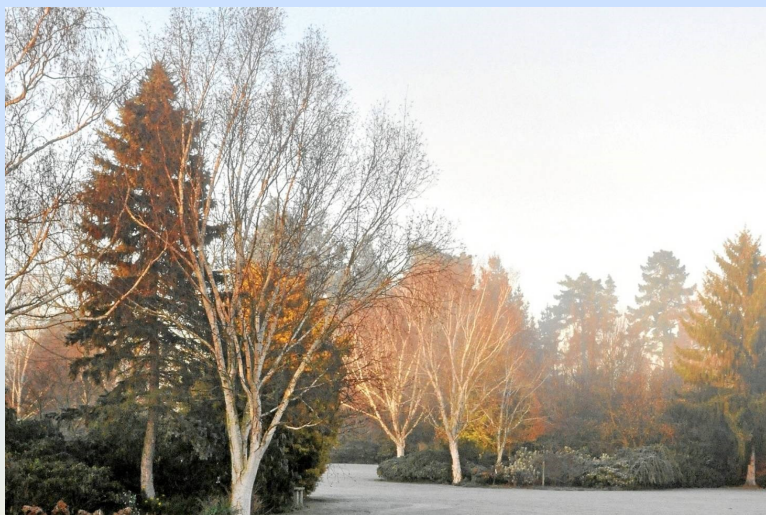


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Closing date: **30 August 2021.**

The feedback will be taken into account as we plan future publications. A summary of the feedback will be published in a future edition of *Kiwi Cursillo*.

Editorial Kiwi Cursillo August 2021

Over the years I have so treasured Cursillo; the togetherness, the harmony of our teams, the new discoveries. We pray together, share our Christian lives together, study together, plan together and individually grow our Christian communities together. We are a strong collective that has much to give, well out into the future.

Cursillo is an enabler for laity to become great leaders through their lives in the Church and wider communities. For me Cursillo has three fundamental hallmarks. It is a Movement. It is a Discipleship. It is a creator of Servant Leaders.

A Movement is a tactical strategic shifting of thinking, being and doing that is guided by shared beliefs, ideas or aims. It can be described as a trend or a tendency. Cursillo is a Movement that gives a special opportunity to truly live out our baptismal commitment and create our individual and collective interpretations of Christian living.

Discipleship presents to us paths of faith that we follow to meet our individual need and God's unique desire for us. The Cursillo Discipleship gives us choice, variety and added opportunities to learn and grow.

Servant Leadership is a timeless concept. The phrase "servant leader" was coined in our secular world by Robert Greenleaf in an essay he published in 1970, though is well documented in the Bible. A servant leader is a servant first. This is in contrast to being a leader first. A servant-leader nurtures growth and well-being of people. It is different from traditional leadership where the accumulation and exercise of power is by the person at the "top of the pyramid." Cursillo creates opportunities for us all to grow in our Servant Leadership.

It would be unwise, however, for us to fully contemplate the collective wisdom of Cursillo in Aotearoa New Zealand without also considering some of the challenges that are before us. For me, the prime challenge is meeting the needs of diverse generational, cultural and social groups who

have very different interpretations of their Love for God. How can we, as Servant Leaders, bring added diversity into our Cursillo whānau and wider Church fold?

I often wonder what new, creative ideas and innovations are emerging within Cursillo across parishes to prepare for these future opportunities. How well do we share our success stories? How can we strengthen our Movement as we grow towards te aroha, te whakamārie me te ataahuatanga, (love, comfort and beauty) of Cursillo Aotearoa New Zealand? We are all Servant Leaders. Let's consider how our Discipleship can do this for all Cursillistas and our Pilgrims of the future.

