

BRISBANE NORTH COAST EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Amended May 2024

We are the Body of Christ

Next Gathering

When: Saturday, 1st June @ 7:30pm

Men's Candle Lighting Service

Where: Tewantin Uniting Church

41 Poinciana Avenue

Tewantin.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



De Colores

from the Community Lay Director

Greetings Everyone,

The month of May is upon us, the month for our next Men's and Ladies walks at Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre. The teams have one more training day to complete on 11 May. The team members have been working hard preparing for the walks and I encourage you all to support them and the pilgrims in whatever way you can.

We still need pilgrim registrations for the Men's walks, and it would be nice to have more pilgrims on the women's walk. If you are thinking of sponsoring someone for the opportunity to participate in an Emmaus walk, now is the time to act as we need to finalise numbers by the last training days. We do a need minimum number on each walk for it to go ahead. It is an amazing privilege and responsibility to sponsor someone on an Emmaus walk. Please also continue to pray and act in faith.

Remember there are many ways to support the walks, sign up to the 72-hour prayer vigil, if you have done so yet, or even take a couple more spots. Also, if you are able to assist in the dining room the dining room coordinators will love to hear from you. If you can make, provide, agape please confirm to Jenny & Gary, Nicholls, the agape coordinators for the walk, what you are providing and arrange to get it to them.

As we have witnessed the teams forming and training for the walks, we see numerous examples of servant leadership in action. For a moment I would like to reflect upon and look at mutual servanthood. For many of us, we are much more comfortable serving than being served. However, to 'have the grace' to allow others serve us is critically important. We remember how Jesus knew the importance of this when he allowed Mary to anoint his feet with the expensive perfume. In all four gospels this event is recorded, therefore must be considered as import part of our journey. Being part of Emmaus involves us all in cultivating and exercising a servant heart, as Jesus showed us. But let us be ready both to serve and to 'have the grace' to be served. I encourage us all, but especially the team members, to remember this as we get caught up in the business of the next month.

Candle lighting will be at the Tewantin Uniting Church 25 May for Men's walk and 1 June for Women's walk, at 7:30pm. Closing for the walks with be at Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre on 26 May and 2 June, community members asked to be there for 3:45pm ready for the closing at 4pm.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Candle lighting at Tewantin Uniting Church.

De Colores

David Close



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from the Community Spiritual Director

Hello Everyone

As we move past Easter and head at lighting speed it seems towards Pentecost the birth of the church, I wonder if it could also be a time of renewal.

The Cambridge dictionary defines renewal as "a process in which something improves or is improved after being in a bad condition." When we look around the community the church in many areas is definitely in need of renewal.

When you look at our own community of Emmaus it too could do with some renewal. It's very easy for us to say God will do it when God is ready and that is certainly true, but God relies on us being his hands and feet.

So, as we prepare for the next set of walks, one of the greatest sources of renewal for any organisation to invite new people to be a part of it. I invite you to look around your community and ask yourself who needs to spend some dedicated time with God. When you discover who it is that God has put on your heart take the bold and scary step to invite them to go on the upcoming walks.

Think about volunteering to be part of the dining room or agape team. John 15:12 tell us "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." What greater act of love could you give to someone than an Emmaus experience.

De Colores Neil Storey Community Spiritual Director

Emmaus Walk 107

"Hello again to our wonderful Emmaus Community!

After a few training days now the team of Men's Walk #107 are really starting to bond and gel as one team in God's name which is brilliant to see.

We will continue to pray, prepare and practice over the coming weeks to ensure this is an amazing and transformative walk.

What we NEED MOST for a successful walk now are PILGRIMS! There is a risk if we do not have sufficient numbers of Pilgrims secured we may not be able to proceed.

So please look to the men around you NOW and get those invitations and sponsorships sortedby 10th of May at the latest.

Thanks and Blessings,

Chad

Men's Walk 107 Postponed

It is with regret that due to insufficient pilgrim registrations for the scheduled men's walk of 23 May the decision has been made to postpone this walk. The board will be looking at the opportunities to reschedule this walk. Please pray that the walk will go ahead in the future in God's time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chad and the team of 107 responding to the call to join the team and acknowledge the effort and sacrifice that not only the team members have made but also that of family, friends, the community members, and the wider church in supporting each team member serve. Thank you all. As a Community, please continue to uphold the team and their families and support networks in prayer.

