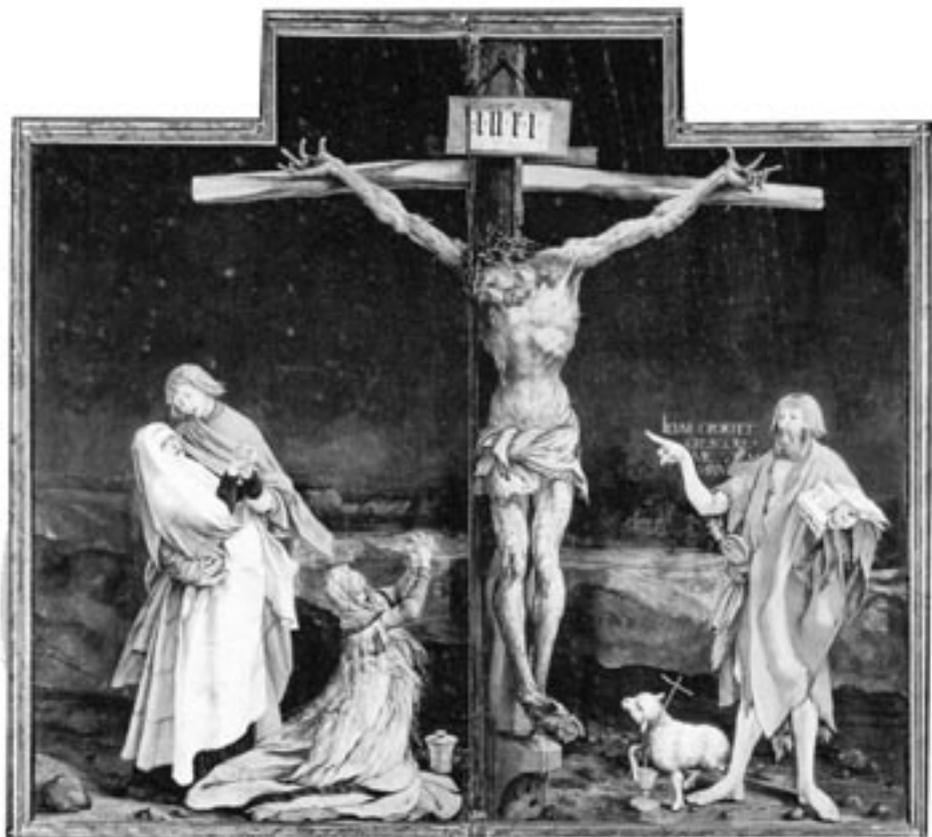


The Rainbow Connection

*Magazine of the Anglican Cursillo
Movement in Tasmania*



Mathis Grunewald's *The Crucifixion* has been described as 'the most terrifying crucifixion in Western art.'¹ It was part of a large, complex, folding altarpiece painted between 1510 and 1516 for a religious order called the Antonines (after the 4th century hermit St Anthony) whose monastery was in Isenheim, Alsace, France. Today the altarpiece has been dis-assembled and can be seen in the Unterlinden Museum in Colmar, Alsace.

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¹ Neil MacGregor, *Seeing Salvation : Images of Christ in art*, BBC London, 2000

From My Desk

As we were discussing this issue at the last secretariat meeting, it became obvious to me that a theme was emerging—that of servanthood. I mentioned that I would write an article on servant leadership and our Spiritual Director, David Le Rosignol, said he would base his column on the same theme.

I had already read Fr Gregory Boyle's amazing account of his ministry in LA's gangland capital, Boyle Heights, and felt that this ministry epitomised the very essence of servanthood and, indeed, servant leadership. My review of his inspiring book is on page 19. Don't miss it.

Gwen Kingham, the North West Servant Community co-ordinator asks the question, 'Have you been to an ultreya' and explores what it is to be a member of a servant community.

Bishop John deals with the importance of the bible in growing his life in Christ and there are some interesting thoughts on discipleship by Janet Connolly.

There are reports and pictures from three ultreyas, two from the north west and one from the first Diocesan ultreya of the year held at St Barnabas, Launceston.

Men's and Women's weekends

Men's and Women's 26 Cursillo weekends are approaching quickly. July is not very far away so please consider prayerfully if there is anyone in your parish whom you might consider sponsoring. If so, now is the time to be discussing their candidacy with your rector or priest-in-charge prior to approaching them. We have some guidelines to follow on page 7.

Do you remember your Cursillo weekend experience? I know I certainly do; indeed, it set me firmly on the path of my Christian walk and changed my life. Please think about other Christians of your acquaintance and provide them with the opportunity to experience Christ's love and



the infilling of the Holy Spirit that so often occurs at a Cursillo weekend.

Please also consider supporting Cursillo financially. We do not want anyone to not make their Cursillo because the cost is too high for them. Every donation will help to support somebody at their weekend.

Rainbow Connection submissions

Rainbow Connection is your magazine and is only as good as the content that is in it. If you have news, prayer requests, a point of view, a book, film or media review, a poem or, indeed, anything else that might be of interest to Cursillistas in this state, please feel free to submit it for consideration.

My contact details are at the back of this magazine.

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De Colores
Frank

From The Diocesan Lay Director

Hi all, this is my 2nd article.

