

*Become part of this amazing experience*

**Next Cursillo WEEKEND:**

**MEN'S and WOMEN'S Mixed Cursillo 1**

**At St George's Church, Parkes  
September 30 -October 3, 2021**

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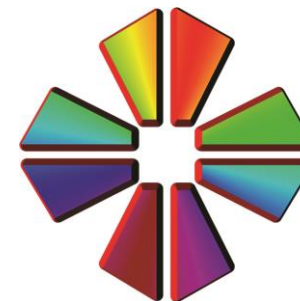
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The purpose of Bathurst Anglican Cursillo is to inspire and encourage disciples of Jesus Christ, and to help them recognise their role in growing God's Kingdom.

# CURSILLO

**Introducing the  
Three-Day Weekend**



Cursillo Movement of Australia  
Diocese of Bathurst

# The Cursillo 3-Day Weekend

## Your Introduction to Cursillo

Your Cursillo experience begins when you apply to take part in a 3-day weekend, a live-in course run by lay people and clergy. You will receive a letter to welcome you and give you details about what to bring.

Typically on Friday afternoon you will arrive at the venue between 5.00 – 6.00 pm.

You are introduced to the Co-ordinator, (called a Lay Director) shown to your room to unpack, and then invited to join in pre-dinner drinks and nibbles. Most weekends consist of 10 to 25 participants or candidates like yourself and a team of lay and ordained people, who are your hosts.

### **The First Evening....**

is planned to help you relax, to get to know the other people on your weekend and to begin to feel at home.

After dinner you will meet your small group, learn something of the history of the movement of Cursillo around the world and finish the evening with three short meditations and a service of Compline, or "Prayer at the end of the day". Finally you retire in silence until breakfast: time to take a break from the world and prepare yourself for this significant weekend.

**This is the only time on the weekend that silence is kept.** You are free to mingle with new friends before and after this quiet time.

### **Each day....**

begins with Morning Prayer together, followed by breakfast.

Then, in a casual and relaxed atmosphere team members present a series of talks, each followed by time to discuss the talk in a small group. There are also various creative activities, music and worship, fun, laughter and times for deeper reflection and prayer. There is time for relaxation, conversation, exercise, or rest.

A special Holy Communion is celebrated as a whole group every day.

### **Building Community**

In small groups, you explore the themes developed in the talks and presentations.

You experience the encouragement, affirmation and support of your small group and are encouraged to continue to follow this simple method when you return to your community back home.

### **.... and after the weekend ?**

At the end of the third day you return to your family and community, enriched and encouraged by your Cursillo experience, beginning to know more fully the Christian love and support which will sustain you for the rest of your life. You will probably keep in touch with new friends from all over.

You are supported to join a small group back home, who meet regularly for prayer, mutual support, encouragement and affirmation as you all seek to know Jesus and make Him known, through Christian ministry. The support of a small group of friends is vital – in whatever sphere you are called by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ as a member of God's church here on Earth.

### **Your "4<sup>th</sup> Day"**

So that is it! The three-day weekend in a nutshell!

But the real focus of Cursillo is on the "4<sup>th</sup> Day" – making a difference for the rest of your life ... after your Cursillo 3-day weekend.

Cursillo does not exist for itself. It is a movement within Christ's Church to equip and inspire people to be active disciples of Jesus, building God's Kingdom here on Earth.

We hope this has answered some of your questions about the Cursillo weekend. Cursillo is open to Christians of any denomination, with the agreement of their church minister.