"..... whoever wants to become great must be your servants" Matthew 20:26

De Colores

Jan Lockett-Kay

Retired Diocesan Lay Director, Waikato Taranaki

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Hospitality

As Jan Lockett-Kay writes in her editorial, Cursillo creates opportunities for us all to grow in our servant leadership. Cursillo also helps us to talk about why we do what we do in ways that can influence the engagement and leadership of others. My late husband Richard's service as honorary chaplain to the Mission to Seafarers at the Port of Napier offers a fine example of servant leadership and its impact on others.

Richard talked about why he leapt at the chance when offered the chaplaincy. He was touched by two particular experiences.

One was when he made pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. He was greatly struck that in every little village, 6 or 7 kilometres apart, there was a hostel for pilgrims provided and maintained either by a religious organisation, or the town council, or in some cases by a private family. What a wonderful thing, he thought. These folk are doing what Jesus talked about, showing hospitality to people they expect to never see again.

Another experience. In America, arriving in the state of Missouri, we moved into a

new apartment. Shortly after we arrived we had a visit from the lady from the Welcome Wagon. Welcome Wagon is there to help with the information newcomers need to familiarize themselves with the local scene. Hospitality again. Every time he served at the Seafarers' Centre and went on board ship at the port of Napier Richard carried these two experiences with him. They provided the model for the ministry he was enabled to do there.

Seafarers touched Richard's heart in a special way. Seafaring always has been a difficult and dangerous occupation. It's not only the storms they face. It's also the dangers on the ships, falling into the ship, out of the ship, up or down bits of the ship, an accident with the cargo or stepping into one of the cavities within the hull which may be full of poisonous gases. Seafarers endure isolation from their homes and families; isolation not only at sea but also in port, since loading and unloading ship is now a matter of hours not days. They may be kidnapped, held hostage or driven to suicide.

Seafarers are always on the move, persons of no fixed abode. The places and the people of the places where they spend their time are strangers to them and will remain so. As chaplain Richard cared for the welfare of the crews and individuals most obviously in spiritual matters. Beyond that he tried to be the Welcome Wagon for them during their brief stay in port. And he did it in the knowledge that he might never see those same guys again.

Richard would preach sermons in churches and speak to organisations to encourage volunteering and compassion for the seafarers who enable us to live the way we do. As he would tell everyone, seafarers help preserve our way of life. Seafarers travel on our behalf to do a job we'd rather not bother with ourselves. As a trading nation we greatly depend on the products that come into our ports and the produce that goes out of them. Without that trade, without the ships that carry it, without the seafarers that make it happen, our lifestyle here on land would be very different from what it is, he would say. Seafarers are easy for us to disregard as they are mostly out of sight, he would also say.

That's why Richard responded to the call to join the Mission to Seafarers, an Anglican charity which puts chaplains on board ships that come to our ports and maintains hospitality centres in 260 ports around the world mostly run by volunteers. The Napier Seafarers Centre is a shelter in a storm, a home-from-home for visiting seafarers. It is run by the Hawke's Bay Seafarers Welfare Society, a charity representing three organisations: the Anglican Mission to Seafarers, the Catholic Apostleship of the Sea and the Sailor's Society. Volunteers from across the spectrum of Christian denominations extend Christian hospitality to seafarers who come to our port. They give substance to their Christian faith by providing a

comfortable lounge, tea, coffee, WiFi so the seafarers can Skype home, and can play ping pong or pool on a table that doesn't pitch and roll with the motion of the sea.

An enthusiastic Cursillista, Richard was also a devoted Rotarian. To further strengthen the hospitality extended to the seafarers, Richard involved his own Rotary Club in two ways. Each year Richard would host a fund-raising breakfast at the Seafarers Centre, with a speaker, so that club members could learn about the support given and needed for the seafarers and be invited to make their contributions. At Christmas, ever mindful of seafarer loneliness, Richard would invite club members to donate food and goodies which they brought to our house, where we would package them ready to be delivered to any ship adrift in Napier on Christmas Day.

