

# Six years of 'restoring hope'

## □ Bishop Ian lays up his pastoral staff

After six years and three months as Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Bathurst, Bishop Ian Palmer formally laid up the Diocesan pastoral staff in All Saints' Cathedral, Bathurst, in a farewell service on Saturday April 27.

The service was attended by around 200 people, including the Metropolitan and Archbishop of Sydney, Glenn Davies, and Bishop Michael Stead from Sydney Diocese; Bishop Peter Stuart from Newcastle Diocese; Bishop Michael McKenna, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bathurst; The Reverend Claire White, Minister at the Bathurst Uniting Church; and Mayor of Bathurst Cr Graham Hangar.

In his sermon, Bishop Ian recalled that at his service of installation as Bishop six years ago he had referred to *The Lord of the Rings*, and commented that he felt like Frodo at the Council of Elrond, when he said: "I will take the ring, though I do not know the way."

Bishop Ian said that JRR Tolkien had described *The Lord of the Rings* as a Catholic and a religious book, and being a devout Catholic, Tolkien knew that "anyone setting out on a perilous journey needs three important supports: **fellowship** – a community of support (you have been that for me – the Church – lay and ordained); **wisdom** – Frodo had Gandalf and Samwise Gamgee (we have the Scriptures and Archdeacon Frank Hetherington); and **food for the journey** – they had the *Lembas*, the Elfen Bread which fed Frodo and Sam, body and soul, when they were in the land of Mordor."

Bishop Ian added, "It is by sharing in word and sacrament in your parishes, and each week here in our Cathedral, that I have been nourished. Thank you."

However, he pointed out that the purpose of the quest in *The Lord of the Rings* was not about Frodo and the Ring; rather, the purpose is stated in the title of the last part of the Trilogy, *The Return of the King*.

"The climax of the Trilogy is not the destruction of the ring; it's actually about Aragorn being crowned king and then his marriage to Arwen," Bishop Ian added.

"These years have not really been



**COMPLETED:** Accompanied by his wife Liz, Bishop Ian Palmer lays the Diocesan Episcopal staff on the Cathedral altar to symbolise the conclusion of his ministry as Bishop of the diocese. He then took up his personal staff, a symbol of the next stage of his journey .

about a bishop taking a ring; nor indeed about settling our debts with the CBA, nor indeed about securing the future of our Diocese - through I am deeply thankful for the generosity of the Diocese of Sydney.

"Rather, these years have been about restoring hope. And hope is only found in Jesus, because he makes human and real the unconditional love of God," he said.

"My friends, hold onto that – tell people of that! My ministry as your Bishop has been about helping all of us to see that Jesus is the rightful king, personally and in the life of our Diocese so that his rule of love flows out into the communities to which we belong. You have caught this vision and made it your own in many ways."

He then gave a brief overview of the historical development of the diocese, beginning with the consecration of Samuel Marsden as the first Bishop of Bathurst 150 years ago.

"Our Diocese grew rapidly in the post-Second World War years and flourished under the long episcopate of Bishop Kenneth Leslie," he observed. "There was a lot of good-will between Bishop Leslie and the Archbishop of Sydney' Sir Marcus Loane – two people

of different theological traditions but united through their faith in Jesus Christ and vision for ministry in the Kingdom of God. I am told that at the retirement of Kenneth Leslie, Sir Marcus commented that the dioceses of Bathurst and Sydney had never been closer since the days of Marsden and Barker."

Bishop Ian said that the people of the diocese, with the new Bishop, along with the Archbishop of Sydney and with other Bishops of the Province of NSW, will have a new task.

"You will have to work together across the Province to re-imagine and re-frame the way to deliver good, sound, life-giving Anglican Ministry from the Coast to Broken Hill.

"The model of ministry in the Anglican Church that we have known in our Diocese is broken, but we have a vital place here. People who would not sign up for membership turn to us in times of need and they discover that through our ministries the grace of God is offered and given to them. Hold onto that!"