The postponing of the Men's walk does not affect the running of Women's walk 108, which will be commencing at Gendalough Outdoor Education Centre on Thursday 30 May. The next gathering for the Community will now be at Tewantin Uniting Church, for the Candle Lighting service at 7:30pm on Saturday 1 June. Closing for the walk with be at Glendalough on 2 June, community members asked to be there for 3:45pm ready for the closing at 4pm.

Remember there are many ways to support the women's walk, sign up to the 72-hour prayer vigil. Also, if you can assist in the dining room the dining room coordinators will love to hear from you. If you can make, provide, agape please contact the agape coordinators for the walk. Please support the Women's walk in every way that you can. Hope to see you during the women's walk over the weekend of 30 May to 2 June.

De Colores

David

CLD

Emmaus Walk 108

Hello Emmaus Family

One more training day to go. What a wonderful time we had at the last training day and I am so excited to be part of this walk. God has provided us with a full team who are enthusiastic and keen and who have entered fully into our training days. We have heard some amazing talks and are looking forward to hearing the next talks on the 11 May.

The dining room and agape coordinators are eager to hear from people who wish to serve in the dining room or serve by making some agape. (See note in the newsletter for details.)

Please continue to pray for the teams and for pilgrims. I believe we have 6 pilgrims eager to join us but will never say no to some more.

Don't forget about the 72hr prayer vigils for both walks which are now available and we would love to see it filled prior to the walks. This can be accessed via the link on the website - https://vigil.emmaus.org.au/.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at Candle Lighting and closing services.

De Colores

Jill



If you are able to help in the Dining room or with Agape here are the people to contact. They are looking forward to hearing from you.

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Jenny and Gary would love to be able to have all the Agape before the walks so it can be all sorted and bagged ready to go. If it can be brought to the next training day that would be great but if not please contact them and let them know when you can deliver it.

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

Leanne Close Music Co-ordinator

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Email: music@brisbanenorthcoast.emmaus.org.au



Emmaus Ministries Australia and International Newsletters

The latest Emmaus Ministries Australia and international Newsletters are available using the following links.

National Website: Emmaus Ministries Australia (campaign-archive.com)

International Website: The Upper Room (campaign-archive.com)

72 Hour Prayer Vigils

Check out the Walks or Encounters being held by other communities. You could join in upholding them in prayer on https://vigil.emmaus.org.au/





Don't forget

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.

General Donations BSB: 334-040 <u>Walk Agape Donations</u> BSB: 334-040

A/c No: 553 890 883 A/c No: 554 465 053

For any prayer needs that you would like to share with the Emmaus Community,

Contact our Prayer Co-ordinator - Jenny Sims

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As we prepare for the next walks let us all remember that wherever you have been called to serve – conference room, dining room, agape, attending Candle Lighting, closing services, sponsoring or praying – take these words of the apostle Paul's to heart:

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you.

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that

your labour in the Lord is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV

CALENDAR EVENTS 2024

Date	Time	Place	Comments

23-26 May 2024		Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre Peregian	Men's Walk
25 May 2024	7:30pm	Tewantin Uniting Church 41 Poinciana Avenue Tewantin	Candle Lighting
26 May 2024	3:45pm	Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre Peregian	Closing Service
30 May-2 June 2024		Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre Peregian	Ladies Walk
1 June 2024	7:30pm	Tewantin Uniting Church 41 Poinciana Avenue Tewantin	Candle Lighting
2 June 2024	3:45pm	Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre Peregian	Closing service
13 July 2024	5:30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd Morayfield	Gathering - Reunion for walks 107 & 108

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

prayer@brisbanenorthcoast.emmaus.org.au

Please send Newsletter Items to

newsletter@brisbanenorthcoast.emmaus.org.au

WEBSITE ISSUES

The newsletter is again able to be added and viewed to the BNC website.

A new website is being looked and I will advise when the change takes place

De Colores

Paul Fletcher

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