As Richard would explain:

That word Hospitality used to be a religious word but we've lost the ownership of it. Sacramental hospitality has as its sole and only motive the welfare of the guest without any expectation that one day it might be reciprocated. "I was a stranger", said Jesus, "and you welcomed me". The words of an Egyptian monk Bro Jeremiah, might have it right, said Richard. "We always treat guests as angels, just in case."

When Richard died in 2016, his Rotary Club bestowed on me honorary membership. Inspired by his voluntary servant ministry, and captivated by his storytelling, members were determined to continue supporting the seafarers. With their help I now organise the annual fund-raising breakfast at the Seafarers' Centre, a memorial breakfast in Richard's honour, where the contributions to seafarer welfare are generous. Members continue to donate goodies for Christmas distribution to ships in port.

Richard would remind his listeners that the work of the Seafarers' Centres and the Mission to Seafarers brings modern reality to the parable of the Good Samaritan who saw to the needs of a traveller – someone he never met before and would never meet again. The Rotary Club members have truly embraced sacramental hospitality.

I conclude with Richard's prayer:

Lord God, we depend on you for life itself.
We depend on seafarers for many of our daily needs.
Watch over them, keep them from danger,
befriend them in loneliness
and bring them safely home to those they love.
Amen

Gail Spence, National Lay Director

Waiapu First Men's Cursillo still continues...

The 10-year group reunion of Waiapu's first men's' Cursillo weekend at Riverbend, Havelock North. They have met every month since 2011.



From left Leo Te Kira, Stewart Yates, Steve Pratt, Warren Mudgway, Peter Williamson, and Robert Benjamin. Absent Barry Keating and John Tovey took the photo.

Men Who Talk and Pray

Men who share their vulnerabilities then pray for guidance are rare specimens. The Waiapu Men's' Cursillo Reunion Group Ultreya (onward) is testament to the enduring connection they made at their Cursillo weekend at Riverbend, Havelock North, ten years ago. The lay director was Rob McLeod, Wellington.

They still meet every month to talk and pray through the blue card steps at the heart of the Cursillo movement which encourages small groups to meet regularly to build community and share experiences and hold each other accountable for their spiritual journeys.

“We’ve travelled together, had lots of ups and downs and complications in

our lives, which we've shared openly and in total trust once a month for 10 years. Each one of us has had their sadnesses and we've always been able to talk and pray about it together. Definitely good for spiritual growth," said Leo Te Kira. They meet at his place in Napier.

They start meetings with hymns then work through the blue card which upholds three ideas of Cursillo: Being with God, studying God, and being God's action in the world.

"We do that for an hour then we have smoko and the person who facilitates brings something sweet to go with coffee. In December we have a potluck Christmas supper with partners."

Written by another Cursillista, Bronwyn Watkins



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Payment of \$25 for the meal should be paid into the
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Please ensure you show your name so that we know who is
coming.

EDUARDO BONNIN MEMORIAL CROSS

The Eduardo Bonnin Memorial Cross came about by the New Zealand Cursillo National Council decision to commemorate the life involvement to Cursillo of Eduardo Bonnin.

Jeff Jones, Waikato Men 1, was asked to provide sketches of a cross that was not symmetrical/geometric in form.

The cross was to be placed upon an altar, approximately 30cm high including a plinth.

Plenty of prayer, thought, investigation and research went into reaching a final design. Liaison with the Council was maintained throughout.

The final design shows the outline of the island of Majorca in the Mediterranean, Eduardo Bonnin country.

The island was chosen, because of the rugged and difficult coastline. This reminded me of Jesus life on earth, the difficulties he encountered, the challenges before him. A cross to be centred in the island indicating Christianity through the land. Island shape is like a jigsaw piece. The Island was made from the branches of a Yew tree. These were removed when pruning the Yew tree at St John the Baptist, Waitara. John 15 verse 5, "I am the vine and you are the branches".

To incorporate Aotearoa into the design, the box is made of heart Rimu with Paua shell denoting Palma, the capital of Majorca.