Bishop Ian then led the congregation in a prayer for the future of the diocese:

*Good Shepherd of your people,*

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*lead us, we pray, in ways of wonder and delight.*

*Teach us by your Spirit to discern your way,*

*trust your directions and*

*give us courage to walk humbly with you.*

*When the way is tough*

*grant us a fresh vision of Jesus;*

*When we are tempted by ease*

*deepen our love for you.*

*May the Gospel of forgiveness, healing*

*and hope give us purpose for our*

*journey and keep us faithful to you,*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The service was followed by several brief speeches.

Representing the laity of the diocese, Lew Hitchick reflected briefly on the challenges Bishop Ian had faced over the past six years: guiding the diocese through bank debt, court case and forced sale of schools and properties.

However, he added that probably the most significant achievement over that time was working with Archbishop Glenn to gain the commitment by Sydney Diocese to help fund the office of Bishop for this diocese for the next six years.

"This buys us time to restructure for a different future in a very different social and cultural environment," he said

Sylvia Hitchick acknowledged the contribution Liz Palmer had made in supporting Bishop Ian's ministry, and also noted that their move to Bathurst had involved considerable personal cost to Liz.

"It meant leaving behind a very

satisfying career at St Mark's Theological College, and deferring plans for retirement for an extra four years."

Sylvia listed some of the qualities that Liz will be remembered for in this diocese: her determination, her talents and creativity, her quiet spiritual leadership and her hospitality.

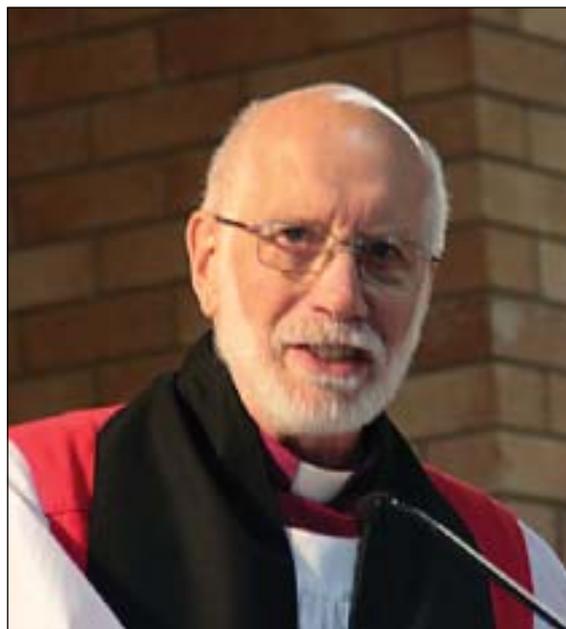
Archdeacon Emeritus Frank Hetherington thanked Bishop Ian and Liz for coming, six years ago, as a response to the call of God.

He pointed out that they came at a time we were facing a landmark court case. This was followed by the Royal Commission, along with the challenges of change in society and church, and more recently, the effects of a prolonged and widespread drought.

He said that Bishop Ian and Liz had ministered sacrificially, faithfully, courageously, prayerfully, compassionately and with fairness, generosity, cheerfulness and love, sometimes in the face of criticism.

Archdeacon Frank asked a Celtic blessing on them both as they begin their new journey, before concluding with his personal (and somewhat emotional) thanks for all that they have given.

Diocesan Archdeacon Brett Watterson told Bishop Ian, "There is no doubt in my mind - or that of many others - that you



**HOPE:** *In his sermon, Bishop Ian stressed that hope was only found in Jesus and His unconditional love. He urged his listeners to 'tell people of that!'*

have been 'the right person at the right time' to be the tenth Bishop of Bathurst."

He said Bishop Ian had "encouraged us and modelled to us, that we are a pilgrim people - followers of Jesus, whatever the circumstances".

