

Rainbow Connection

Anglican Cursillo Tasmania

August 2024

A Reflection from Diosesan Spiritual Advisor Lee Weissel

'Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned.' *Hebrews 6:7*

The message from the writer of the letter to the Hebrews uses many helpful images, and one such image is of the land being a person's heart. The rain is everyday life, with its benefits and challenges. The crop it produces is the character that is revealed of someone as they do life. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews is encouraging hearers/readers to grow in their faith and understanding of Jesus. It makes the distinction that there are those who might talk the talk, but when living life, they cannot walk the walk. As life presses in, for some, their character is not a blessing to others.

We see this image played out during the Olympics. People who have trained years, and who look physically fit, but as the competition is played out we see the differences in character. There are those who understand what it is to be a good sportsperson, revelling in the challenge. And unfortunately, there are those who when the mettle is tested, show an unsavoury character. We enjoy the Olympics because in a snapshot of a moment we can see many facets of life played out.

Hebrews reminds us that we need to keep building on the foundation given to us in the Gospel. That when we lean into the Spirit and open to God, many things can happen. The wonderful idea that the writer of Hebrews gives to us, is that a mistake, or a wrong direction is not the final answer, but there is the opportunity for change. For it is in change that we grow. As the writer of the letter of the Hebrews encourages us to see again the story of Jesus, to seek understanding, so we do as well in commending Jesus to our Cursillo Community.

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Dates to Remember

August 17th 12.30pm – 4pm - Listening to God workshop at St Marks Bellerive
September 14th 10am – 3pm - Ultreya (gathering) Ulverstone Anglican Church Hall
October 19th - Bishop's Training Event, St Clement's Kingston
October 26th - Bishop's Training Event, Worldview St Leonards Launceston
October 25th – 27th - Cursillo National Secretariat meeting, Newcastle NSW
November Sat 16th - Commissioning of MW37 at St David's Cathedral complex.

Start with shared lunch at 12.30pm.

Secretariat and 4th Day Community members to leave by 5pm so that the team can spend time together.



June 19th–22nd 2025 - MW37 Weekend Blue Lagoon

July 5th 2025 12.30pm - MW37 Welcome Day gathering, St David's Cathedral complex.

A Message from Ruth Thomas, our DLD

June and July were busy months for several of the Tasmanian Secretariat as we completed the administrative tasks associated with the end of a successful Cursillo Weekend and made preparation for the next one. Resources were sorted and stored, lists checked for accuracy, dates were decided, bookings made, deposits paid and the website (tascursillo.asn.au) updated to reflect the latest information.

I encourage you to look at our colourful and interesting website from time to time as it is frequently changed to reflect the latest news. The Member's Resources such as the group photo from each Weekend and our names and addresses are password protected. If you have inadvertently mislaid the password, please feel free to contact me on 0408287255 or any of the current Secretariat (Rev Lee Weissel, Rev Lesley Borowitzka, Catherine Woodberry, Grahame Foster, Shirley Tongue, Keir Steedman, Susan Pearce, David Tilley, Chris Gibbons, Raelene Weissel and David Thomas). We would also be happy to tell you more about the tasks involved and how you could also participate.

Several of the Cursillistas who attended the Ultreya on June 29th at Edge were really interested in what Gayle Goninon said in her Witness Talk about the "Listening to God" workshop. As a result, Gayle has arranged a workshop for Sat 17th August at St Marks Bellerive. A wonderful opportunity for all to attend. Catherine Woodberry sent out an email to the 4th Day Community on 7th July with the workshop details so that we all could avail ourselves of this great opportunity.

Sat 14th September 10 am – 3pm there will be an Ultreya (gathering) at Ulverstone Anglican church hall 6/8 Kings Parade Ulverstone with Keiron and Mary Burgess as the Witness Speakers and the Rev Jeanette Brett as the Spiritual Advisor. A chance to see each other and join in a rich time of fellowship and sharing.

The Bishop's Training Event - Look Forward will be on the 19th October (St Clement's Kingston) and 26th October (Worldview St Leonards, Launceston). Simon Smart will be the guest speaker and there will be a range of interesting workshops. Susan Pearce and I will be at the Hobart Event. We will have one of the new Cursillo pull-up Banners, some of our brochures "Growing in the Love of God", and the new application forms to MW37 in June 2025 (19th – 22nd) at Blue Lagoon campsite, Dodges Ferry on a table in the Resources Fair. Please come and say 'hello'.

October also brings the National Cursillo Secretariat meeting. This year it will be held on 25th – 27th Oct in Newcastle, NSW. There will be several delegates and Observers from Tasmania attending. Next year, Tasmania will be hosting the National Secretariat Meeting (24th Oct – 26th Oct) in Launceston as a way of celebrating our 30 year Anniversary of the Anglican Cursillo Movement being in Tasmania. We can rejoice in the many Blessings we have received over those years.

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Shirley Tongue reports on the recent Welcome Day Ultreya

Over 40 of us enjoyed a great time of worship and fellowship at the ultreya at Edge Anglican, Claremont on Saturday, June 29th. Ruth Thomas was our MC and Charles Holmes did an admirable job as Spiritual Advisor, especially as it was the first Ultreya he'd attended. Mary Bennett chose inspiring songs to fit the theme of "Stir us into Action" and Gayle Goninon encouraged us to discern the gifts that God has given each of us and to use them as applicable in the place we find ourselves right now. She used her gift of intercessory prayer as a powerful example. As always, it was a time of mutual support and encouragement, and of joy in catching up with Cursillistas from many parishes around the region. We look forward to an equally uplifting time at the next Ultreya, to be held in Ulverstone on September 14th.



Photos from our recent Ultreya at Edge Anglican

