

Rainbow Connection April 2018

Jesus said to her, 'Mary.' And she turned to him and cried 'Rab-boni', which means teacher.

With all the turmoil of the days preceding that meeting at an empty tomb, can you feel the huge intimacy and depth of feeling in those words? And, if so, I wonder if we can if we extend the meaning quite a bit. Because there's something more.

You see, Jesus has also said, and here it is, Jesus has also turned to you. Yes, you can put your own name there. He's looked at you; and called you by name. And he's called me; and done so by name. Jesus has opened all our eyes.

Now, we shouldn't be too self-conscious by this, but we do need to get ready, because we've not read the end of the passage yet. And each one of us is going to get a further mention.

Whatever Mary set out to find on that first Easter morning, what she eventually discovered; was her God. And, doesn't this sound like us? What was it we set out to find? What is it we too have found? And, what is it we will come across on our journeys? Something had been offered by Jesus, the Christ. And that something was to be received; and received willingly by Mary. In fact, everything had been offered by Jesus, and now, everything had been accepted. Life had been given, and life had been accepted. That's it. This is the story to be remembered.

But, now here are we. That story didn't just introduce us to an historical fact, it was part of an eternal story. And, that story has gathered up each one of us, and it still carries us under its wings.

Until Jesus opened Mary's heart, she hadn't recognised the risen Christ. Then he called her by name. And it's the same with us. Jesus has called each one of us by name too. But listen to what Mary did next. She shared what she had with her those whom she knew. Mary became a missionary. Do we still fit into the picture?

'Jesus said to her -- Mary. And she replied -- Rab-boni.'

We also are true believers, but only if we also carry on from that point. Because Jesus has also called each one of us by name.

Diocesan Spiritual Director
Rev. Peter Johnson

Palanca

Men's & Women's 32 2018. Our Palanca Coordinator will be away for the Men's Weekend. Can you please assist her in getting in your Palanca early (particularly for the Men's weekend?) The team lists are on the website and Candidates will be published as soon as we know who will be attending. Please post to Cursillo Tasmania PO Box 483 NORTH HOBART 7002

Reminder

Our Cursillo website has an amazing amount of up to date information and resources on it, including application forms to sponsor candidates. Please take a look at <http://www.cursillotasmania.org.au>



Dates to Remember

Regional Ultreya Newtown/Lenah Valley/Edge/Claremont St James Newtown May 12th 2018 12 noon for lunch

Overnight training Camp Clayton 10th & 11th August

Men's Weekend Camp Clayton 23rd – 26th August

National Secretariat Cairns 24th – 26th August

Women's Weekend Camp Clayton 6th-9th September

Welcome Day October 27th 2018 Campbell Town High School.

Feb 2019 Diocesan Ultreya St Mark's Bellerive (TBC)

Cursillo 2019 - Overnight Training, both Men & Women Teams September 27th -28th 2019 Men's Cursillo October

10-13th 2019 Womens's Cursillo October 24th-27th 2019 Welcome Day Diocesan Ultreya November 23rd 2019

Campbell Town



Men's & Women's 32

Our DSD, Peter Johnson, had the privilege of commissioning the teams for Men's and Women's 32 at Longford on March 24th and their training is now under way. This year's teams have a healthy mix of new and experienced members and the atmosphere at their first Training Day was abuzz with excitement and anticipation. Friendships are already being formed or strengthened. The team list is available on the Website or ask one of the Secretariat. Please pray for them and especially for Heather and Jim Eaton in their leadership roles. We know from experience that

our Lay Co-ordinators and their team often come under spiritual attack in the lead-up to (and during) Cursillo weekends, so remember to gird them with regular prayer.

Also please put the Cursillo method to good use and prayerfully, studiously consider whom you could sponsor as a candidate – then take action and ask them! If you are hesitant about sponsoring someone as an individual, ask your Group Reunion or other Cursillo friends if they would like to be 'corporate sponsors'. Start now – don't leave it until the last minute!

Gift of Cursillo to Hong Kong

For those who have not yet heard the exciting news: Australia has been invited to gift Cursillo to Hong Kong. The only way for Cursillo to be introduced to a new Diocese or country is at the invitation of the relevant bishop, so we are thrilled to have this opportunity to strengthen the gospel witness in a country where less than 12% of the population have committed their lives to Jesus and which is right on the doorstep of China.



The plan is to run a mixed Weekend in October (12th – 14th) and the team is being gathered from various Dioceses. We are super-excited to have 2 representatives from Tasmania: the Rev Jane Lamont and myself. As far as I'm aware at this stage, Jane and I are the only women on team. We have already been hugely blessed and encouraged by the generosity of the Fourth Day Community in Tasmania, with \$1100 having already been donated towards the cost of getting us there (and back again, I hope!). If you feel moved to contribute towards this exciting piece of Cursillo history, please contact Margaret Brodie on m-mbrodie@bigpond.com.

Ultreya!

Shirley Tongue
(Diocesan Lay Director)

News from the Secretariat

Saturday April 7th saw 11 members of the Secretariat gather in Ross for our bi monthly meeting. Truly, I'm not at all sure that so much fun should have been had at a business meeting!

Despite the laughter we managed to get through a tremendous amount of work including already planning for the **2019** Cursillo weekend – time flies when you have fun. We will be having an information table at this year's Synod and also one for the Bishop's Training Day, in Hobart so pop by and say hello to whoever is duty. We also nominated two of our Secretariat to represent Tassie at the National Conference in August. Regional and Diocesan Ultreyas are being planned so watch out for notices.

I promise you, Secretariat, despite the commitment of time is such a pleasure to be a part of, so if you are ever approached to join, do consider serving for a term or two – such fun.

Jane (Secretary)