He added that Bishop Ian had brought a more collaborative culture of leadership to the diocese and encouraged the same in the Province of NSW and the National Anglican Church.

"You can leave confident that you have given your all, above and beyond the call.

"We, your flock of the Anglican Church in Central & Western NSW, are grateful to God for your coming, and prayerful for you in your going."

Archbishop Glenn Davies also paid tribute to the work Bishop Ian had done within the diocese, and the way in which he had helped restore a collaborative relationship with the Diocese of Sydney.

Archdeacon Brett then presented Bishop Ian and Liz with a painting by Bourke artist Jenny Greentree, entitled *Easter Sunrise at Bourke*.

Receiving the gift, Bishop Ian commented that he and Liz had been very impressed by the painting when they had visited the Back o' Bourke Gallery at Christmas time last year with Bourke priest John Gaff and his wife Dee.

"The plains of the North-West will always hold special memories of our time in this Diocese," he said.



**SUNRISE:** *The painting, Easter Sunrise at Bourke by Bourke artist Jenny Greentree, had impressed Bishop Ian and Liz when they visited the Back o' Bourke Gallery in December last year.*

# 'Set apart for ministry'

## Wellington hosts ordination of two Deacons and a Priest

In one of his last official duties before retiring as Bishop of the diocese, Bishop Ian Palmer ordained two deacons and a priest in a service in Wellington on Saturday April 13.

The new deacons are Carl Palmer from Wellington and Liesel Walters from Parkes, while Natalie Quince from Parkes was ordained as a priest with a particular ministry to Anglicare, as well as Parkes parish.

Kelso Rector and Diocesan Ministry Development Officer Tim Fogo, who had led the pre-ordination retreat, began his sermon by describing the ordination as:

"... a time when we set apart people for ministry. Ministry that will give them great joy, ministry that will give them times of sorrow, ministry that will make them vulnerable, and through the relationship that each one of these people has with Jesus Christ, a ministry that at the same time will protect them with the fierce love of the Holy Spirit."

### The Ordinands

**Natalie Quince** is a lawyer who worked with a major Sydney legal firm before moving to Parkes, where she joined a local law practice.

Five years ago she cut back to part-time work in the practice to give herself time to establish and head up the St George's Sustainable Living Hub, a partnership arrangement between Anglicare



**FOOT WASHING:** Before ordaining him as a Deacon, Bishop Ian washes Carl Palmer's feet to demonstrate that ordination is a call to serve others.



**CONGRATULATIONS:** Bishop Ian presents the two new deacons and new priest to the congregation, to an enthusiastic and sustained round of congratulatory applause.

and the Anglican Parish of Parkes.

A couple of years later she resigned from the legal practice altogether to focus more fully on her ministry role. In November 2017 Natalie was ordained Deacon, and throughout 2018 served in an honorary capacity in the parishes of Forbes and Cumnock.

She is now licensed as Honorary Priest Assistant in Parkes parish, with special responsibility for Anglicare in the parish.

**Liesel Walters** has, for the past nine years, served as a Chaplain for Baptist-care Home Services in the Central West and at Niola Centre in Parkes, an aged care facility.

A graduate of the Education for Ministry course and also the Listen into Life program as a Spiritual Director, she has served as a Licensed Lay Minister in Parkes parish for ten years, and is now licensed as an Honorary Deacon Assistant in the parish.

**Carl Palmer** Carl Palmer retired as Principal of Trinity Christian School in Canberra after 12 years of service and then accepted the role of Regional Director for Asia Pacific with ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International).

In 2016, Carl and his wife Jennie responded to God's call and moved back to Wellington, where Carl had been Principal of Wellington Christian School in the 1990's.

A significant aspect of this call was to join the Anglican Church in Wellington though they had been active worshippers in less traditional



**HANDS ON:** Bishop Ian lays hands on Liesel Walters to ordain her as a Deacon.

church settings for several years.

