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## His Name is Mercy

St. Joseph's,  
Baulkham  
Hills

This retreat Weekend led by Jim Murphy was such a blessing. Many of those present would have remembered Jim as a gifted teacher and a man of God who speaks God's word from his heart. He is also a great story-teller.

Over the two days Jim brought each to a new understanding of the meaning of Mercy as he led the gathering to reflect and to make changes in one's way of living as the Pope calls us to do. As we know Pope Francis pronounced this year to be an extraordinary year of mercy with the words, *"Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's Mercy."*

Jim recalled his father, who was a sea captain, telling him, *"Don't ever ask another to do what you yourself are not prepared to do."* He then put this into the Scriptural context of Jesus who, sitting with his disciples told them, *"If anyone wants to be first he must make himself last of all and servant of all."* (Mk.9:35) And Jesus exemplified this in his own life as we read of him washing his disciples' feet. (Jn.13:1-16) In those times washing another's feet was seen to be demeaning; one would do anything but that! This was and is the expression of his merciful love. And he encouraged his disciples- us - to show the same love for one another, **with him.**

Mercy is God's gift to us even though we do not deserve it. Jim told the story about a young man who, in his fear deserted Napoleon's army, was court martialled and sentenced to death. A beautiful carriage pulled up on the battlefield. Out of it, into the and mud stepped a beautifully dressed woman who asked to be taken to Napoleon. She acknowledged her much loved, only son's crime and begged Napoleon for mercy. Napoleon replied that her son deserved his punishment. She answered, 'Yes, he does deserve this punishment; I ask for your mercy for that is what mercy is.'

Napoleon relented and spared the young man's life."

Mercy is only ever needed by the undeserving and



forgiveness is vital that Mercy **be given.** To **receive** God's mercy, depends on one's free will. Jesus came with the message of God's love and forgiveness; and he didn't just talk it, he lived it. People were healed; lives were turned around; water was turned into wine. But even with all of that, hearts were closed. There was opposition and manipulation and "they went out to plot to kill him."

In reflecting on the events which followed, it is good to note that, when Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray, he experienced the agony of knowing what was

ahead of him. He could have left the garden but he was obedient to the Father. If he had walked away, **he** would be free; if not, **we** would be free. And so he stayed thus taking on all the sins of humanity; all our loneliness and pain; all our disappointments became his.

In his crucifixion lay the hope and wellbeing of every person. We cannot understand what was accomplished on the Cross, but we can look at it and forgive any pain or hurt we may be carrying, for that is what God is inviting us to do. To forgive is difficult and it is a choice; free will is a gift, not a deep emotion. It is not a matter as to whether the other deserves forgiveness; one must do it for oneself. We cannot 'out give' the Lord! It's a matter of renewing our relationships, not of 30-40 years ago, but every day - now!

Jim told the story of an autistic boy who lived next door. Jim had redesigned his garden using white stones. Every day he noticed a stone was missing, which puzzled him. One day he saw the boy snaking his hand under the fence and taking one. He spoke to him but the stones continued to disappear.

Jim was angry and put a piece of barbed wire at the bottom of the fence. Coming out one day he saw the boy holding a stone which was too big to pull under the fence and he was crying.



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## Voice of the Spirit

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## Editorial

And so here we are well and truly into another year. We could look back upon the past year and note with some regret the many world events which have caused dismay, sadness, maybe even anger or hopelessness. These feelings may be well justified, but if we have locked ourselves into them we will have missed those experiences which have given life.

Being so bombarded with the negative reporting through the daily media, one could be forgiven for feeling somewhat overwhelmed by it all. This fact occurred to me in a particular way when, during last year, I was having my own personal setbacks to contend with. It all seemed so surreal. But there are always different ways to see things; that's how the spirit of good and the spirit of evil come into conflict with each other. At times the spirit of evil can seem so powerful that we succumb to fear. Scripture, however, tells us that *"perfect love casts out fear"* and *"God is love"*!

