

# RAINBOW CONNECTION

Anglican Cursillo Tasmania

September 2019

## NORTH WEST ULTREYA

The North West Ultreya was held at St Paul's, East Devonport on August 17. There was much fine food and great fellowship plus sharing of stories and experiences.

Shirley Tongue gave the Witness Talk, entitled 'Count Your Blessings' with the text John 1:16 'From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.' In this moving talk, Shirley gave an account of the seven-week, 12, 500 Kilometre Road Trip she and John completed recently, across the outback of Australia in search of rare birds to add to their birder's list. They found these birds and more besides.

Shirley spoke of the many reminders of God's presence and the way their needs were met at each stage. From being visited by an 'Angel Truckie', an encouraging interaction with a pair of shy Bourke's Parrots to saving grace as a kangaroo on a collision course with their vehicle managed to change direction at the very last minute. One of the highlights of the trip across the 'Outback Way' was the discovery of a white cross, erected beside the road by indigenous Christians in 1991: "as a reminder to all who pass of Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross which Christians believe brings forgiveness, healing, hope and everlasting life. .... Today it remains a symbol of hope for all humanity into the future." What a powerful witness! All these events were reminders that God blesses us in the small things and the large and that He accompanies us on holiday or wherever we are.

After Shirley's Witness Talk, a slide show was presented of photos from their trip, set to John Rutter's 'For the Beauty of the Earth'.

The talk and slideshow were both inspirational and uplifting.



## REFLECTION

At the recent secretariat meeting Peter Johnson talked on Romans 1:1-7.

He began with asking the question 'How should we all find a title for ourselves and each other?'

Paul began his letter to the Romans with 'To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints.'

There are similar beginnings to his letters to the people of Corinth, 'To those who called to be holy' and to the people of Ephesus, 'To the faithful in Christ Jesus'.

Saints are normal people who are set apart from the world, not by their deeds or moral perfection, not by their great knowledge, nor by deeds of great might, but by their faith in the Lord.

Peter says Paul was writing to the people of that time but also to the people of this time including the people of Cursillo and to the people of the future.

We are to listen to Paul when he says our calling is to be disciples of Jesus. We are to be Holy, true to his name and we are to be faithful, faithful at all times, not just when we get around to thinking about it. And we're called to be saints. But, is there something missing? We can only start out on that journey when we realise our faults, when we fully know our deficiencies and then take them to God, asking for his forgiveness. Most of all, we should work on the understanding of Christ, his love and his message, that we all need to make sure that we can be counted as those who are faithful, and holy, and are able to join in being saints of Christ's Church.

**COMBINED MEN'S AND WOMEN'S 33 WEEKEND**  
**Blue Lagoon Centre, Dodges Ferry. October 10-13 2019**

**Theme:** *God is Love* (1 John 4.16b)

**Song:** *The Steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. (No 49)*

**Lay Coordinator:** Margie Headlam *Fourth Day*

**Proctor:** Annette Sims *Joy of giving*

**Musician :** Mary Bennett

**Gophers :** Jean Shaw; Graeme Shorter

**Spiritual Advisor:** Rev Marie Ellison *Obstacles to a life of grace*

**Spiritual Advisor:** Rev Dr Lee Weissel *Ministries of Grace I&2*

**Table Members**

Janet Stone *Christian Living*

Linda Bonnelaume *Faith*

Sally Coupe *Grace* (with Tony)

Glennys Richardson *Study*

Jeanne Wherrett *Leaders*

Katelyn Horton *Ideal*

Ruth Thomas *Laity*

Kristin Hynes *Changing the environment*

Arthur Wherrett *Piety*

Tony Coupe *Grace* (with Sally)

David Thomas *Apostolic Action*

Paul Campton *Community in action*



**Please start preparing your palanca and aim to have it ready early.**  
**Please pray for the team and candidates.**

## PRAYER

We have had a request from Cursillo members in Hong Kong for prayer, for peace and calm between the population and the Government.

Particularly pray for the young people of Hong Kong that they may not resort to violence in their opposition to the currently proposed laws that would permit certain locals charged with an offence to be tried back in China.

Pray that the Government might act in a peaceful way and that God's will may be done.

Also pray for the Team & Candidates for HK2 to be held from 4-6 October this year. The team is listed below.

Adam Mok, Alison Harada, Andrea Kan, Aron Yuen, Daniel Kong, Evelyn Chan, John Tanner, Kate Senior, Maddy Foo, Rita Chan, Rosanna Mak, Saki Tsoi, TK Cheungs, Fr Robert Martin, Fr Will Newman

## DATES TO REMEMBER

September 5-8 Men's weekend Grafton

September 5-8 M79 Brisbane

September 5-8 M48 Newcastle

September 20-22 National Secretariat

September 27-28 MW33 Overnight training

October 4-6 HK2

October 4-7 W49 Bathurst

October 5 Secretariat meeting

October 10-13 MW33 Tasmania

November 9 Diocesan Welcome Day,  
Campbell Town District High School

December 7 Secretariat meeting

March 21 Northern Ultreya Flinders Island

## OBITUARY

Kaye Reeves has recently passed away. Kaye worshipped at Edge Anglican at Claremont. He was an enthusiastic Cursillista and has been on secretariat. We give thanks for Kaye and his faith in our Lord and we pray for his family.

## ISLAND ULTREYA

There will be an Ultreya on Flinders Island on March 21, 2020. Accommodation will be in the form of billets, motel or B&B. Let us support the growing Cursillo community on the island. Please contact Jane 0429 976 785 for more details.