The Wellington parish has not had a resident priest for more than two years; however it has been blessed to have Fr Ted Evenden visit most Sundays to assist with services.

In 2017, Bishop Ian licensed Carl as a Lay Minister in the parish, and recently commented that more than 40 LLM-conducted funerals had taken place in the town during the past year.

Carl has been licensed as Honorary Deacon Assistant in the Parish of Wellington.



# Ongoing training in making disciples

## ❑ Building on foundations of last year's SHIFT m2M workshop

In October of last year a Shift: ministries to movements workshop was held in Orange.

This is some of the feedback given on the day to the question "What did you find most useful about the SHIFTm2M Day Workshop?"

- ♦ Discovering useful techniques which we hope to be able to apply to our local parish.
- ♦ I like the back to basics. Keep it simple. Wonderful.
- ♦ Applying Jesus' principles of discipleship to my own parish situation with several members of my parish (this was quite challenging and difficult).
- ♦ A reminder that Jesus worked with individuals over time to make disciples.

As a follow on to this one-day workshop Archdeacon Brett Watterson has been working with the presenters of Power to Change in setting dates for a cohort to explore this teaching in greater depth.

He has also been seeking financial assistance to cover the costs of the training days and to offset the costs to participants. This latter conversation is near complete.

This is what the Power to Change website says of the training:

*Christian leaders from around Australia are invited to learn together through SHIFTm2M – a relational*

*learning environment centred on the gospel accounts of Jesus' ministry.*

*Engage with other leaders while immersing yourself in His life and ministry. You will be partnered with a facilitator to help you wrestle with the realities of implementing what you discover about movement building in your own life and ministry context.*

*This is not an effort to prescribe a 'model' of doing ministry that you can take and plant over your old style. SHIFTm2M is a journey to discover the foundation of what Christ is calling leaders to be and what efforts He asks leaders to build into as His followers.*

*How it looks in your context will vary greatly, however our hope is that you will grasp a greater vision for true disciple-making and will begin to see your ministry as Christ does.*

*SHIFTm2M groups are learning communities of 3-15 leaders coming together to study the Life of Christ... specifically how Christ made disciples who could make disciples. Centred around three training manuals, SHIFTm2M Groups are times of study, training, discussion and evaluation.*

*Meeting together over a period of 1-2 years, you'll study movement building principles from the life of Christ which have been used by tens of thousands of leaders globally.*

Twenty-five people from the October Workshop indicated an interest in this on-going training with others seeking



**EMPOWERING:** Archdeacon Brett Watterson says the Power to Change team can help empower both clergy and lay people to be more effective disciples.

to know more information for future training.

The proposed dates for the training are:

**Retreat #1 Aug 2, 3rd (Frid/Sat)**

**Retreat #2 Nov 14-16th (Thurs/Frid/Sat)**

**Retreat #3 Feb 21, 22nd. (Frid/Sat)**

**Retreat #4 TBC**

The days will be held in Dubbo with billeting made available to participants. Details of registration will soon be made available through email across the diocese.

For more information please email Brett at [rectorhtdubbo@bigpond.com](mailto:rectorhtdubbo@bigpond.com).

## Letters to the Editor

Dear friends,

A short letter.

First, "Thank you." Liz and I are grateful to God for our time among you as your Shepherd and Bishop. We are grateful to you for our participation together in the Gospel over these years. We will continue to remember you and pray for you with thankfulness and joy. The painting you gave us of an Easter Sunrise over the wide-open plains of Bourke illuminating a simple cross will be a constant reminder and prompt to prayer.

Secondly, this prompts me to encourage us to pray for the Church in Sri Lanka. While travelling on 1st May I received a call from the Imam of the Mosque in Dubbo expressing his condolences and prayers. I had gone to the Mosque and prayed

with him following the shooting in Christchurch. Let us continue to pray for our brothers and sisters who grieve, suffer and live in fear.