Firstly, I would like to inform you all that Alice Cordwell and Bob Gilmore are the Lay Co-ordinators for Men's and Women's 26 to be held at Camp Clayton later on this year. Please keep them and their teams in your prayers.

PLEASE consider to sponsor someone. Without candidates we don't grow. "Be a friend, bring your friend to Christ and even to cursillo".

In each state and Diocese there is a group or council called the Secretariat. It is their job to see that our cursillo runs well according to the Guidelines. Here is an outline of what the secretariat does.

- Plan the development of the movement.
- Co-ordinate the movement.
- Facilitate growth of the movement.
- Monitor the effectiveness of work being done in various areas of activity within the movement.
- Encourage the Sponsorship and support of new candidates.
- Support and encourage Lay Coordinators and team with palanca, prayer, phone calls or visits. LD and SD visit the team during training.
- Constantly expand our knowledge of the movement and disseminate information to Cursillistas thru the Rainbow Connection and workshops.
- Oversee the workings of the Servant community.
- Establish policies and procedures which will assure an active Forth Day program.
- Attend Cursillo events, Ultreyas, etc.
- Select Dates for Weekends.
- Relate to other Secretariats particularly the National Secretariat with 2 delegates attending ACMA.
- Attend meetings bi-monthly 1st Saurday.
- Secretariat meetings are open to all



Cursillistas to attend.

- Promote the movement at parish and Diocesan levels.
- Encourage and support cursillo in each parish.
- Keep up-to-date lists of parish contacts, names, addresses, phone numbers and pass on to the database co-ordinator.
- Relay any information to parish reps. as necessary.
- Maintain pastoral contact with parish reps and pass on prayer points.
- Encourage establishment and support of Group reunions.
- Arrange parish help with reps for cursillo events as needed.

Members of Secretariat should be endorsed for Safe Church Communities in their own parish. Some Members (not all) should obtain police checks and have two team member referees.

So as you see it takes a TEAM to make our cursillo happen.

We as Cursillistas want to see this movement continue to flourish and grow in God's kingdom. Remember the bible verse, Matthew 7:7:

"Ask and it will be given, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be open to you."

Never be surprised when I knock on your door and ask for help or prayer.

God Bless.
Lewis

From The Diocesan Spiritual Director

Jesus—The Servant Leader

When we move into the fourth day as Cursillistas, we are not moving to a pass-out parade, but we are committed to a life of servant leadership. **I am** concerned for those who come to their Cursillo weekend, and then for one reason or another (I am familiar with some of those reasons) drop out of Cursillo. We would love to see you back with us.

Jesus Christ is the servant leader par excellence and we all fall short of his model of servant hood. His best example he gave to his disciples can be found in John 13:1 -17.

At the time of Passover Jesus shared a meal with his disciples and the reason is found in verse 1a, 'He now showed the disciples the full extent of his **love**.'

'Jesus got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin. He then began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he had around him.' (v 4-5.)

Jesus meant business and by taking off his robe meant there was work to do, and to demonstrate by example to his disciples the nature of true servanthood for the Kingdom of God meant new values, and a new understanding for serving others—and therefore being a Christ-like leader.

The world tells us something very different indeed about leadership and too often we do it their way, and then wonder why people get hurt.

The washing of the feet of guests fell to the servant of the house. This was the lowest of positions in Jesus' day, taking off sandals, washing dirty smelling feet, then wiping them with a towel.

There can never be a hierarchical understanding of leadership for Jesus starts at the bottom, and after that there is nowhere to go. Only our sin, ego and pride want to move us up to the next step. Jesus, the authentic leader, shows us authentic leadership.



But there has to be someone who complains and objects. There is always one out there somewhere. In this instance it is Simon Peter.

"When he came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, 'Lord, why are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus replied, 'You don't understand now why I am doing it. Someday you will.'

'No,' Peter protested, 'You will never wash my feet!'

Jesus replied, 'But if I don't wash you, you won't belong to me.'

'Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!'

Was Simon Peter wanting to be one up on the other disciples, wanting more than the others?

Jesus explained to Simon Peter what he needed to know in v10-11.

'Jesus then sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord' and you are right, because it is true. And since I, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash others' feet." (v13-14.)

We are to be as Jesus to others, filled with his Spirit to serve family, neighbours, friends, Cursillistas, church leaders, church members, and community with the same servant attitude first of all, and servant leadership in active serving, not passive resistance expecting others to always serve us and meet our needs.

Jesus says, 'I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.

'How true it is that a servant is not greater than the master. Nor are messengers more important than the one who sends them. You know these things—now do them! *That is the path of blessing.*' (v 15-17, italics mine).

The real path to blessing is not, 'Lord, bless me' but in and through serving others. Cursillitas are not people who seek the glory of blessing for themselves but, through serving others, believe in the promise of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and in so doing will find the path of real authentic blessing.

The Apostle Paul understood Jesus' example of servant leadership well when he penned the hymn in Philippians 2:5-11, 'Your attitude should be the same as Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not

demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave. And in human form he obediently humbled himself even further by dying a criminal's death on a cross. Because of this, God raised him up to the heights of heaven and gave him a name that is above every other name so that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father.'