How did you feel when the Christmas issue of 'Voice in the Spirit' proclaimed *"Jesus is Alive in the Middle East"*? That was such good news! Am I imagining that there is an ever so slight positive shift in how people, particularly through the media, are reflecting on past and current events? The main positive is that God, has become part of the equation of life events. And that's good news, too!

Post-Christmas there seems to be, more freedom in not just 'talking God' but printing 'God things'; one could say 'good things'. Have you noticed this? I'm not referring to Catholic papers only but also the daily paper (although not all). The number of letters responding to the question as to whether God does or allows things to happen fascinated, pleased and excited me for people were 'thinking God' and freely entering into the 'conversation'. Some of the theology may have limped a bit but there was conversation!

How good it was to read in the Sydney Morning Herald a report on Bishop Terry Brady's Christmas Mass homily in which he exhorted us to keep our eyes open and look for Jesus on the fringes of society. He went on to say, referring to the Middle East, *"Isn't it strange that God seems to come in the most messy situations!"*

On the home-front, referring to Australia's attitude to the refugee crisis and the plight of children caught in it, the Bishop noted how *'Jesus was missing from our collective hearts'*. *"Something has gone drastically wrong"*, he said. Hearing something of this nature causes me to reflect on the responsibility that is mine, (and yours), to enable change to happen.

It was at this point in preparing this editorial that I took a break from it for a week or two during which we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany. In the Epiphany Mass homily,

Father Paul drew an analogy between the journey of the Wise Men and a pilgrimage. It somehow resonated within me as he pointed out how their physical journey 'without' led them to experience a journey 'within' - an inner journey which is the essence and true meaning of 'pilgrimage'.

Their 'without' journey was fraught with danger and uncertainty created in no small measure by Herod's double dealings. They really did not know what was ahead of them or what to expect when they arrived 'there'. They were simply following the star.

How often do you hear another say upon enquiring after their welfare, that they are 'getting there'. But where is 'there'? It's more a cliché with the unconscious inference being that the person is on a 'journey' taking them to where they ultimately hope to be.

In continuing **their** journey, the Wise Men, arriving at where they were meant to be, found Jesus and their lives were changed. To treasure their experience and protect it, they took a different route home as directed by the Spirit of God... the Spirit of good.

It's the same when **we** take a pilgrimage whether it be to the Holy Land to walk where Jesus walked; or to Greece and Turkey in the footsteps of St. Paul; or to Poland where our young people will pilgrimage to celebrate World Youth Day. The physical 'without' journey may consist of hundreds of kilometres and will ultimately come to an end. But the journey within is never ending.

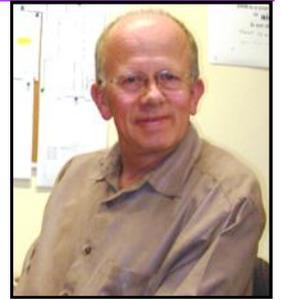
You know, living our daily lives is a journey; you could say it is a pilgrimage. Yes, we can look back over 2015's journey and reflect upon what difference that journey with all its experiences had upon us and how we have made a difference to our world, no matter how insignificant it may seem to be.

Let us continue the journey - the pilgrimage - with Jesus whose journey took him to Calvary. And ours may, too - to our own personal Calvary. The temptation could be to stay there with a 'woe-is-me' attitude. If we do stop there, then the inner journey also ends and we may never come to the wonder, the joy, the excitement of new life in Jesus - the resurrected inner life. Which puts me in mind of the song written by Rolf Lovland: *"You raise me up so I can stand on mountains; you raise me up so I can walk on stormy seas..."*

My prayer is that, on our 2016 pilgrimage, we will not only discover Jesus in our own life events but also enable others to appreciate the wonder of finding Jesus in their lives ... that they too might stand on **their** mountains and walk on stormy seas.

May we have a Spirit-filled 2016 pilgrimage so that we might proclaim with the Psalmist, *"You have made known to me the path of life; you fill me with joy in your presence."* (Ps.6:11) ■■

## Message from the Chairperson....



On 12 December, 2015, the NSW Service Team for the CCR gathered together with Fr. Hugh Thomas Csr, our Chaplain, and others involved in CCR ministry to pray and discern the direction we felt God wanted to take the CCR in 2016.