Thirdly, we give thanks for the life and holy witness of Jean Vanier who died last week. His vision is a powerful influence on the Bridge Community in Bathurst. His was a vision which saw the image of God in the poor and disadvantaged, and viewed disability as a gift and a means of grace.

With gratitude and humility, with joy and hope, let us give thanks for God's goodness and go forward trusting in his grace and love.

Warmly – in Jesus,

+ Jan.

# Shop front Evangelism in Parkes

❑ **Anglicare helps families make ends meet in tough times**

## From the parish

St George's Parish in Parkes operates two shop front ministries, Georgie's Boutique and Georgie's Pantry, as a Parish partnership with Anglicare.

Georgie's Boutique is located in the main street amongst all the other retail shops and sells recycled clothing and household items. But you would be forgiven for not recognising it as an op-shop. It looks just like any other boutique.

They have a fabulous window display and their clothing is neatly ironed and attractively displayed. This year they even won the best dressed shop window display for the Parkes Elvis festival.

While the shop provides affordable products, it is also an opportunity to proclaim Jesus in the main street of Parkes. Reverend



**AWARD WINNER:** The window display at Georgie's Boutique in the main street of Parkes won the award for 'Best Dressed Shop Front' during the Parkes Elvis Festival in January - certainly not your average op shop!

Natalie Quince, who looks after this ministry, explained that "it is a place where we are witnesses to Jesus, where we can love and serve our community and show them Jesus' heart. We go to great lengths to make our shop attractive because it gives people dignity. We want to be Christ like and we want the message to go out to all people that they are worthy and loved."

## Grocery supplies

Georgie's Pantry is currently located in a church building, where it provides discounted groceries. The pantry is set up like a mini mart and customers can choose their basket of grocery products just like they would in any other supermarket.

"The way we are set up gives people the opportunity to buy food they like and can afford," said Natalie. "We can actually halve most people's weekly food costs and this just lightens their burden and gives them more capacity to meet their other obligations."

The pantry provides food for over 100 people each week.



**AFFORDABLE:** With a clientele of over 100 customers each week, Georgie's Pantry offers an opportunity for customers to buy the food they like, at very affordable prices.

## Farmers' Friday

Additionally, it is currently operating a Farmers' Friday every week which provides free food to farming families. Over 30 families use this service each week.

"The majority of our customers are regulars now so we get to check in with them every week or so," Natalie said. "It is an amazing opportunity to journey with people. We have been privileged to help some people through really tough times, and to show them the love of Jesus in very real and practical ways."

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## NCCA responds to Sri Lankan massacre

### We all want to work together for peace and unity

Peace was shattered on Easter Sunday, 21 April 2019. In Sri Lanka three churches and three luxury hotels in Colombo, Negombo and Batticaloa were targeted in a series of coordinated terrorist suicide bombings.

Later that day, there were further smaller explosions, one at a housing complex in Dematagoda and another at a guest house in Dehiwala.

The Rt Rev. Dhiloraj Canagasabey, Anglican Bishop of Colombo and a member of the World Council of Churches Central Committee, reflected on the Easter Sunday violence in Christian churches in Colombo, Negombo and Batticaloa.

Read Bishop Canagasabey's message Something positive needs to emerge

NCCA President, Bishop Philip Huggins shares his message to Rt Rev. Dhiloraj Canagasabey, Anglican Bishop of Colombo:

*Dear + Dhilo,  
Greetings in the Risen Jesus!  
I just read your powerful, honest, courageous reflection on the Easter Sunday massacre ...*

*As you can see, last evening, I was invited to speak at the Islamic Council of Victoria (ICV), at a Service organised by and for Sri Lankan Muslims now in Australia.*

*Your sentiments resonate with what I heard last evening from moderate Muslims aggrieved by what has happened; aware of how external influences have been allowed to fester within the Sri Lankan Muslim community.*