The Yew tree from folklore was said to be magical and sacred. The wood is flexible and also very strong. This is why the longbows were made from this tree. The wood grain is very attractive and unique in appearance. Finished with Danish oil and polished.



JEFF JONES – Pedwar Cnocell y Coed (4 Knocks Woodpecker)

To read more about Eduardo Bonnin go to <https://www.natl-cursillo.org/>

What Can You Do For Christ?

During COVID-19 we have all come to recognise how important people are to our well-being. Doctors, nurses and cleaners who all do things to benefit our well-being are often overlooked and taken for granted until something happens to make us realise how much we need them. Conversely those in other occupations focussed on profit seemed to fade into the background. Give unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and give unto God that which is His.

Suddenly, God seems important.

When in need, we often turn to God for help and draw nearer to Him.

When he cares for us and promotes our well-being we often give testimony about the miracles he has performed either directly or through His servants on earth.

These servants are many, not just Doctors and nurses but often you and I too.

However, as outlined in the guidelines, this is not a testimony of what God has done for us in general or me in my life in particular.

No! This is a **witness statement**.

A statement of what **I** have done **for** Christ.

Let me begin by asking you to reflect on what others have done for you this week?

Maybe a smile or a hug when you were feeling less than your best, or a kind word on a dark day. Often the smallest of things can bring the greatest happiness. I ask you to just call to mind and say thank you to those who have gone gently into your heart just this week.

And now ask yourself what you have done for others.

And now ask what you have done for Christ.

Brother, Sister Let Me Serve You.

This talk is about something I felt moved to do without really understanding what I was doing or why but now, looking back, I believe it is something I have done, one of those smallest things, that I hope will bring happiness to God and Christ.

At the Cursillo Church growth weekend I felt inspired and uplifted and reignited in my faith journey but in the weeks afterwards I felt a loss and an

emptiness after having been so close to God and now no longer walking so closely with him. I recognise it now, but at the time I simply felt sad and a bit empty and flat.

Then, a few months ago I decided to try to run an online bible study. I felt that most of my brothers and sisters, friends and relatives in the Philippines were merely drifting along in their faith in a spiritual dryness which resonated with my own feelings. I thought I might start a bible study group with my inner circle so I floated the idea to my family and close friends. I asked my spiritual mentor back home about it and she thought it was a great idea and helped me pray for it. I was not sure at first because in addition to those in the Philippines I have other family members scattered around the globe. I am in NZ, one is in America, one in Singapore, and the rest are in various places in the Philippines. Considering our time difference and that some of them are working, and some are working shifts, and at the same time as others are sleeping, it was daunting to think of bringing everyone together - but we managed to sort out a time and a day. We decided to do it every Sunday from 12 noon NZ time.

We are now in our 10th week and we are so amazed how it has transformed us and how our every Sunday session works so well. And each of us has now started to invite our friends to join us as well. Last Sunday our group had grown to ten people and we were sharing and exploring for three hours!

I would like to claim that this was a well thought through, carefully planned campaign to bring glory to Christ. However, I stumbled and fumbled my way along, amazed at how the Holy Spirit seemed to guide me and everything just seemed to fall into place – “when two or more are gathered in my name I will be there with you”.

Being a Servant

As I look back and reflect, I see that the way in which it developed and organised itself was about being a servant to my family and friends and they and their needs were very much at the front of what we did.

Pilgrims on a Journey

My 15 year old brother had become a soldier of Christ about a year ago. He has been transformed, moved away from the people he used to associate with and rises at 4.00 am for his devotions. He has not followed the same

process in engaging in the Bible studies as others. We have all discussed this and it has been a great opportunity to recognise that we are all pilgrims on a journey but that that journey is different for all of us.

I will hold the Christ-light for you.

Using scripture we have all searched within ourselves and many challenging experiences have come to light. But we have all been able to mutually support one another by holding scripture as a beacon of hope.

I will weep when you are weeping, I will laugh with you.

