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EMMANUEL NEWS JULY/AUGUST 2012

COMING EVENTS AS WE GO TO PRESS (Check before coming could be changed. Look inside for more info.)

Monday July 23rd “Challenges” 9.45-10.45am Emmanuel Centre; “Learning activities” Sr Corona & Christine 11-12.30

Wii Games with Michele 1-2pm

Tuesday July 24th “Painting with Geoff” 9.30-10.30am Emmanuel Centre; “Scrapbooking with Edith, Sharon and Tracey” 11-12

“Volunteer Drumbeat with Christine and Su” 1-2pm

Wednesday July 25th “Conversational Sign Language” with Geoff 1-2.30pm Emmanuel Centre

Thursday July 26th AUSLAN CAFÉ 10.30 – 12 noon Emmanuel Centre

Saturday July 28th RELIGIOUS SIGNS WORKSHOP 9am – 12noon

Monday July 30th “Challenges” 9.45-10.45am Emmanuel Centre; “Learning activities” Sr Corona & Christine 11-12.30

Wii Games with Michele 1-2pm

Tuesday July 31st “Painting with Geoff” 9.30-10.30am Emmanuel Centre; “Scrapbooking with Edith, Sharon and Tracey” 11-12

“Volunteer Drumbeat with Christine and Su” 1-2pm

Wednesday 1st “Conversational Sign Language” with Geoff 1-2.30pm Emmanuel Centre

Monday August 6th “Challenges” 9.45-10.45am Emmanuel Centre; “Learning activities” Sr Corona & Christine 11-12.30

Tuesday August 7th “Painting with Geoff” 9.30-10.30am Emmanuel Centre; “Craft with Shirley” 11-12 noon

“Volunteer Drumbeat with Christine and Su” 1-2pm

Wednesday August 8th “Conversational Sign Language” with Geoff 1-2.30pm Emmanuel Centre

Monday August 13th “Challenges” 9.45-10.45am Emmanuel Centre; “Learning activities” Sr Corona & Christine 11-12.30

Tuesday August 14th Painting with Geoff 9.30-10.30am Emmanuel Centre; “Activities with Sr Corona and Christine” 11-12

“Volunteer Drumbeat with Christine and Su” 1-2pm

Wednesday August 15th “Conversational Sign Language” with Geoff 1-2.30pm Emmanuel Centre

Thursday August 16th AUSLAN CAFÉ 10.30 – 12 noon Emmanuel Centre

Monday August 20th “Challenges” 9.45-10.45am Emmanuel Centre; “Learning activities” Sr Corona & Christine 11-12.30

Tuesday August 21st “Scrapbooking with Sharon and Tracey” 11-12 noon “Volunteer Drumbeat with Christine and Su” 1-2pm

TUESDAY 21 – SUNDAY 26 AUGUST

FR CYRIL AXELROD CSr See SPECIAL TIMETABLE inside

Wednesday August 22nd “Conversational Sign Language” with Geoff 1-2.30pm Emmanuel Centre

Sunday August 26th MASS AND DAY OF REFLECTION WITH FR CYRIL AXELROD ST FRANCIS XAVIER

EAST PERTH, 25 Windsor St 9.30 -3pm

Monday August 27th “Challenges” 9.45-10.45am Emmanuel Centre; “Learning activities” Sr Corona & Christine 11-12.30

Tuesday August 28th “Painting with Geoff” 9.30-10.30am Emmanuel Centre; “Learning activities Sr Corona & Christine 11-12.30

“Volunteer Drumbeat with Christine and Su” 1-2pm

Wednesday August 29th “Conversational Sign Language” with Geoff 1-2.30pm Emmanuel Centre

Monday September 3rd “Challenges” 9.45-10.45am Emmanuel Centre; “Learning activities” Sr Corona & Christine 11-12

Tuesday September 4th “Painting with Geoff” 9.30-10.30am Emmanuel Centre; Craft with Shirley 11-12 noon

“Volunteer Drumbeat with Christine and Su” 1-2pm

Wednesday September 5th “Conversational Sign Language” with Geoff 1-2.30pm Emmanuel Centre

Monday September 10th “Challenges” 9.45-10.45am Emmanuel Centre; “Learning activities” Sr Corona & Christine 11-12.30

Tuesday September 11th “Painting with Geoff” 9.30-10.30am Emmanuel Centre; “Activities with Sr Corona and Christine” 11-12

“Volunteer Drumbeat with Christine and Su” 1-2pm

Wednesday September 12th “Conversational Sign Language” with Geoff 1-2.30pm Emmanuel Centre

Monday September 17th “Challenges” 9.45-10.45am Emmanuel Centre; “Learning activities” Sr Corona & Christine 11-12.30

Tuesday September 18th “Scrapbooking with Sharon and Tracey 11-12 noon; Learning activities” Sr Corona & Christine 11-12.30

“Volunteer Drumbeat with Christine and Su” 1-2pm

Wednesday September 19th “Conversational Sign Language” with Geoff 1-2.30pm Emmanuel Centre