*The President of the ICV is from Sri Lanka. He is Mohammed Mohedin... His sister, Shyama Fuad, is involved in [www.bridginglanka.org](http://www.bridginglanka.org) and you may know her.*

*We spoke of a practical interfaith reconciliation project the Australian diaspora might support with funding. You may have some suggestions.*

*"We shall overcome"...You may remember the story of Martin Luther King's Church, gathering the Sunday after he was assassinated...*

*The normal service did not seem what was needed. They stood around a bit stunned and confused about what to do for the best..*

*A chorister came into the middle of the Church and began to sing "We shall overcome" People joined in. First with rage, fury, defiance, pain and frustration. Then, in the Spirit, it became an Anthem of Easter Hope.*



**BISHOP** Philip Huggins, centre, at the Islamic Council of Victoria with Ms Shyama Fuad and her brother, ICV President Mohammed Mohedin.

*Much the same now, for you all, I imagine.*

*Be assured of our prayers and love in support of your outstanding leadership.*

*With prayers now in the Risen Jesus, Bishop Philip.*

On Monday 29 April, Bishop Huggins was invited to speak at a Prayer for Victims, Peace and Unity in Sri Lanka held at the Islamic Council of Victoria (ICV) Melbourne.

Parliamentarians and Faith Leaders joined Sri Lankan Muslims who live in Victoria.

## Research paper released for election reflection

### State of the Nation: Politics, Ethics and Democracy in Australia

A research paper by Peter Hooton, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Canberra

"...Because truth is not trusted, specious propaganda takes over. Because

justice is not trusted, whatever is useful is declared to be just." German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer October 1940,

As the Federal Election approaches, this timely research paper is worth reading. It was written to explore the enabling environment - the atmosphere - which has given rise to an increasingly narrow view of what it means to protect and advance

the Australian national interest.

Peter Hooton advises that there is scope "for changing the tone and substance of the contemporary political narrative in Australia..."

The full text is available at [https://www.ncca.org.au/images/newsletters/2019-05-01/State\\_of\\_the\\_Nation.pdf](https://www.ncca.org.au/images/newsletters/2019-05-01/State_of_the_Nation.pdf)

# AWA Diocesan AGM at Dunedoo

## From Heidi Craig

On Monday April 8th 2019 the AWA held their Diocesan AGM at All Saints Dunedoo, when 40 ladies from eight parishes attended.

Unfortunately, both our President/Secretary, Cecily Butcher, and our Chaplain, Rev'd Anne Neville, were unable to attend.

The day started with a lovely morning tea, after which Bishop Ian Palmer celebrated Holy Communion. In Rev'd Anne's absence, Bishop Ian was assisted by Coolah/ Dunedoo LLM and AWA Member, Jenny Tunks.

The business meeting followed the service and was held in the church. In President/Secretary Cecily's absence, the meeting was chaired by Dorothy Logue (Dubbo Branch President) and minutes were taken by Winsome Rowbotham. Janice Keys read reports from Cecily and Rev'd Anne.

Lorraine Clarkson presented her report on ABM and Mother's Union, and all Branch reports were tabled.

Elections took place during the meeting and Heidi Craig, President of Mudgee Branch, was elected as the new Diocesan President. This marked the end of an era, as Cecily has been President longer than she herself can remember. Thank you, Cecily, for all of your years of faithful service.

Janice Keys, also from the Mudgee Branch, was re-elected as Diocesan Treasurer, and Cecily Butcher (Orange) and Joy Gough (Wellington) were elected as committee members to the Diocesan Executive Committee. The Bishop's appointments of Lorraine Clarkson as representative of ABM and MU and Rev'd Anne Neville as Chaplain, are also on the Executive Committee.

Then following the meeting Bishop Ian, as guest speaker, talked to us about where the Diocese stands today financially in regard to the Commonwealth Bank and in regard to the payment of redress to people who have experienced abuse through



**EXECUTIVE:** From left: Winsome Rowbotham acted as minute secretary for the meeting, which was chaired by Dorothy Logue. Janice Keys was re-elected as Diocesan Treasurer, and Lorraine Clarkson was appointed by Bishop Ian as AWA Representative for ABM and MU.

church. He also spoke about our Diocese's relationship with the Diocese of Sydney.