As friends and family we have shared some painful experiences and some very happy ones. It has not been unusual for someone to start crying and pretty soon we have all been in tears but what refreshment and happiness has followed and we have all become much closer. I can honestly and sincerely declare that I know my family and friends on a deeper level and I hope and trust that they can say the same.

We sing to God in heaven

We always finish with singing praise to God and we do so with refreshed joy and recharged hearts.

When Wendy asked me what hymn I wanted I did not even have to think, it was there in my mind without hesitation and set in spiritual concrete! When I came to write this talk I thought about why that hymn had been so clearly in my mind and looking back over the past few months I see the words of that song written large in my life.

Conclusion

At the start of this talk I asked you three questions:

1. What have others done for you this week?
2. What have you done for others this week?
3. What have you done for Christ this week?

Robin and I share the belief that we should love our neighbour, “when I knocked did you open the door?” And we try to live that, not always successfully; and we get a great deal of joy from helping, often anonymously. But starting this Bible Study group I feel has been doing

something for Christ and I have received such blessing of joy and happiness from it – I get a real buzz!!

Thank you Lord for the blessings you have poured into my life.

De Colores

Joan Stanford WTC 16 St Elizabeth's table



**We said thanks to
Jan Lockett-Kay for
her leadership in her
time as Waikato/
Taranaki Diocesan
Lay Director.**

Left to right -
Jan Lockett-Kay,
Wendy Harland
and Ariel McCracken



Waikato Ultreya.
11 September – Katikati.

Taranaki Ultreya
28 August – Inglewood.

Christchurch Ultreya at Amberley

Kia ora. My name is Don Pilgrim, C9, Wellington Diocese, St. Matthew's table. I worship at Templeton and today I respond to what Sheelagh has said. (Discipleship and Servanthood KC Issue 53). You may've noticed her talk was also printed in Kiwi Cursillo as an example of a powerful story which (to use the words of Gail Spence, our National Lay Director) is "deeply personal, easy to relate to and with huge potential to influence others." I hope this motivates YOU to put pen to paper to write YOUR witness talk for Kiwi Cursillo. Let me know if you're interested.



When I was new to suburban parish a gentleman quizzed me, "Are you a practical person OR a prayer person?" HE wanted to say HE was a practical person (NOT a prayer person) and being a practical person, after some months he wrote me a letter outlining my inadequacies. "Something" told me not to respond, just like "something" told Sheelagh not to rush into joining community groups in her new parish. The Holy Spirit speaks when we NO longer separate prayer and practice, heart and head, feelings and functions, reflections and responses. When we think with our heart and feel with our thoughts. When we action our prayers and pray about our action; we become disciples of Jesus, and, as a person, we mature. Fourteen years after meeting my action-man parishioner, "something" led me (as a former Vicar) to go back to his 8 am service. He and I were last in the line of communicants – so we – and no one else – stepped forward, together, and knelt. We received the Sacrament. "Something" was very still, deep, healing and forgiving. In silence we arose: the same yet different. The next service I attended where this gentleman was present was his funeral.

'Discipleship', says Sheelagh is our HEART response to Jesus. What today we'd call 'personality' the Bible – calls our "heart". Jesus says that whatever we say (or do) comes out of our heart – including murder - and that our heart is where our treasure is. Our heart's default position, however, is one of CONFLICT; conflict with ourselves, each other and God. But has surely our heart is riven with rivalry it can also be renewed. A change of heart; a new heart! THAT'S when your personality; your thoughts AND actions implement what Jesus has ALREADY begun.

Sheelagh says discipleship is our “heart response” to Jesus, expressed through our “head AND hands” In other words, through our thoughts and actions; our attitudes and behaviours... we implement what Jesus has already begun. THIS is what discipleship - and Cursillo - are all about.

At an intuitive level, what does discipleship mean to you?

What motivates you to be a disciple of Jesus? What stories can you tell?