Jesus' final example to us of servant leadership was the cross, the real place of self denial, but notice it was God who raised him up.

Ultreya

David Le Rossignol

* Scripture references from the New Living Translation



The Bishop's Word

The Importance Of The Bible In Growing My Life In Christ

I have been using a new Bible reading plan called E100 Challenge. I am enjoying it as I find freshness in different reading plans.

There are many and varied plans to encourage us to read the Bible. At the end of the day, the issue is to make Bible reading a priority and do it!

At a Bible Society Tasmania function I reflected on the importance for my own growth in Christ of reading and meditating on the Bible. I share my thoughts here.

1. (My) coming to christ

- Learning of Jesus through reading the Bible.

2. (My) growing in christ

- Excitement—the Bible tells me about Christ.

- Expectation—through reading the Bible I will discover light, life and love.

- I will discover Christ.

- I will discover truths about myself, others and society.

- Humility—a humble attitude in the reading of Scriptures.

- Study—II Timothy 2 : 15.

3. (My) growing understanding of the bible

- The Bible tells us about the Triune God.

- The Bible rings true to our life experiences.

- The Bible transforms lives.

- The Bible is a book of beauty.

- The Bible was a vital part of Christ's life and ministry.

Just recently a dear friend died and the Bible text for the day in the newspaper was



from The Preacher of wisdom in the Book of Ecclesiastes (7:4), The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning.

As Gayelene and I discussed this passage my beloved recalled the wisdom that we receive as we sit with grief and bereavement and experience the end of a life and the accompanying hopes and dreams.

Which of the hopes and dreams that were accomplished bring peace, joy and deep satisfaction to the person who is dying and to their family, friends and community?

We see the real value of relationships and projects as we review them from the ending of this person and our own participation with them in dreams that may have been.

The Holy Spirit who inspired the writing of the Bible is the Bible's interpreter who knows our deepest needs, hopes and dreams and works within us individually and as a Christian community to bring life; life in abundance.

Read, digest and apply the Bible: it grows our life in Christ.

+ John

John Harrower
Bishop of Tasmania

Cursillo Weekends 2012

This year the Cursillo Weekends will be as follows:

M26 Thurs. 26 July–Sun. 29 July at Camp Clayton, Ulverstone.

W26 Thurs. 9 Aug–Sun. 12 Aug at Camp Clayton, Ulverstone.

The closing dates for the applications to be in are:-

- M26: 2 July 2012
- W26: 16 July 2012

Please send completed forms to:-

The Pre-Cursillo Co-ordinator
PO Box 483
North Hobart 7002

Application forms can be downloaded from the Cursillo web site:
www.cursillotasmania.org.au

or from:

Ruth Thomas
Pre-Cursillo Coordinator
62287253
tavprod@bigpond.net.au

Here are some thoughts about sponsoring somebody:

Pray for guidance about who you should approach. Continue to pray before, during and after you have sponsored someone for Cursillo.

Speak to the candidate's Rector before approaching a prospective candidate.

Explain to the candidate what the Cursillo weekends are all about. Be open and truthful with them as Cursillo is not a secret society, although we do ask you do not discuss Palanca, Mañanita or the Clausura. These great surprises are part of the experience of Cursillo and to reveal them prematurely would be to spoil them for the candidate.

If the candidate is interested in making their Cursillo, give them the application form to complete. Discuss the cost with them although we try to ensure that no-one is excluded for financial reasons. Where there may be a need for financial assistance you may like to discuss this with their Rector. When completed hand the application form to the Rector for their recommendation and then forward it to the Pre-Cursillo Co-ordinator (address above and on the application form).

Remember your responsibilities to the candidate. Encourage them and support them with prayer and offer any practical support during Cursillo. Drive them to and from the Cursillo. Encourage them throughout the next twelve months of their Fourth Day.

Diocesan Ultreya at St Barnabas, Launceston

On Saturday 25th February a Northern Ultreya was held at St. Barnabas Church (fondly known as Barneys), Newnham, Launceston. There were thirty-five curstillistas from all areas of the state in attendance. We had a very enjoyable, relaxed and blessed day with much renewing of old friendships and forming new ones.

Graham Bolton, a parishioner of St. Barnabas, gave the witness talk and his reading was Mathew 6:33. Graham described his life as a fortunate one. During one stage of Graham's life there was a major breakdown in his relationship with his brother, and there was no communication. Graham and his wife attended a Marriage Encounter Course which brought Graham to reconcile with his brother. God helped Graham to apologise to his brother and he felt he was now seeking God's Kingdom. God has granted many blessings to Graham and his family and he has always sought God's counsel and guidance in making many decisions.

The Diocesan Spiritual Adviser, David Le Rossignol, responded and spoke about the importance of reconciliation and not having rivalry between siblings, and pointed out God always works everything together for our own good, and in accordance with God's plans for us.

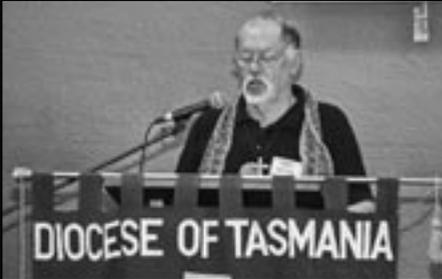
Our sermon, given by David Le Rossignol prior to Holy Communion was about hope. David encouraged us with the need to think about where we have come from, why we are here, and urged us to look forward to the future. Love for each other comes from our faith in Christ, and this faith enables us to love each other. We are to look towards the hope we have in Jesus Christ, and to rejoice in what we have. It is the foundation of our Christian faith.