The day concluded with a delicious lunch prepared by the ladies of the Coolah/Dunedoo Branch and their friends.

Just a reminder, we are always looking for more members to join the Diocesan Executive. Our meetings are held in Wellington about four times a year. For more information please contact Heidi Craig on 0424 599 429 or Janice Keys on 0419 162 596.

## Parke's Alpha course concludes

### From the parish

#### **And just like that it was over.**

For eleven Thursday nights and one Saturday, people from the Church family of St George's in Parkes, and Holy Family Catholic Church, combined in going through the new Alpha course.

The crew celebrated their last night at the Hong Loch Chinese Restaurant, who made available their function room for the evening to watch the video about the Church.

Those who have attended have been refreshed, renewed, and restored in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

The flow on from this?

The Holy Family parish will be conducting their own Alpha Course later this year - for the first time in Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese.

As Nicky Gumbel would say, "The Holy Spirit is doing something new!"



**CELEBRATION:** Team and participants in the Alpha course gathered at the Hong Loch Chinese Restaurant for a celebration dinner at the end of their eleven-week course. The group included members of St George's Anglican Church and the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Family.

# Cursillo Notes

## Diocesan Ultreya

For those who missed the farewell to Bishop Ian when he formally laid up his Episcopal staff in All Saints' Cathedral on April 28, the Cursillo community will be saying goodbye to Liz and the Bishop at a Diocesan Ultreya gathering in Dubbo on Saturday July 13.

While Bishop Ian has retired as the Diocesan Bishop, he is continuing in his part-time role as Assistant Priest in Dubbo parish till the end of July, although he is on long service leave for that time. He and Liz are currently in the UK, where they plan to undertake several traditional pilgrimage walks to some of the significant holy sites in various parts of England.

The Primate, Archbishop Philip Freier, has invited Bishop Ian to continue in his role as Episcopal Advisor to the National Cursillo Secretariat, continuing his connection with the Movement.

## Women's 49

Lay Director Julie McRae and the team of W49 have begun their training,

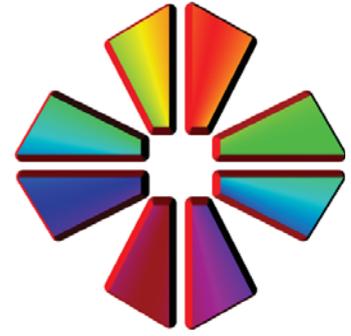
and will be holding their live-in training weekend at Ridgecrest next month. Please continue to pray for Julie, her Proctors Anni Gallagher and Karen Border, Spiritual Advisors Joy Harris and Natalie Quince, and the rest of the team as they build their community and prepare for the Cursillo in October.

We encourage Cursillistas in the parishes to consider giving some financial support to candidates from their parishes where this might be appropriate, as the cost of holding a Cursillo is currently in the region of \$300 per person and some candidates might find this amount to be a barrier to their attending. While we don't want the cost to prevent anyone from taking part, we still have to cover the cost of holding the Cursillo.

## Regener8

Following the success of last year's event, the Secretariat is planning to hold another Cursillo Regener8 weekend on the Sunday and Monday of the October long weekend (October 6-7).

Once again, we will be holding the



gathering at The Lodge at Ridgecrest, Burrendong Dam, while W49 Cursillo is running at the nearby conference centre. This makes it easy for us to support the Cursillo at the Mananita and Clausura, and also to help with cleaning up at the end of their weekend – something the Men's Cursillo team greatly appreciated last year.

Application forms for W49 and for Regener8 have been sent to parish contacts and clergy.

Ultreya!

Lew Hitchick

Diocesan Lay Director

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