



# ***A Women's Opportunity***

**to experience the Cursillo Three Day Weekend**

To be held at the beautiful

**Carmel House,**

**345 St Andrews Road, Varroville 2566**

**(Just 15 minutes' drive north of Campbelltown or near Minto Station)**

**Thursday evening 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 to**

**Sunday afternoon 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Please keep reading to discover more about  
the Cursillo Movement, Cursillo in  
Wollongong Diocese, and this particular  
opportunity to experience a  
Cursillo Three-Day Weekend, and how to  
contact us.**

**(Our contact details are below)**

**About this next Cursillo 3-Day Weekend,  
at Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Road, Varroville 2566**

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**Commitment** - It is essential that you attend the whole 3 Days because of the structure of a Cursillo.

**Accommodation** at Carmel House consists of warm and comfortable individual bedrooms, fitted sheet, pillow, pillow slip and blankets are supplied. You only need to pack your top sheet and/or doona, towel, comfortable clothes plus a jacket, toiletries, and all your medications etc. You may like to bring a dressing gown as the bathroom will be along the corridor. We will be following current Pandemic safety guidelines as stipulated by the Government Health Department, the Catholic Wollongong Diocese and the venue. Note, the venue, including the grounds is Non-Smoking.

**Total Cost:** \$320.00 (flexible payments willingly discussed to suit you)

The cost for this Cursillo covers all meals, accommodation, and activities. You only need to bring yourself, some bedding, towel, comfortable clothes, and any self-care requirements as above.

Your payment may be made by:

**Direct EFT** Bank transfers are welcomed to our bank account

**A/c name Diocese of Wollongong Cursillo Movement**

**BSB 641 800 Account No 200459499**

(giving your name as reference and ring or email Margaret before sending)

**Cheques or Money Orders** must be made payable to Diocese of Wollongong Cursillo Movement and mailed to Margaret, as below

**But First - Please return our Application either by scan/photo or mail,  
and send it to Margaret**

**Mail: Margaret French, 5 Donalbain Circuit, Rosemeadow. NSW 2560**

**Or scan and Email: [cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com](mailto:cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com)**

**or photo and SMS: 0417 041 721**

We will contact you when we have received your application to join in our Weekend, and, of course, you are welcome to contact us through the above mobile or email too.

## What is Cursillo ?

**Cursillo** is a movement from the Church that focuses on helping each person to discover themselves, their relationship with Christ and with others.

**Cursillo** has a method that shows how the Gospel can be lived in everyday life.

**Cursillo** provides a means of support to enable Christianity to be lived.

**Cursillo** has proved to be a fantastic opportunity for people of all ages to get to know self, God and others.

Many millions of people around the world have experienced Cursillo.

(Extract from the Cursillo Web site – [www.cursillo.asn.au](http://www.cursillo.asn.au) )

## Cursillo in our Wollongong Diocese

Wollongong Diocese is blessed to be led by Bishop Brian who has himself, made his Cursillo journey at a Three-Day Cursillo Weekend, very similar to the one we are planning here, and he is keen to encourage our movement as we grow. Fr Chris Roberts from Kiama is our spiritual director and will be with us for the whole weekend.

We have well over a hundred people throughout the Diocese who have joined in a Cursillo Weekend, and thus are Cursillistas, though some of them do not join with us on a regular basis, when we meet them, they all have very fond memories of their 'Weekend' and have continued their own journeys in many different ways.

If you join with us on the weekend, you will learn a bit more about Cursillo, but you can rest assured that there will be a group of people who are a bit like you and ready to continue this journey with you.

## Frequently asked Questions:

### What is Cursillo?

Cursillo is a life changing experience meant to be lived, a method of supporting and encouraging our lives as Christians through friendship and a way of living life to the full.

### What is the goal of the Cursillo Movement?

The goal of the Cursillo Movement is that there will be more Christians who will live the Good News by becoming the Good News.

### What does Cursillo offer?

Cursillo offers an opportunity to grow, a chance to experience the love and Grace of God and a way of continuing our life's journey together as Christians.

### Who is it for?

Catholics who are curious, searching, discovering, growing and/or open. Attendance at church is not a pre-requisite.

### What is expected of me?

There is no specific response expected of you. Just be open to what happens. Simply take a fresh look at what the Church has always taught – the Good News that God loves you.

### Is that really all?

Yes! There are no tricks, no gimmicks, no hidden mysteries only revealed to the initiated. If there are any surprises it is only because the Christian life is full of surprises. You aren't expected to know more or do more, just reflect on "being" more!

### And then?

The 3 Day weekend is not an end unto itself. It is only the beginning, and leads us into The Fourth Day! The Fourth Day is where we continue our journey together, back in the real world and this is the most important part of Cursillo. We experience the support and encouragement of a group of friends as we find a way to live the Gospel in our lives.

### Sounds too good to be true?

Come and see for yourself.

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## APPLICATION TO JOIN OUR CURSILLO WEEKEND 6–9 March 2025

**Dear Margaret,**

After reading your leaflet, I am interested in finding out more about Cursillo, and the possibility of attending your **Three-Day weekend at Carmel House, Varroville from Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025** and I would like to be contacted to talk more about this.

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| My name   |  |
| Postal Address  |  |
| Telephone number  |  |
| Email address   |  |
| Emergency contact during weekend<br>Name, Phone and Relationship  |  |
| I am over 18 years of age<br>And/or Date of Birth   |  |
| My Parish (if you have one)   |  |
| Do you have any special dietary requirements? If so, could you kindly let us know what you are able to eat. |  |
| How mobile are you? Can you manage stairs etc?  |  |
| Do you have any serious allergies or disabilities that we would need to know about to keep you safe?        |  |
| Do you need help with transport to Varroville?  |  |
| How did you hear about Cursillo?  |  |

- I understand that my personal information will be kept confidential.
- I also understand that if I join you on this weekend, every effort will be taken by the Cursillo Team and the professional venue to keep me safe, and any prevailing epidemic control requirements will be met, but that I also have to take responsibility to follow the advice to keep myself and others safe too.
- If I attend this Cursillo, I consent to my contact information being shared with others on this Cursillo. Yes/No
- I consent to being included in a group photograph on the weekend that may be circulated. Yes/No

Signed..... Date .....

**Mail –Margaret French, C/- 3 Lawson Avenue, Camden 2570**

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