Thank you to Alice Cordwell who worked hard and organised the day, Anne Richardson who did a great job leading throughout the day, and Margaret Brodie for

the uplifting music. Also a big thank you to all the people who brought lunch/morning tea to share and all their help in the kitchen, it was very much appreciated.

Amanda Olson





I Witness

Graham Bolton gave the following witness talk at the Diocesan Ul-treya at St Barnabas, Launceston on February 12, 2012

My name is Graham Bolton. I attended the Men's M23 Cursillo Weekend in 2009.

I am married to Noreen. Noreen attended the Women's W6 in 1998.

The Scripture verse selected for this testimony is from the gospel of Matthew—Matthew 6–33 (KJV)—“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you.”

I have selected this scripture as it is the inscription my mother inserted in the King James Bible I was given when I was leaving home after finishing primary school and prior to going to boarding school for my secondary studies.

I consider I had a blessed childhood. My mother was a Baptist and my father a Presbyterian. I attended Sunday school and Christian Endeavour at the local Baptist Church and have always considered myself a Christian.

Looking back over my life I consider I have had a fortunate life. I have not experienced the hardships experienced by many in the community. I did not experience the death of a parent until I was close to 50 Years of age. All my siblings are still living. I have not experienced abuse of any kind. I do not know severe financial hardship. Not rich, I have always been content in my financial situation. The loss of employment has never been of concern to me. A relationship breakdown is possibly the greatest hardship I have experienced.

This breakdown was in the relationship with my brother. It was a stupid issue and should never have happened. Communication was reduced to zero.

The fact that I moved from Queensland to Tasmania a few months after this event

did not help matters.

The question obviously arose as to whether I was seeking God's kingdom. Certainly not. I became fully engaged in my work and with my family commitments here in Tasmania. Our distance apart (miles) made the need to rectify this situation something that could be put off for another day.

In 1990 I was offered a transfer to a project in Melbourne. Again I was engrossed in my work. As I did not have to cross the Bass Strait and Queensland was a day's drive from Melbourne the opportunity to resolve the issue should have been taken up at the first opportunity in 1990.

Noreen and I undertook bible studies and were involved in church activities. Still I was not seeking Gods kingdom by not resolving this lingering issue of reconciliation.

We attended the local Anglican Church and met many couples who had undertaken Marriage Encounter Weekends. Many were in or had previously held positions in leadership and we were invited to attend a weekend. We attended the weekend and became involved in all aspects of Marriage Encounter. My faith was rekindled during this period.

Sometime after we commenced our involvement with Marriage Encounter I was convinced that the issue had to be resolved and took steps to so resolve the distance between my brother and myself. After praying I rang my brother telling him I would like to drop in and visit him. So we took off to Brisbane and spent the time praying as we drove.

When we arrived, my brother was very tense, but our good God helped me remain calm and not justify myself. Instead, God helped me to apologise for my part in the

event. Needless to say we made up and now are good mates.

Now I could at last feel I was seeking God's Kingdom—or could I? During my time in Melbourne in the early nineties I had a tag on my keychain which quoted Jeremiah 29:11—'For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil to give you a future and a hope.'

Prior to my time in Melbourne the opportunity to seek the Lord through service arose. An invitation was extended to me to assist in building projects in the North West Territories in Pakistan. On my return from Melbourne in 1994 an opportunity arose to undertake accounting duties at a Christian community outside of Launceston. Both were not taken up for various reasons. Was I walking in His way or my way? I don't know but I do know that God continued to love and walk with me.

Over the years there were many instances of God's blessings to me and my family. This may be part of all things added unto me; even though I may not always have gone the exact way He wanted me to. Of the many instances I can recall, I will relate one instance which falls into this category.

In 2005 our daughter was expecting her third child. Our daughter and son-in-law were actively engaged in ministry so this may be God's gift to them as well as to us. Our daughter and her husband were entertaining new church members. The conversation drifted to babies as our daughter was expecting any day. A story was related where a mother carried a baby full term only to have the baby born stillborn. Apparently the baby had died some days before birth. That night our daughter could not feel movement of the child she was bearing and did everything in her means to encourage the baby to move. She related this to her husband who dismissed this fear as a result of the conversation that evening. She took it upon herself to attend the nearby local hospital where one nurse dismissed her concern and another felt that a problem existed. An ambulance was called and our daughter was transferred to the regional hospital. It was just on dawn as she was wheeled into the hospital. A surgeon had been called to attend

to another emergency birth and decided to check our daughter before proceeding with the other birth. On examination the surgeon rearranged his plans and requested that our daughter be prepped immediately for an emergency caesarean. Entering the theatre the surgeon was on hand ready and waiting to operate even though she was not fully prepped. Our daughter said, 'What if I remember everything that's happening?'. His reply was that she was not to worry as he would give her something that would make her forget everything. Our daughter was told afterwards that there would have been serious consequences if he had waited and attended to his other patient. Surely the life of our granddaughter was one of God's blessings.

