

BRISBANE NORTH COAST EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER July2023

We are the Body of Christ



We are joining with the Chrysalis Community to celebrate flights 73&74

<u>When</u>: 22 July 2023 <u>Where</u>: Brookfield QCCC

(Queensland Conference and Camping Centre)

179 Gold Creek Road, Brookfield Qld 4069.

We look forward to seeing you



De Colores

from the

Community Lay Director

Hello everyone,

It's hard to believe that we are already half-way through the year. We've had a great start to the year, with the successful running of Men's and Women's Emmaus walks. We had a wonderful time at our gathering in May celebrating these walks and welcoming the new pilgrims into our Emmaus Community.

Our focus now shifts to supporting Chrysalis. Our Community along with the other Brisbane based Emmaus Communities have been working hard to prepare for Boy's and Girls Chrysalis flights which will run from 21 – 23 July 2023 at Brookfield. Chrysalis is a weekend experience similar to the Walk to Emmaus. It is designed to strengthen and renew the faith of young adults from 18+. Registrations are now open for these Chrysalis flights. If you know any young adults you would like to sponsor, registration forms are available on the Chrysalis website (<u>https://www.flywithchrist.org.au/rego/</u>). You can also support Chrysalis flights by signing up for the Prayer Vigil, which is also available on the Chrysalis website (https://www.flywithchrist.org.au/).

We still have a couple of vacancies on our Emmaus board. Training is provided and the time commitment for these positions is relatively low. If you are interested in one of these positions or would like to find out more information, please contact me or one of the other board members.

<mark>De Colores</mark> Michelle Krosch



De Colores

from the

Community Spiritual Director

(Neil is the one on the right)

Hello everyone

Each year we get the opportunity to reset, as we roll through the different starts of the year. Easter, Advent, Calendar Year, Financial New Year, **ALL** represent the opportunity to close off the old and look at the new.

When I reflect on the stories of the bible this idea of restarting is a common theme. Abram was invited to become Abraham, Saul was invited to a new place and became Paul. In these two stories we see how the individuals encounter with God changed them. This same invitation to renewal is issued to us in our Christian lives.

For some Emmaus is the Road to Damascus experience where they walk away going I see what I have been called to now.

For others it is an encounter with God in a completely different way, maybe a walk along the beach or in the forest.

The important thing for us to realise is that once we have encountered the gospel story we should never be the same again.

Think of the how the woman at the well was changed, she was so excited by her encounter with Jesus that she could not get back to the village quickly enough to share with the other woman what had happened to her.

As an Emmaus community we recently shared in the immense joy of restarting Emmaus walks. It was a time of excitement for all concerned. It was also an opportunity for **ALL** in the community to be part of a God encounter for someone.

As you continue in your 4th days I encourage to look at each day as a new start, a new opportunity to share this amazing story called the gospel with someone. Remember the only hands and feet that Jesus has are your hands

De Colores

Neil Storey Community Spiritual Director



Greetings to all

As you may know, the next Chrysalis flight is just around the corner, on the weekend of the 21-23 July. Both the guys and girls camp are on this weekend at the Brookfield QCCC.

If any of you have had the opportunity to have experienced Chrysalis or know of someone who has attended the weekend, you will know what a blessing it was, and continues to be.

Chrysalis is a weekend (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon) experience which takes a look at Christianity as a lifestyle. It is designed to strengthen and renew the faith of young Christians around the 18-28 age group.

Chrysalis is an ecumenical, combined effort toward renewal of the Church.

It really is wonderful time of personal reflection for everyone in attendance and you get to ask really deep questions of yourself, questions like "Where am I in my faith?" and "Whats next for me?"

Those attending the weekend will spend busy but enjoyable days living and sharing together in singing, prayer, worship and discussions centred around twelve talks given by both laity and clergy. These talks present the theme of God's grace and how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and expresses itself in the world. Chrysalis is the growth stage between caterpillars and butterflies.

Who should go to a Chrysalis?

Chrysalis is for the development of Christian young adults who:

- Wish to strengthen your friendship with Christ
- May have unanswered questions about prayer, study, and sharing your faith
- Understand that being a friend of Christ, or Christian, involves responsibility
- Are open to dedicating your everyday life to God in an ongoing manner

Chrysalis is open to young adults from 18+ and of any Christian denomination.

If you know of anyone who is in that age bracket and whom you believe would want to attend the weekend, please put their names forward and urge them to go. The registration closes very soon and can be done at flywithchrist.org.au

We also urge anyone who is able to, to please financially support where they can. Often young adults would like to attend but cannot due to financial constraints. If you are able to contribute financially, please can you let us know.

Fly With Christ

Cuan DeVries Lay Director Chrysalis Flight 73

Music

Music is vital to Emmaus Walks, Face to Face Encounters as well as our Gatherings

Always looking for people who can play music and lead worship! Please let me know if you like to lead singing, play the piano or other accompanying instrument; this could be for a <u>Walk</u> an <u>Encounter</u> or for a <u>Gathering</u>.

Do you now a person who might like to be a part of this ministry?

Please contact Leanne



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Emmaus Ministries

Australia

The latest Emmaus Ministries Australia Newsletter is now available.

Link to the National Website: Emmaus Ministries - Australia

Active Prayer Vigils: https://vigil.emmaus.org.au/

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	The bank details for General Donations just in case you missed the Gathering and would like to contribute. Bank details for donations to provide Agape gifts of– flowers, rainbow cake, Ice-cream & toppings, Communion Elements etc.							
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Please uphold one another in Prayer especially the team and caterpillars of Chrysalis Flights 73 & 74

1 Thessalonians 5:11

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."



Instead of our usual gathering in July you are invited to attend the Chrysalis Gathering on 22 July at 6.30pm at:

Brookfield QCCC (Queensland Conference and Camping Centre) at 179 Gold Creek Road, Brookfield Qld 4069.

Several of our Brisbane North Coast Emmaus members are on team for this walk so it would be great if you could come and support them at the Gathering.

CALENDAR EVENTS 2022-2023

Date	Time	Place	Comments	
Saturday 22 July 2023	6.30pm	QCCC Brookfield 179 Gold Creek Rd Brookfield Queensland 4500	Chrysalis Candle Lighting Service for Flights 73 & 74	

Let us know if you have any prayer requests and we will pray for you

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