From the prayer and the Scripture we reflected upon during the day, it was discerned that we should direct our efforts within the following areas:

1. Evangelisation
2. Unity within the CCR and beyond
3. Prayer Ministry and support for all people
4. Praise / adoration / prayer / worship

As you can see from these areas, we need people with their different skills ranging from administration, communication, verbal as well as electronic, computer-use skills, and much more..... together with **the most important ingredient and that is God's love in our hearts**. We need helpers and volunteers. The time has come to bring new blood into the NSW Service Team. We are seeking nominations. **Please pray about this.**

If you would like to volunteer or nominate to be part of the Service Team, talk to your Prayer Group Leader or Community Leaders or contact the CCR Centre. I encourage you to be part of this very rewarding experience. I am in the CCR Centre most Tuesdays and Thursdays if you would like to discuss this with me.

Nominations for the Service Team need to be received by the CCR Centre by Friday, 15 April, 2016.

May our loving God continue to bless you.

Mike Lulan  
Chairperson NSW Service Team  
Catholic Charismatic Renewal



*His name is Mercy ....*

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"Good", thought Jim, "this will teach him." Just then the boy's mother rushed out and, kneeling beside him, put her hand over his - badly scratching herself - and gently asked him to let go of the stone. But the boy, sobbing, could not. With infinite patience she continued, imploring him to let go. Eventually he did. She picked him up and carried him into the house talking to him of the cookies she had made for him.

Jim was now thoroughly ashamed of himself. It then occurred to him that we all do this... we hold onto something that is harming us, unwilling to let it go. When one does let go, the hand can come out from under the barbed wire fence that is hurting us.

The Genesis creation story tells us how, in the Garden of Eden, there was no need to hide anything; Adam and Eve could be completely who they were. God would walk with them, that is, he had a relationship with them - they were family. God created us; he breathed his life into us, something he did not give to the birds and animals. God gave to each the capacity to 'be here' which risks human-kind in any 'here' to say 'no'. Jim said if he were God he



would have put the tree out of the way!!

But God didn't because each day he demanded a choice from Adam and Eve as he does from each human being. We can see that the foundation of every sin is "I". What does one hear... 'Do this or don't do this and you'll feel better'?

When speaking of holiness - which does hold an attraction - we realise it's not about being a better person. It's more, and indeed all, about God

looking at us with compassion and mercy.

*'Because I'm your Father and I love you. I have such a different way for you to live.'*

We are so grateful to Father Hugh for his availability to celebrate the Eucharist with us and providing us with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We also know how important a part music plays as we lift our minds, hearts and voices to God. Many thanks to Patrick Gleeson and David Foong from the Servants of Jesus Covenant Community who, through using their giftedness, enriched the times of Praise and Worship. ■■

## The Goofiest Kid in the Fellowship.....

Some years ago I desperately needed a 'faithlift'. Then I heard of an American Protestant pastor, (we'll call him "Pastor Roger"), who was visiting Australia at the time and who had quite a story to tell. Pastor Roger had formerly been an army chaplain and theology professor but his ministry had taken a dramatic turn when he found he had been given a powerful healing gift and a gift for teaching about healing. In attending two of his seminars I was impressed by his ministry. However, the things that made the greatest impact on me were two ministry stories he told. I would like to share these with you.



The first concerned Pastor Roger's visit to the church of his friend, Pastor Sam, who had noticed that Pastor Roger's church was lively and vibrant with a powerful healing ministry, whereas his own church was staid and nothing much was happening. Pastor Sam asked Pastor Roger as to what was the secret of his church's success. Pastor Roger said, "We proclaim **JESUS**." "But we proclaim Jesus, too," replied Pastor Sam. "No, you don't understand; you need to proclaim **JESUS**." "But we do proclaim Jesus," protested Pastor Sam.