As mentioned previously I attended Cursillo in 2009 and Noreen in 1998.

There is gap of 11 years between our weekends. Noreen certainly encouraged me to attend a weekend. So did other Cursilloites who, each time a weekend was to take place, would offer to sponsor me and obtain the necessary forms for registration.

During this period my excuse for not attending was work commitments. Taking a day off work on a Friday was difficult as the workplace operated 7 days a week. Planning and the obtaining of supplies and equipment for the weekend work were mainly undertaken on Fridays.

Another excuse used for not attending a weekend was that Cursillo was a cult. What was my reasoning for arriving at the assumption, you may ask?

I was aware that Ultreya meant meeting and thus was able to claim the cult status by reason that cults have special words not understood by the general public. Personally I did not believe Cursillo to be a cult. No doubt the reaction to my claim received the expected outcome.

Another excuse used was that Cursillo was secret women's business. The reaction again received the expected outcome. Fortunately the women who encouraged me to attend a weekend persisted and eventually wore me down and in a moment of weakness I said yes. The necessary papers were obtained, completed and forwarded. No doubt

this was in God's timing as little did I know then how my life was about to change.

Six weeks before the 2009 Men's Cursillo Weekend I was made redundant. When this news filtered through the grapevine I received a job offer in Darwin. I was interested in the job. The Cursillo weekend was five weeks away. What was I to do?

Noreen and I had differing viewpoints. Police clearance papers were sent to me and medicals arranged. Police clearance papers were completed and sent to Darwin. They were returned for whatever reason I cannot remember. (Was this God's way of keeping me from rushing straight to Darwin?)

At this time the weekend was a week away. I decided to attend the weekend and proceed to Darwin directly afterwards. Two days after the weekend we received a call from our daughter in Melbourne. She was expecting her fourth child in 6-7 weeks time. She was extremely ill and there was concern for her and her baby. Her husband was very busy pasturing the Baptist church they had planted some years before. Consequently the position in Darwin could not be entertained and I declined the job and went to Melbourne. (Was I now putting God's Will first?) Our daughter needed us for support and to look after her three children. We travelled on the Wednesday night ferry, arrived Thursday morning and our grandson was born on the following day.

Our Grandson, although 6 weeks premature, flourished; our daughter recovered and was able to bring the baby home within in two weeks. Nurses attended each day on her return home for a short period. No doubt this was in Gods timing.

After six weeks, when our services were no longer required in Melbourne, I received a telephone call from my previous employer requesting I return to undertake specific work. I could select my working hours and the remuneration matched that offered in Darwin. How great is our God.

I have mentioned the opportunities to seek the Lord by service. One opportunity I am considering at this moment is to offer my services to a church-based organisation in Kunda Park on the Queensland Sunshine Coast.

Last year we were travelling through Mitchell in Western Queensland. Being Sunday we attended the local Anglican Church and met with a group who were undertaking practical help to the local community. In view of the flood experienced in the last month there will be the requirement for assistance again this year. Could this be part of the plans the Lord has for me?

In reviewing my life I feel blessed and I trust that I have sought the Kingdom, which, no doubt, was the wish of my mother those 50+ years ago.

De Colores
Graham Bolton



The Spiritual Director's Response

David Le Rossignol was the Spiritual Director for this ultreya. Here is his response to Graham's witness

Graham mentioned the disagreement he had with his brother and realised the importance to take responsibility himself and seek reconciliation with him. Jesus teaches in Matthew 5:23-4 'If therefore you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, and go your way, first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.'

Graham quoted the text as his guide to life from Jeremiah 29:11. The importance of this word for Graham comes through his life. When his daughter had a potentially still-born child delivered safely, and with all the circumstances surrounding that, here is a reminder from Jesus for all of us that his words

hold true, 'In the world you will have tribulation (lit. trouble), but be of good cheer I have overcome the world' (John 16:33).

God brought Graham and his daughter and her husband through this difficult time of their tribulation.

With Graham's work situation working out as he mentions, we hold to Paul's words, 'All things work together for good for those who love him' (Romans 8:28).

The Apostle Paul knew Jesus as the overcomer, in own experience he offers us this great and important encouragement, 'But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through him who loved us' (Romans 8:37), words that we know well, but only as we look back to our experience of life can we, with Graham, realise the truth of Paul's words. We overwhelmingly conquer through Christ, because Christ is in us.

Ultreya.

David Le Rossignol

(Bible quotes from the American Standard Bible)

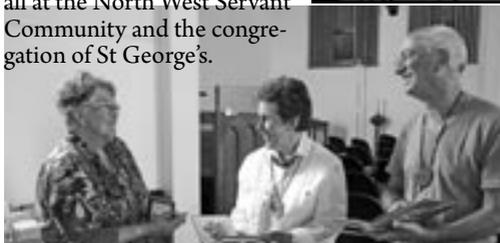


November 2011 North West Ultreya, Burnie

The North West Servant Community held an ultreya at St George's, Burnie on 19th November 2011.

There was quite a healthy turnout for the time, Christmas being only a month away and many people were focused on getting their Christmas shopping out of the way.