After her accident, Sheelagh couldn't 'give' to others, so, she learnt to receive, BOTH Jesus, and his servants. In a rural parish I took a Tanzanian Priest on a pastoral visit. Three daughters were desperate to help their newly widowed mum. She was of good farming stock and wouldn't let them. They asked me to ask her (and I asked the Tanzanian priest to ask her) who asked: “Do you know your daughters want to help you? Do you know they're Jesus to you? When you refuse THEIR help you refuse Jesus. When you receive their help you receive Jesus.

WILL you receive... Jesus ?” We can do... no less.

Don Pilgrim DSA Christchurch

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* Whenever we serve on team we are reminded, “It is not OUR Cursillo-
* it’s for the participants; it’s their Cursillo!” Also... “Every Cursillo
* weekend is different - differently wonderful, differently special for
* each new Cursillista to be.” Of course, that’s undoubtedly true but
* are you a bit like me? Mine, (Blackburn’s #25) was probably 30+ years
* ago, filled me with such treasured memories, as have all the times I’ve
* served on team since.
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* I love Cursillo, mainly because it has taught me how much God loves
* even me, causing a giant leap in my understanding of the
* responsibilities of having a faith. And it has made me passionate
* about sharing that amazing gift.
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* Taken from an article by Sandy Harris in BACC Pages Spring 2021
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Prayer for Unity to Discern and Accept the will of God.

1 Cor 1:10-13 I urge you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you. I mean that each of you is saying, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Kephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

Let us pray: Merciful and Ever-loving Father, I am beginning a new day. As I begin, I ask for a cheerful heart. Help me to reflect the joy of You to everyone I meet. Help me to say the right words at the right time, to be silent when I should, not to be offended, and not to hurt the feelings of others. Help me experience Your love in the hearts of those I shall meet today. In my love for the gift of the Cursillo Movement may I radiate Your love to all those You invite me to encounter. Send Your Spirit to guide and direct the Cursillo Movement as a way to bring Your love to a world that much needs Your transformative love. Let me not be closed to the needs of others. Give me patience and help me find the right measure in my work within the Cursillo Movement. Let my work, express Your concern for all men and women. In all things let Your Will be done. Amen

There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every person and it can never be filled by any created thing. It can only be filled by God, made known through Jesus Christ.
Blaise Pascal



Slow me down, Lord

Slow me down, Lord

Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind.

Steady my hurried pace with the vision of the
eternal reach of time.

Give me, among the confusion of the day, the calmness of the
everlasting hills.

Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the soothing
music of the singing streams that live in memory.

Help me to know the magical powers of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking minute vacations of slowing down
to look at a flower,
to chat with a friend,
to pat a dog,
to read a few lines from a good book.

Slow me down, Lord

Inspire me to send roots deep down into the
soils of life's enduring values,

That I may grow towards the stars of my greater destiny



Jesus, the Carpenter's Son

"Where did this man get this wisdom and mighty deeds? Is he not the carpenter's son?" (Mt 13:54-55)

It was natural that at some time Jesus should return to Nazareth where he had been brought up. Jesus taught them in the synagogue. "They were astonished and said "Where did this man get such wisdom and these mighty works? Is he not the carpenter's son?" "And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and in his own house." And he did not work many mighty deeds there because of their lack of faith.

When Jesus returns to Nazareth, he is rejected maybe not by what he says but much more for who he is. They would not listen because they knew his "father" and mother." Joseph lived in Nazareth of Galilee, and was therefore religiously, socially, and economically marginalized in the eyes of the Jerusalem authorities. And who would think that the Messiah would come from Nazareth.

The Gospel of Matthew gives us a picture of Joseph as father to Jesus. From the Gospel of Matthew, one learns that Joseph is a just and obedient man, the husband of Mary who has no relations with her when she conceives, the earthly father of Jesus, who names him and gives him a place in the line of David, who guards and defends him under God's guidance, and who raises him as a carpenter at Nazareth. He receives his vocation in dreams and is the final link in the line of the Old Testament patriarchs who await the fulfillment of the promise.