Some months later, Pastor Roger returned to Pastor Sam's church and found that it was growing; it was vigorous and manifesting powerful signs and wonders, including healing. Pastor Sam smiled and said to him - "I see what you mean - **JESUS**!" You see, in the intervening months, Pastor Sam and his congregation had moved past the Christian mindset that pays lip-service to Jesus as the Son of God who saves us, but for all practical purposes sees him merely as a speaker of wisdom, a teacher of moral and ethical behaviour and a role model. Instead, they had discovered the **JESUS** whom they could encounter and experience and who would transform, heal and empower them. In turn, they could be his instruments in transforming, healing and empowering others.

Pastor Roger's second story continues this theme. It concerned a boy in his own congregation whom he colourfully described as "the goofiest kid in the fellowship". The kid would compulsively climb on to chairs and tables and then jump, much to the reckless endangerment of unsuspecting bystanders. He also had an insatiable curiosity about the contents of unattended bags and would quickly open them and empty them out. People would desperately cling to their bags whenever the kid was around. The kid also believed in **JESUS** and had a heart of compassion for the sick and the wounded. Whenever he encountered the needy and hurting, he would ask them, "Pray for you missus (or mister)!" And when he prayed, the blind would see, the deaf would hear, the crippled would walk and immense burdens would be lifted. The kid's ministry to people is living evidence of the truth of Jesus' words, "*And these signs will accompany those who believe; by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues .... They will lay their hands on the sick and they will recover.*" (Mark 16:17-18) Notice that Jesus does not say that the socially adept, the emotionally mature, the intellectual giants, the spiritual titans or the theologically literate will do these things. He says they will be done by "*those who believe*". The simple faith of simple people will more than suffice. These two stories of **JESUS** inspired me to look for similar stories. I found many, but none more moving than the story of Jackie Pullinger, a Christian Englishwoman who, late last century, felt called to evangelise in the "Walled City", the notorious slum district of Hong Kong. (She tells her story in her two books: "Chasing the Dragon" and "Crack in the Wall"). The Walled City was dominated by the criminal gangs, the Triads, and was a place of drug addiction, prostitution and appalling poverty.

Jackie commenced work among the youngest members of the Triad gangs, establishing a Youth Club in the Walled City. She made some converts and attempted to place them in various churches around Hong Kong where they could be mentored by more mature Christians. However, the congregations in these churches felt threatened by youths with gangster backgrounds, and largely avoided them. Jackie felt that she had no alternative but to try to put together a Christian fellowship for the new converts at the Youth Club in the Walled City. The fellowship was most unpromising - until **JESUS** arrived.

Lives were transformed and other youth from the gangs were drawn to the fellowship. Drug addicts were also drawn in and very frequently experienced miraculous cures of their addictions. The ex-gangsters and ex-drug addicts then went out to reach others who were trapped in gang life and drug addiction as they had been trapped. They knew by experience the harsh life of the lost people they were trying to reach. They also knew of **JESUS'** power to transform, having experienced it for themselves.

Perhaps the greatest miracle was that of reconciliation. Most of the gangsters and drug addicts had been rejected and forced onto the streets by parents who were themselves locked into the misery of poverty and drug addiction. Once these "rejects" had experienced the love of the Lord (or as the Psalmist expressed it, "*If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.*" (Psalm 27:10 NRSV), they were empowered to forgive their parents and even to be reconciled with them. Frequently, the parents themselves were drawn to the fellowship for healing. The fellowship coalesced in **unity** around the person of **JESUS** to become a centre of redemption, reconciliation, forgiveness and physical, emotional and spiritual healing. They truly became a people who could proclaim with the Psalmist: "*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits - who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*" (Psalm 103:2-4 NRSV)