A great gathering was held in an imposing and pleasant church. Thank you to all at the North West Servant Community and the congregation of St George's.



NW Ultreya at Wynyard, March '12

On Saturday March 3, 15 Cursillistas and one visitor met for the first NW Ultreya at St Stephen's Hall, Wynyard.

The wet and windy conditions did not daunt the spirits of the people who travelled from Claremont, Sheffield, Ulverstone, Burnie and Wynyard to be there and gather round a shared lunch.

Elaine Davies presented the bible reading and meditation about a reformed drunk, Joe who had met Jesus and was ministering to his former homeless colleagues. At an altar call one man came forward and called out to be like Joe.

"You mean Jesus don't you?"

"Oh, said the man, Is he like Joe?"

The theme of the little Jesus in each of us was carried on through the Witness Talk as Kathryn Anderson recounted highlights

of her journeys around the world and how people, children and a large dog had played a Jesus role in her life, protecting her and procuring shelter in answer to her prayer.

The Rev John Tongue exhorted us to continue offering hospitality as those in Hebrews did when they entertained angels.

We shared our current walk with Jesus in group reunion and met for Communion during which we prayed for the new DLD, Lewis Eyre and the new Assistant DSD, Rev Louise Priest.

Thanks go to Barbara Archer, the NW Ultreya Co-ordinator, who organised the event, which was supposed to go to Smithton as an outreach, but at the last moment was hosted by Wynyard.

Ultreya

Gai Cunningham





Have you been to a regional ultreya?

Have you been to a Diocesan ultreya?

Well, most of us have attended one or two and those who do enjoy coming together as a cursillo family meeting, greeting and giving praise.

We listen to our Witness speaker and join around the table for communion—then we go home refreshed until the next time.

Our Servant Community (Leaders' Meetings) are men and women from the South and North West of our beautiful state who arrange our Ultreyas. They consider what you as a family would like to hear and select our witness speakers who must prepare their talk, present it to our Spiritual Director or Assistant Spiritual Director, select a worship song to introduce it and then, on the day, speak on their experiences which may, or may not, be similar to yours.

Our ultreyas have a set format which we follow; the planning starting months ahead. The theme is chosen, the songs selected to develop and enhance the theme and agreed with the music co-ordinator for the ultreya. When completed the plan is sent to the secretariat for their blessing.

What is a Servant Community?

I find that our Servant Community meetings are interesting as ideas and suggestions are put forward and people suggested for the various jobs. These are followed up and their help asked for which most generously give. Behind the scenes we have to make bookings, ensure the microphones, tables, chairs, space, kitchen availability and easy access to the buildings are all taken care of.

Some of our community servants also help in the kitchen as cursillistas bring in their shared lunch contributions, heating, setting out and serving as required. And of course, the shared table has to be cleaned up afterwards and this usually falls to any willing hands.

When the day is finished tables and chairs have to be packed away and the hall cleaned so we have no problem hiring the venue again.

Why do people give their time and talents to our Servant Communities? We follow the Lord's teaching when He stated, 'I came not to be served but to serve.'

On April 21st the North West Servant Community is organising a Refresher Course for any interested cursillistas to attend. This course will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Ulverstone, starting at 9am with morning tea and the day's activities. We have all put in a lot of work from which I'm sure you will benefit, leaving refreshed, renewed and revisiting old friends and finding new ones. Our day includes talks, action, fun and laughter to finish at 4pm with the blessing.

If you would like to help please RSVP to our cursillo email address, cursillotas@gmail.com, or call me on 6431 3431.

De Colores
Gwen Kingham
North West Servant Community.

I believe

I believe that Jesus wants disciples—not converts.

A *disciple* is one who ‘follows Christ Jesus—who desires to be ‘like Jesus.’ As the song says, ‘To be like Jesus.’

A *convert* is one who believes. In my dictionary it says ‘convert’ is to ‘change from unbelief to faith’. To change from one religion, political party etc. to another.

When we come to Jesus and surrender, He *does* introduce us to the *secrets* of the Kingdom of God (Mathew.16:19).

Jesus is our inspiration, our guide, our leader and our teacher as well as our healer. The Holy Spirit takes what He (Jesus) says and gives us understanding and wisdom.

We do need to keep a balance between ‘proclamation’ and ‘healing.’

We hear so many different views and opinions about the Christian faith that we can lose sight of the *faith giver*.

The Life Giver, Jesus Christ

Personally I know that I often need to stop—be still—and wait on God. Bowing before the cross at the altar doesn’t make me a better Christian—or more holy—if I don’t have the love of Christ shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

I have been bought with a price. You have been bought with a price (1 Cor. 7:23).

If the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed (Jn. 8:36). Jesus’ death on the cross bought us freedom. Through Jesus’ death we have freedom. Thank you, Jesus, that through your death we have freedom:

- Freedom from jealousy and envy.
- Freedom from fear.
- Freedom from hate and resentment.
- Freedom from unforgiveness.
- Freedom from lust.
- Freedom from control and manipulation.
- Freedom from selfishness.
- Freedom from pride.

Freedom from self protection.

Freedom from oppression.

To me this is healing.

Thank you Jesus that you died for us, thank you Jesus that death couldn’t hold you—you rose from the dead and offer us your resurrection Life.