We can learn many ways of being a father from St. Joseph. First Joseph is obedient – obedient to God's word. Joseph would also have passed on to Jesus the values required to become a good carpenter. You need patience for waiting until the wood is dry and ready, good judgment for ensuring that your plumb line is straight, persistence for sanding until the tabletop is smooth and honesty for charging people a fair price. I come from a family of eleven children. I have five brothers and five sisters.

My Father was a carpenter. From my father and grandfather, I learned at a young age about carpentry. My father would often get my brothers and me

to remove nails from old boards that we use for flooring in our home. Through my father's faith, I learned those prayers that we all learn at a young age.



We live in an old neighborhood in Santa Fe. We were about 3 blocks from Cristo Rey Church, our parish. Cristo Rey had a school with grades from "prefirst" to eight-grade. Pre-first was like kindergarten today.

At a young age I was taught about being obedient to God's word, about being patient, about good judgment, persistence, and hard working. These things were taught at an early young age, but I have come to appreciate my father's example as years have gone by.

Now with seven children of my own, seventeen grandchildren and one great grandchild I have come to appreciate all that two carpenters have taught me as well as St. Joseph's son. I pray that I might pass on to my children and grandchildren those invaluable lessons. And maybe my children and grandchildren will say as people said about Jesus – Isn't he the carpenter's son?

Deacon Andy Carrillo - *taken from the USA Cursillo National Newsletter April 2021*



Winter In Morrinsville 2021

This winter I have started to hear a new and different bird call. High up on a huge Oak tree this bird calls.

I asked around about this and was told it was probably a song thrush.



Something in the avian community has changed. It seems to me that this bird is trying to get a message across. He calls most days and all day.

I ask myself "Is God trying to say something here?"

Prayer

I think The Lord's Prayer is the best prayer ever!

I really go with the part that says "Your Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven".

Imagine if you really meant it in all your prayers!

"Lord, your Kingdom come on Earth as it is in Heaven" in regards to ... healing and justice for all ethnicities, etc.

I have been drawn to the attention that the Lord's prayer really, really is a very powerful prayer!

Written and illustrated by Trish Shannon

Sticky Date Pudding with Toffee Sauce

For the pudding

- 75g soft butter
- 175g dark brown demerara sugar
- 200g self-raising flour, plus extra for dusting
- 1 tbsp golden syrup
- 2 tbsp black treacle

- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 200g pitted dried dates
- 1 tbsp bicarbonate of soda

For the toffee sauce:

- 100g sugar
- 100g butter
- 200ml double cream



Method:

Pre-heat the oven to 200oC/400oF/Gas mark 6. Grease a 23cm tin thoroughly with 25g of the butter, then dust the inside of the tin with flour.

Using a food mixer, blend the remaining butter and sugar together. Slowly add the golden syrup, treacle, eggs and vanilla extract to the butter mixture and continue mixing. Turn the mixer down to a slow speed and then add the flour. Once all the ingredients are combined, turn off the mixer.

Place the dates in a saucepan with 300ml water and bring to the boil. Purée the water and date mixture and add the bicarbonate of soda. While it is still hot, quickly add this mixture to the egg mix. Once the mix is combined, pour into the prepared tin and bake for 40–45 minutes until the top is just firm to the touch.

Remove the pudding from the oven and allow to cool, then turn out of the tin and cut into squares.

To make the sauce, melt the butter and sugar together in a small pan, add the cream and bring to the boil. Simmer for a few minutes until the sauce reaches the desired consistency.

To serve, re-heat the sponge in a microwave or heat for 5 minutes in the oven at 180oC/350oF/Gas mark 4. Place onto a plate with lots of the sauce on the top and a scoop of vanilla ice cream if you wish.

The sponge and sauce can be made in advance. The sponge can even be frozen, and both can be plated up and re-heated in the microwave.

For 6-8 people

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