## .....and Other Stories of JESUS

Of course this story challenges us to consider how our Church -the Catholic Church - is faring in the vital areas of **unity** and **JESUS**. The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) offered us an inspiring example of unity in the life of the Church. Initially the Council was divided along warring lines - a 'progressive' majority and a 'conservative' minority of bishops. In the First Session (1962), the progressives and conservatives had reached a complete *impasse* in the debate on the proposed document on revelation. Pope John XXIII, in a political and diplomatic masterstroke, ordered that a special commission be set up to rewrite the entire document. The commission was to be jointly chaired by the leading conservative and the leading progressive at the Council, Cardinal Ottaviani and Cardinal Bea respectively, with staff from both sides. Ultimately, they produced a consensus document, *Dei Verbum*, a magnificent document which many regard as the finest document on Divine Revelation ever produced by the Church. Pope John died soon after the First Session. His successor, Pope Paul VI, continued his policy of ensuring that the Conciliar documents were consensus documents which reasonably satisfied progressives and conservatives alike who had dialogued, negotiated and compromised in their creation. I believe that both Pope John and Pope Paul were Spirit-inspired to realise that, if the Church did not go forward in unity, then it would not go forward at all.

Unfortunately, this promise of unity has remained largely unfulfilled in the post-Vatican II Church. Progressives dominated the Church in the years after the Council. Perceived progressive 'excesses' caused a conservative backlash and conservatives came to dominate Church life. In more recent years, there has been some hope among progressives of a 'progressive' renaissance. All too frequently, however, it seems that both sides have tried to force a false unity on the Church by simply 'crushing' the other. Largely gone is the Vatican II model of dialogue, compromise and consensus.

There is no escaping the fact that the Church has fared poorly in the 50 years since Vatican II. We have haemorrhaged members in each of the 50 years; the sex-abuse crisis has been constantly with us and there have been gross financial scandals among elements in the Vatican since the Vatican Bank scandal of the 1970's. It is very, very sobering to reflect that these three cancers - departures, abuse and corruption - have ravaged the body at will irrespective of whether the progressives or conservatives have happened to be in the ascendancy in Church life. Neither side has a particularly strong claim to the high moral ground. Furthermore, the progressive/conservative divide is an unnecessary distraction from the true pastoral mission of the Church. The millions upon millions of walking wounded within our ranks don't need a Church of Pristine Conservative Theology or a Church of Enlightened Progressive Theology; they need a Church that is the rescue van at the very gates of Hell - a Church that proclaims **JESUS**.

We largely missed the potent symbolism when, on 27 April, 2014, Pope Francis canonised both Pope John Paul II (widely perceived as representing the 'conservative' church) and Pope John XXIII (widely perceived as representing the 'progressive' church) in St. Peter's Square. I believe Pope Francis was signalling to us that the 'two churches' must go forward in unity. Pope Francis, too, has been Spirit-inspired to realise that, if we do not go forward in unity, then we will not go forward at all. Perhaps we all need to take our cue from Pope Francis and reflect on and repent of our disunity.

Might I suggest something else? Do we consider ourselves on one side of the progressive/conservative divide and get angry and resentful when we think of those on the other side of the divide? If so, then we should pray for those others. And we don't pray that they will see the error of their ways and come around to our ('correct') view; that isn't prayer; that's spiritual manipulation. We simply pray blessings on them that they have a closer walk with Jesus, (or rather, **JESUS**), are increasingly empowered by the Holy Spirit and come to a greater experience of the love of the Father. We might have to pray through clenched teeth for a while, but pray we must.

We also need to encounter **JESUS** for ourselves before whom so many of those things we think divide us will disappear like the night mists before the rising sun. Further, it is **only** when **we** are coalesced in **unity** around **JESUS** that we can properly address the problems of the three cancers (departures, abuse and corruption), our walking wounded and all the other problems of the Church.

But how do we find **JESUS**? Might I suggest one path. Let's journey past two millennia of institutional development in our Church and return to its genesis - those Eucharistic communities which had sprung up all over the Eastern Mediterranean within a few years of the Resurrection. The Apostles had gone out, proclaimed the Word, and laid hands on those who were to lead the communities and preside at the Eucharist. Attracted to these communities were those who were sick in heart at the brutal Roman world that surrounded them, who found that their pagan gods were impotent to save and heal them, who were weary of living and yet afraid of dying and going to a shadowy half-existence in Hades, the place of the dead. Suddenly all of this changed. They had dramatically encountered the Risen Lord, had been baptised into a new life and had the promise of a glorious eternal life.