Lord Jesus, live your resurrection life in us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you Jesus that your resurrection life brings us freedom.

Freedom to love.

Freedom to live.

Freedom to share.

Freedom to give.

Freedom to receive.

Jesus said, ‘I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly’ (Jn 14:21). Through the blood of Jesus we have forgiveness of sins. He who has been forgiven much loveth much (Luke 7:47).

May the Holy Spirit of truth cause the love of Christ to dwell in us richly so that we who are healed may become healers in Christ’s Church.

Easter Blessings.

Janet Connolly



Servant Leadership

I first heard of the concept of Servant Leadership when I read a book entitled, *Synchronicity, The Inner Path of Leadership* by Joseph Jaworski. It was the story of his journey that finally lead to his development of *The American Leadership Forum* which has, over the last twenty or so years shaped the thinking of many of America's leaders in business, politics and the church.

Jaworski first developed his ideas after reading a small orange-covered pamphlet entitled *The Servant As Leader* by Robert K Greenleaf who, in the 1970s and '80s developed the concept of Servant Leadership. I immediately acquired the pamphlet, and also other books by Greenleaf.

While it is certainly true, as David Le Rossignol has pointed out in his column in this issue, that Jesus was the perfect example of servant leadership, it was Greenleaf who developed the concept and much of the theory in modern times.

The idea of *The Servant As Leader* came to Greenleaf out of reading Herman Hesse's *Journey to the East*. In this story we see a band of men on a mythical journey, probably also Hesse's own journey. The central figure of the story is Leo who accompanies the party as the servant who does their menial chores, but who also sustains them with his spirit and his song. He is a person of extraordinary presence. All goes well until Leo disappears. Then the group falls into disarray and the journey is abandoned. They cannot make it without the servant Leo. The narrator, one of the party, after some years of wandering finds Leo and is taken into the Order that had sponsored the journey. There he discovers that Leo, whom he had known first as servant, was in fact the titular head of the Order, its guiding spirit, a great and noble leader.

In *The Servant As Leader*, Greenleaf takes a fundamental stand and sets forth a new framework through which we can understand the underlying dynamics of leadership. The essence of leadership, says Greenleaf,

is the desire to serve one another and to serve something beyond ourselves, a higher purpose.

In our traditional way of thinking, 'servant leadership' sounds like an oxymoron. But in a world of relationships, where relatedness is the organising principle of the universe, it makes perfect sense. In that orientation, servant leadership seems like a very potent and natural way to think about leadership.

Following *The Servant As Leader*, Greenleaf wrote a number of other books and essays on servant leadership. I particularly recommend *Servant Leadership, A Journey Into The Nature Of Legitimate Power And Greatness* in which he includes three essays discussing servant leadership in the church as well as a number of other institutions.

Synchronicity: The Inner Path of Leadership by Joseph Jaworski, Betty S. Flowers and Peter M. Senge, *The Servant As Leader* and *Servant Leadership, A Journey Into The Nature Of Legitimate Power And Greatness* are all still in print and available from Amazon.com and other book retailers.

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Frank Lee



Robert K Greenleaf. The developer of servant leadership theory

Book Review

Tattoos on the Heart Gregory Boyle

Review by Frank Lee

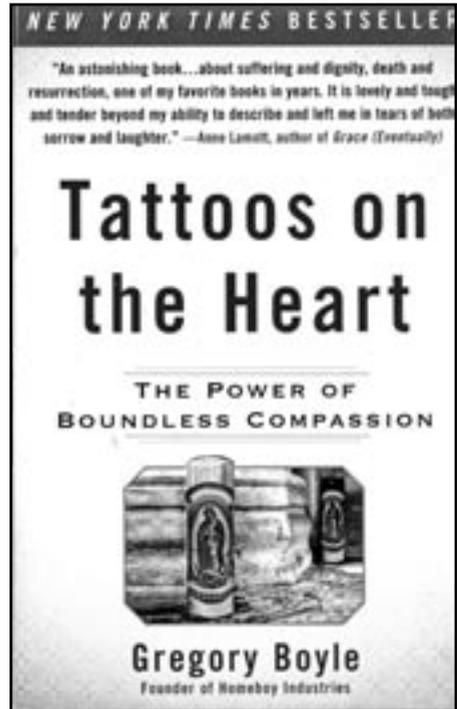
I was given this book as a present this past Christmas and sat down to read it immediately. Also immediately the tears came to my eyes as I witnessed the amazing love and compassion of Gregory Boyle, a Jesuit priest who, for the last twenty years has run Homeboy Industries, a gang intervention programme located in the tough, poverty-ridden Boyle Heights neighbourhood of Los Angeles, the gang capital of the world.

Sub-titled *The Power of Boundless Compassion* he distills his experience working in the ghetto into a breathtaking series of parables inspired by faith. Arranged by theme and filled with sparkling humor and glowing generosity, these stories offer a stirring look at how full our lives can be if we can find the joy in loving others and in being loved unconditionally.

As a pastor working in a neighborhood that has the highest concentration of murderous gang activity in Los Angeles, Gregory Boyle created an organisation to provide jobs, job training, and encouragement so that young people could work together and learn the mutual respect that comes from collaboration.

