just Cursillistas, were invited to join us at any time on the pilgrimage, responsible for their own travel, accommodation and meals. 13 people were fortunate to attend the full pilgrimage but others were able to join for 1,2, or up to 5 days. As a group, we were able to form connections with each other, and spent a couple of evenings together for a meal during the pilgrimage.

In the 6 days, we held services in 16 churches – starting at 10am in Williams, moving on to Quindanning, Marradong, Pingelly, Mourambine, Corrigin, Lake Grace, Lake Bidy, Hyden, Lake King, Ravensthorpe, Jerramungup, Gnowangerup, Broomehill, Badgebup, and finishing with a 10am service at Wagin.

The services were led by a mixture of Clergy and Lay, including local Clergy if they were available. We were fortunate to have Bishop Ian celebrate the Eucharist with us at Mourambine Church, and Archdeacon Geoff at Wagin Church. Some services were very well attended by locals, others not so, but at every stop we made an effort to understand the local issues, appreciate their struggles and celebrate their achievements.

It was a lovely week of encouragement and fellowship both for the pilgrims and for those we met throughout the pilgrimage.

Our theme sentence was from Jeremiah 29:11-12: “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.”



Ultreya

Barbara McDowell
– Co-Lay Director

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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Cursillo Ultreya

Saturday 23rd November
2pm - 4pm

LET US ADORE HIM

Keeping Christ in
Christmas

BCGS Chapel
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ALL WELCOME - please bring a plate to share for
afternoon tea

Cursillistas please bring your name medallion and
Group Reunion card