Popes John XXIII  
and  
John Paul II

## Retreat Testimonies and Comments

### TESTIMONY

I came to the Retreat broken, though I didn't know it. All I knew was that I had problems saying my prayers, talking to God, attending religious activities (which I love) and being physically ill for at least 2 months prior to the Retreat. In thinking about the talks and the people I met for the first time (who gave me such good insights), I came to realise I was carrying some pain and hurt for actions done to me from friends, bosses and neighbours. I had to forgive them with the help of God's Divine Mercy. This meant not giving what these people deserved, but to give them what they do not deserve, that is, **forgiveness**. And I realised that **I, too, need forgiveness**.

The reflections continuing post-retreat, I realised I could forgive but I could not trust. By closing myself off from potential friends, from my new bosses, from my neighbours so as not to be hurt again, I had closed myself to God's love. **God's love could not flow into me to heal me, and could not flow through me to reach out to others**. No wonder I was always so tired .... unable to recover my health ....not so friendly.... and could only walk with him in silence.

Changes have been happening! I now respond to people who greet me in Church instead of giving a nod and running the other way! I can now smile and connect with people even on a supermarket line. I've tried to keep the programme of the Retreat in my daily life wherein there is praise and singing, then adoration and prayers upon rising and when about to sleep. I also substitute readings for the talks.

His name is Mercy. Without his Mercy I could not forgive. Without his Mercy I could not allow his love to

flow through me. Without his mercy I would have lost the most important relationship in my life. That is what **His Name is Mercy** has meant to me. Drina

### COMMENTS FROM OTHERS



\* At the time of Adoration there was so much peace...

*"You've been trying and trying for a long time... now you come to rest."*

\* At the time of consecration one sensed a strong smell of wine and saw blood on the small altar.

\* The smell of wine was confirmed.

\* After Communion one had the sense of being immersed in the Blood of Jesus.

\* Crossing the door.... That everything

is known by God.

\* The graces from this weekend will keep unfolding.

\* The Praise and Worship have left a wonderful praise experience in my spirit. helping me to accept the **encouraging flow of God's Spirit.....**

\*I have received great spiritual insight from this Retreat, particularly through Jim Murphy's talks. He is challenging but inspiring which fills me with the desire to serve him even more.....

\*We are asked to be merciful, yet we, too, need to ask for mercy from God.

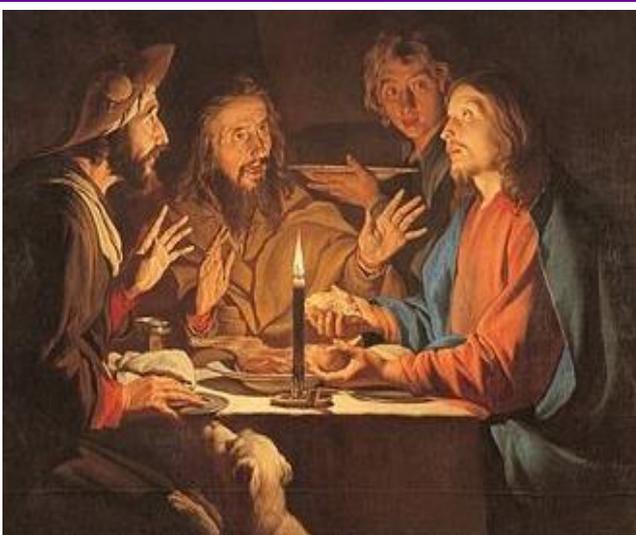
-I will be returning to the next Retreat because of the peace and joy this weekend experience brought me.

-Definitely 'Yes' for another Retreat! I have missed them over the past few years! This was the best... Jim Murphy, was absolutely amazing...inspirational! Fr. Hugh was likewise wonderful in ministry and Reconciliation..

-Yes, I would like another Retreat, please.

**CCR RETREAT HAS BEEN BOOKED FOR 27th — 29th JANUARY 2017 AT ST JOSEPH'S BAULKHAM HILLS**

## The Goofiest Kid in the Fellowship And Other Stories of JESUS Continued from Page 5



Redemption, salvation, forgiveness, healing and deliverance from the dark forces were all theirs. They had experienced the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of the Father's heart. **JESUS** was experienced as ever with the community but experienced in a very special way in the Breaking of the Bread. Life became very different for them in relationship with **JESUS**. They had a reason to live and a reason to die.