From giant, tattooed Cesar, shopping at JC Penney fresh out of prison, we learn how to feel worthy of God's love. From ten-year-old Lula we learn the importance of being known and acknowledged. From Pedro we understand the kind of patience necessary to rescue someone from the darkness. In each chapter we benefit from Boyle's wonderful, hard-earned wisdom. Inspired by faith but applicable to anyone trying to be good, these personal, unflinching stories are full of surprising revelations and observations of the community in which Boyle works and of the many lives he has helped save.

Erudite, down-to-earth, and utterly



heartening, these essays about universal kinship and redemption are moving examples of the power of unconditional love in difficult times and the importance of fighting despair. With Gregory Boyle's guidance, we can recognise our own wounds in the broken lives and daunting struggles of the men and women in these parables and learn to find joy in all of the people around us.

Tattoos on the Heart reminds us that no life is less valuable than another.

This book is so inspiring to any Christian as it shows just what can be achieved when we truly obey Christ's second commandment to 'Love your neighbour as yourself' and take ourselves way out of our comfort zones and surrender our lives to Christ.

Available from amazon.com and other leading online and high-street bookshops, *Tattoos on the Heart* is thoroughly recommended reading for every follower of Christ. 'For so much as you did it for the least of these, you did it also for me.'

Amen and amen!

*The North West Servant Community
invites all cursillistas to a
Refresher Course.*

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Ulverstone

*21st April, 2012 starting at 9am.
Communion Service followed by a
renewing, re-awakening, re-establishing
piety, study & action.*

The North West Servant Community is looking forward to welcoming as many cursillistas as possible to the upcoming Refresher Course at Holy Trinity, Ulverstone. The event will start with Holy Communion at 9am sharp followed by two talks, morning tea and then the rest of the day's activities in the church hall. We believe you will have a very enjoyable day meeting and greeting friends from past cursillo days, having a laugh and bundling up some thoughts and ideas to send us out to gather in the flock in Jesus' name.

Please bring along a shared lunch.

The day will finish around 3.30pm so with many prayers and thoughts please put this day on your calendar.

For more information or to register please email our cursillo email address or call Gwen on 6431 3431.

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NORTHERN ULTREYA

**at: Longford Church Hall,
William Street, Longford**

**on: Saturday 31st March
at: 12 noon for shared lunch**

**Programme starts at 1pm and
finishes at approximately 3pm**

Your Cursillo Calendar 2012

March	
17th	M26 and W26 commissioning, Longford Church Hall, William St. 9am to 3pm.
23rd–25th	National Secretariat, Sydney.
31st	Secretariat Meeting, Campbell Town Church Hall.
31st	Northern Ultreya at Longford Church Hall, William Street, Longford. 12pm for shared lunch; 1pm start.
April	
6th–8th	Easter
21st	North-west Refresher Day, Holy Trinity, Ulverstone. 9am to 4pm. Shared lunch.
May	
31st	<i>Rainbow Connection</i> deadline
June	
1st–3rd	Synod
2nd	Secretariat meeting at Campbell Town Church Hall.
July	
2nd	Closing Date M26 Candidates
6th–7th	W26 and M26 overnight at Camp Clayton. Start 6pm Friday, finish 3pm Saturday.
16th	Closing Date W26 Candidates
26th–29th	M26 at Camp Clayton. Starts 5.30pm Thursday, finish 5.30pm Sunday
August	
9th–12th	W26 at Camp Clayton. Starts 5.30pm Thursday, finish 5.30pm Sunday
25th	Diocesan Welcome Ultreya at Campbell Town High School, Glenelg St entrance. 10am for 10.30am start. Conclude 3pm.
31st	<i>Rainbow Connection</i> deadline
September	
1st	Secretariat meeting at Campbell Town Church Hall.
15th	Southern Community Refresher Day. 9am–4pm. Shared lunch.
October	
6th	Secretariat meeting at Campbell Town Church Hall.
18th–21st	National Secretariat and National Gathering, Perth WA.
20th	Diocesan Ultreya at Campbell Town High School, Glenelg St entrance. 10am for 10.30am start. Conclude 3pm.

Your Cursillo Calendar 2012 cont...

November	
	Clergy conference.
30th	<i>Rainbow Connection</i> deadline
December	
1st	Secretariat meeting at Campbell Town Church Hall.



Prayer Notes

Jesus said, "Whatever you ask in my name it will be given"

Please pray for our Diocesan Lay Director, Lewis Eyre and secretariat member, Kirby Cunningham (Tasmanian delegates) before, during and after the National Secretariat meeting in Sydney on 23–25 March.

Please pray for the Lay Co-ordinators and teams of Men's and Women's 26 as they prepare for the Cursillo weekends on 26–29 July (Men's) and 9–12 August (Women's) both at Camp Clayton. Pray for the Lord to raise up suitable candidates for whom this is the right time to make their Cursillos.

Please pray for our fellow Christians in Syria, especially in the region surrounding the town of Homs where persecution is becoming widespread.

If you would like prayers included in this section, please forward them to the editor (email address opposite) for inclusion. Deadline for the next issue is 31 May.

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*We, the editor and members of the state secretariat wish all
Cursillistas a blessed Easter.*

***Christ is risen!
Hallelujah!***