

Rainbow Connection

Anglican Cursillo Tasmania

April 2026

A Reflection from Diocesan Spiritual Advisor Lee Weissel

The Fourth Day on the Emmaus Road

In the Cursillo movement, we often talk about the "Fourth Day"—the rest of our lives lived in the light of our encounter with Christ. As we look at the journey to Emmaus (Luke 24:13–35) and the fire of Pentecost (Acts 2:36–41), we find a perfect roadmap for our own walk as a community of faith.

1. Piety: Seeking and Drawing Near

The two disciples on the road were **syzetountes**—wrestling, questioning, and processing their grief. How often do we think our "Piety" must be polished and perfect? Yet, Jesus joins them in their confusion. He doesn't wait for them to have the right answers; He draws near (**engisas**) while they are still lost.

True piety is the honesty to bring our "dusty road" questions to the Lord. It is the realisation that the Risen Christ is already walking beside us, even when our eyes are "restrained" from seeing Him. Our spiritual life begins not with certainty, but with the seeking.

2. Study: The Heart Set Ablaze

When Jesus opened the Scriptures for the disciples, their hearts began to burn (**kaiomenē**). This wasn't just academic "Study"; it was an encounter. He showed them that every promise of Moses and the Prophets found its "Yes" in Him.

As Cursillistas, our study is not merely to gain information, but to facilitate transformation. When we open the Word, we aren't just reading ancient history; we are inviting the Risen Christ to interpret our lives through the lens of His Grace. Does your study lead you to the Table? Does it make your heart burn with the intensity of His love?

3. Action: The Urgency of Metanoia

The Emmaus encounter didn't end at the table. The disciples got up "that same hour" and ran back to Jerusalem. Encounter produces urgency. In Acts, we see the result: Peter's message "pierced the heart," leading to **metanoia**—a total revolution of the mind and life.

Our "Action" is the natural overflow of a heart that has recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. It is the decision to live differently—to forgive, to serve, and to share the "Good News" that we have seen the Lord.

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

The Emmaus road is not a one-time event; it is the rhythm of our Fourth Day. We seek Him in our piety, we encounter Him in our study, and we serve Him in our action.

De Colores

Greek words in **bold**

EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT

Alice Cordwell is the incoming Diocesan Lay Director of Cursillo Tasmania.

Alice will be commissioned at the 3rd October 2026 Secretariat Meeting.

Alice was a candidate of W6 in 1998 and involved in many Cursillo roles for over 16 years. Alice is a member of St Barnabas All Saints Network, Launceston.

A Message from Ruth Thomas, our DLD

Easter Sunday was a day to celebrate and rejoice in the presence of our Risen Lord Jesus. In fact, all this year there has been much to celebrate.

MW38 took place from Friday 27th February to Sunday 1st March at Camp Clayton with a Team of 16 and 7 candidates. Amongst the 23 attendees there were several married couples and that seemed to assist in creating a relaxed atmosphere where the Table Communities formed cohesive units quickly. It was a weekend of many blessings, sunshine and enough time to sit in the Bush Chapel and enjoy the view of the beach. All the new Cursillistas spoke enthusiastically at the Clausura about their experience.

MW38 Welcome Day occurred on Sat 14th March at Longford. Naomi Skeat, Lay Coordinator, shared some of the highlights from the Weekend. Then Michelle Basalto, Martin Hensher and Pip Nielsen spoke for a few minutes each about how their experience of the Weekend had continued to resonate in their lives. Pip gave the Bible reading at the Holy Communion conducted by the Rev'd Jo Tevelein. Pip has agreed to be the Witness Speaker at an Ultreya/gathering on Sat May 23rd at St James New Town.

The Welcome Day was also significant as it was attended by Alice Cordwell, who had been prompted by God to come along. Following prayerful consideration, Alice has accepted my invitation to become the next Diocesan Lay Director of Cursillo Tasmania. Alice will be commissioned on Sat 3rd October. After my decommissioning on the same day, I will be commissioned into the role of Post Cursillo Coordinator (organiser of Ultreyas).

Ruth Cox will be the Lay Coordinator of MW39 to be held in 2027, possibly in November. There is another Ultreya coming up – Sat 4th July at Lindisfarne Anglican with Bishop Richard as the Speaker as well as celebrating Holy Communion.

A Cursillo Prayer Team has been formed. Any prayer requests from the 4th Day will be directed to this Team. Please send your requests to the Cursillo Secretary, Raelene Weissel, at cursillotas@gmail.com

There has been much to celebrate so far this year and even more to come as we go forward confident in God's love and care for us.

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NEW SECRETARIAT POSITION

Publicity Officer for Cursillo Tasmania

To promote and explain Cursillo

For further information contact Ruth Thomas 0408287255

DATES TO REMEMBER – 2026

Sat 23rd May 10am – 3pm Ultreya St James Church New Town Pip Nielsen Speaker

Fri 12th - Sat 13th June – Synod St John's Launceston

Sat 4th July 10am – 3pm Ultreya Lindisfarne Anglican Bishop Richard Speaker

Sat 24th Oct – Bishop's Training Event Launceston

Sat 31st Oct – bishop's Training Event Hobart





Everyone is Invited to

a Diocesan Cursillo gathering (*Ultreya*)

Theme: Transforming Love of Christ

Witness Speaker: Pip Nielsen

Date: Saturday 23rd May 2026

Time: 10am (10:30am start) – 3pm

Bring some food to share (limited food heating available).

Tea and Coffee provided.

Where: St James Church, New Town 7008

(corner of Rupert Ave and Elizabeth Street)

Please park on the street – limited off street parking.

*Bring your friends and come along for a day
of fellowship and sharing.*

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Speaker: Bishop Richard Condie

Date: Saturday 4th July 2026

Time: 10am (10:30am start) – 3pm

Bring some food to share (limited food heating available).

Hot Soup, Tea and Coffee provided.

Where: Lindisfarne Anglican

54 Lincoln St Lindisfarne 7015

Please park on the street, limited off street parking.

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