**JESUS** really is at the origin and core of our faith tradition, but so many of us have just lost sight of him. He is ours for the asking, if only we have faith. Even if we don't have faith, we can ask him for the gift of faith. He will answer our prayer. And the Good News is that encountering **JESUS** isn't exactly Rocket Science - just ask the goofiest kid in the fellowship or one of the Hong Kong ex-druggies, now aglow with the light of the Resurrection. ■■

*Kerry Guerin, Member of Service Team  
CCR NSW*

## *Date Claimers*

**FORMATION DAY** with speaker **ANEEL ARANHA** Founder and Director of Holy Spirit Interactive (HSI)... a lay apostolate recognised as an Association of Faith and Outreach.....

**Date: Saturday, May 7.. 10am-4pm Venue: St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Gordon Street, Rozelle.**  
 Contact: CCR Centre 9810 2499; Fax: 9555 5962; Email: email@ccrnsw.org.au Website: ccrnsw.org.au



**PENTECOST SUNDAY 15 May, 2016**  
**Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Greystanes**  
**Theme: "PERFECT LOVE CASTS OUT ALL FEAR"**

Prayer and Praise; Concelebrated Mass ... Principal Celebrant: Fr. David Callaghan MGL  
 For further information, see enclosed flyer.



### *Catholic Charismatic Renewal 2016 National Conference*

*Signs & Wonders* ..... Embracing the Year of Mercy ..... 1-3 July, 2016

Venue - St. Leo's College (within the University of Queensland), College Road, St Lucia Brisbane

Registration Form - Download form at Website: [www.ccrbrisbane.org.au](http://www.ccrbrisbane.org.au)

and email to [secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au](mailto:secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au)

For further information, contact: Miriam Holmes CCR Brisbane Secretary) Phone: 07 3103 2400

### **A PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO, AMERICA AND CANADA COMBINING SERVICE AND SPIRITUALITY**

**Led by Jim and Sue Murphy**  
**26 September - 10 October, 2016**

There will be 5 days of service in Mexico working with Jim in an outreach to the poor living on the rubbish dump at Neza and to the orphanage for abandoned children... then visits to Guadalupe, the Cathedral of Mexico, and the Pyramids of Teotihuacan. Moving then to San Antonio in Texas, St. Louis in Missouri... then to Montreal and Quebec City visiting with Renewal Groups and Catholic Shrines. Coming back there will be an option for a stop off on Molokai to visit the shrine to St. Damien.

**Spaces will be limited....Interested??**  
**Call Miriam ... CCR, Melbourne ... (03)9486 6544**

Pilgrimage details along with costs to be advised

**N.B. St. Joseph's Spirituality Centre at Baulkham Hills has been booked for the next CCR Retreat, 2017. The dates will 27th to 29th January. So, you might be able to start saving for it now!!! We will let you know speaker details shortly.**

### **COLIN NILSON SUTTON R I P**

Colin died on Sunday 21st February. ....

Colin has been an amazing man of God. In 1971 he was diagnosed with terminal cancer and given 3 months to live. He miraculously recovered and became a leader in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. In 1979 he embraced the vision for Covenant Community and became the founding leader of the Disciples of Jesus Covenant community. In 1994 he led that community into amalgamation with Hephzibah Community which was led by John Kennedy. His journey can be read in "*Somewhere Under the Rainbow*".

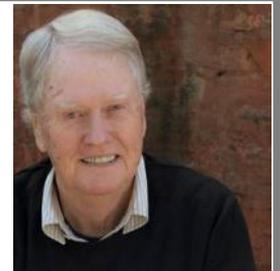
There are many, many people who can give testimony to the blessings God has poured out through the Disciples of Jesus' life and mission. We honour Colin for his commitment to the Lord and to the Community vision.

I for one am eternally grateful for his vision, humility, leadership, pastoral care and uncompromising faith in God. It has inspired me in my Christian walk, marriage, priority setting.

*Reg Firth* (Disciples of Jesus Community Member)

A further reflection from the Editor

It was in the 1970's as a member of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal that I first met Colin. He was indeed a strong, faithful man of God all of which and more he saw to be integral not only to his life within the Community but also in his family life and as a friend. On behalf of all in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, past and present, who have known Colin, I offer our sincere sympathy to his wife, Val and to their family. May they be consoled in the loving embrace of our Father of Mercy. May Colin rest in peace.



## Sydney Healing Masses

<i>1st Friday Each month 8.00pm</i>	<b>HEALING MASS - St. Joseph's Catholic Church</b> , 126 Liverpool Road, Enfield 7.00 pm Rosary and Reconciliation; 7.30pm Prayer and Praise; 8.00pm Mass For information, contact: Rose 9642 2359 / 0412 115 961; email: rosetwyman@optus.com.au
<i>3rd Sunday Each Month 2pm (except January)</i>	<b>CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS - Our Lady of the Rosary Church</b> , Cnr Mamre Road & Swanson Street, St. Marys Contact Costandi & Barbara (02) 4754 4625 / 0410 475 723 or Christine 0427 327 471 Email: dojbm@bigpond.com
<i>1st &amp; 3rd Tues. Each Month 10.30am</i>	<b>HEALING MASS - Yarra Bay Eucharistic Community St. Mary's Church</b> , 23 Swanson Street, Erskineville For information, contact Marika Gubacsi: 9556 2118 or Email: marikagubacsi@bigpond.com
<i>1st Friday 7pm &amp; Last Saturday 8.30am Each month</i>	<b>HEALING MASS (with anointing of the sick) - Our Lady of the Rosary Church</b> , 18 Vine Street, Fairfield Friday Mass preceded by Holy Hour (in Vietnamese) For more information, phone Parish Office on 9724 5997
<i>1st Friday Each Month 7pm Mar., June; Sept., Dec. at 6pm</i>	<b>HEALING MASS - St. Michael's Church</b> , Croydon Road, Hurstville For information, contact the Parish Office: 9587 2166
<i>3rd Thursday Each month 8pm</i>	<b>HEALING MASS - Holy Spirit Church</b> , 191 Cox's Road, North Ryde... Prayer Ministry available after Healing Mass For information, contact the Parish office: 9888 2569
<i>1st Friday Each month 7.30pm</i>	<b>HEALING MASS - St. Patrick's Church</b> , 294 The River Road, Revesby Heights (Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6.30pm) For information, contact Terry Fernando 9708 1095 / 0403 123 864
<i>Each Sunday 9.15am</i>	<b>CHARISMATIC MASS - Bread of Life Catholic Fellowship Servants of Jesus Centre....</b> 15 Park Road, Seven Hills For information contact the Office: 9624 3322

## NSW CCR - Upcoming Events

<i>Weekends Friday - Sunday 11-13 March &amp; 19-20 March</i>	<b>ELIJAH HOUSE PRAYER MINISTRY SCHOOL (A)</b> St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Gordon Street, Rozelle For information and bookings contact CCR Centre 9810 2499	
<i>Saturday 2 April 9am - 4.30pm Please note: Saturday only</i>	<b>DAY OF HEALING WITH SR. MARGARET SCULLY RSC</b> St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Gordon Street, Rozelle Commencing with Mass in the Parish Church at 9am Cost by donation; bring your own lunch; tea and coffee provided Enquiries and bookings, contact CCR Centre 9810 2499. <b>Booking is essential</b>	
<i>Saturday 9 April 2pm - 5pm</i>	<b>MGLSA MEETING</b> St. Michael's Church, 45 Maxim Street, Meadowbank With Mass at 2pm.. Celebrant: Fr. David Callaghan MGL ..Adoration..Benediction...Fellowship. Afternoon Tea (Please bring food to share).... With MGL News and Prayer Intentions Contact Maureen Richardson: 0417 042 790; Email: jnrichardson@gmail.com	