Thursday September 20th AUSLAN CAFÉ 10.30 – 12 noon Emmanuel Centre

Monday September 24th “Challenges” 9.45-10.45am Emmanuel Centre; “Learning activities” Sr Corona & Christine 11-12.30

Tuesday September 25th “Painting with Geoff” 9.30-10.30am Emmanuel Centre; Activities with Sr Corona and Christine” 11-12

“Volunteer Drumbeat with Christine and Su” 1-2pm

Wednesday September 26th “Conversational Sign Language” with Geoff 1-2.30pm Emmanuel Centre

NO PROGRAMMES 1st October to 14th October 2012



Many years ago a group of us including my younger daughter and her two month old son would travel down to the Mosman Park School for Deaf Children for “church”. That’s what the children called our religious instruction sessions and looking back it was rather like “church” in so far as it was a gathering of God’s people to worship, praise and be in God’s presence.

On the way down and back from the school in order to entertain my grandson we would play audio tapes and one such tape was from “play school” and there was a track on it where the girl would sing something like, “Everybody says, “sit down, sit down” and she would respond, “but I can’t sit down because my feet are all full of jump around”. I think it’s like that when I’m confronted with a situation over which I just have no control whatsoever. Everybody says, “Keep calm and wait.” “Wait for what?”

For most of us, waiting in line is pure agony. I arrive for a doctor’s appointment on time but I’m forced to sit in the waiting room. I go to the supermarket for just a few things and then have to wait in the checkout line. And what about all that waiting I do in traffic jams?

One of the toughest aspects of the Christian life is “Waiting for God”. If I am really honest with myself it’s not always easy to have the patience and trust to wait for God’s perfect timing. It took Noah decades to build the ark but God showed up when the time was right. The Israelites roamed the desert for 40 years, but God brought them to Canaan in his timing. Jesus lay dead in the grave for three days before God raised him!

My vision of what the Church could be is often confronted with a reality which is quite different. My yearning for a Church is one that really cares for one another. My vision of church has no room for people whose inflated egos get in the way of God’s call for us to love one another. My vision of Church is that we work together, use the gifts of each other and that our own inadequacies need not be a source of shame so much as a call to a humility which would welcome assistance from others.

Reflecting on King David’s life can encourage me (1 Samuel 16). David was only 16 years old when God sent the prophet Samuel to anoint him as king. Yet, 16 more years would pass before that promise was fulfilled. What did David do during that time? Did he moan and groan, shake his finger at the Lord and demand his throne now? Not at all, David waited.

I recently met a refugee from Uganda. She shared her experiences of waiting. Having fled from the war she waited in the camp, waited for food, waited to hear if any of her family had escaped death, waited, waited waited to find a safe country for herself and what remained of her family.

I need to reflect on God not only as the God of “who” and “what”, but also of “when” and “how”.

Waiting is a habit I may never fully embrace nor understand but I still have to accept it. It’s a way of life.

God’s grace is often best experienced when you have to wait on Him. And that’s because when I wait on Him I have nothing but God in which to hope. It’s when I think I have my life all together and I don’t feel I need God that things begin to really fall apart, because God is the only foundation that will never crumble. In this year of Grace in spite of all of my jump around within, I will stop to ask myself, “What would Jesus do?” With Jesus in us we can really be filled with “jump around”.

What did Jesus do when confronted with opposition and hardness of heart? What did Jesus do in the face of betrayal by his closest friends? What did Jesus do in the face of genuine remorse? Jesus’ questions to Peter, “Do you love me?” carries nothing about teaching Peter a lesson for his disloyalty. It does not exact punishment on wrong doing. It does not make Peter grovel for forgiveness. What it does do, though, is to invite Peter to reassess his position and to know that he is welcomed into the circle of Jesus’ love. So are you. Enjoy.

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Barbara

Religion Sign Language Workshop

Description:

Share & create signs for different religions, theological, terminology and glossary of religious words.

Invite:

Auslan teachers, Sign Interpreters, Teachers of the Deaf, Signing priests, parish priests, members of congregations, CODAS, Deaf, Hard of Hearing and hearing interested are welcome.

Date: Saturday 28th July 2012

Time: 9am – 12pm

Venue: 25 Windsor Street, PERTH WA

Cost: No Fees for this workshop

Morning tea & lunch provided

RSVP: Please let us know by 25th July.

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Please pass on to those interested to come and share

Friends of L'Arche, Perth

Retreat Day with

Archbishop Roger Herft

Living the Story ~ ~ ~

Making Connections ~ ~ ~

Sharing the Journey ~ ~ ~

learn more about the world wide family of L'Arche and explore how we can live the essence of L'Arche locally

WHEN : 10am — 3.30pm

Saturday 11 August 2012

WHERE : Infant Jesus Parish Hall

Wellington Street, Morley

RSVP : Nora 9440 1046 or 0408 865 899

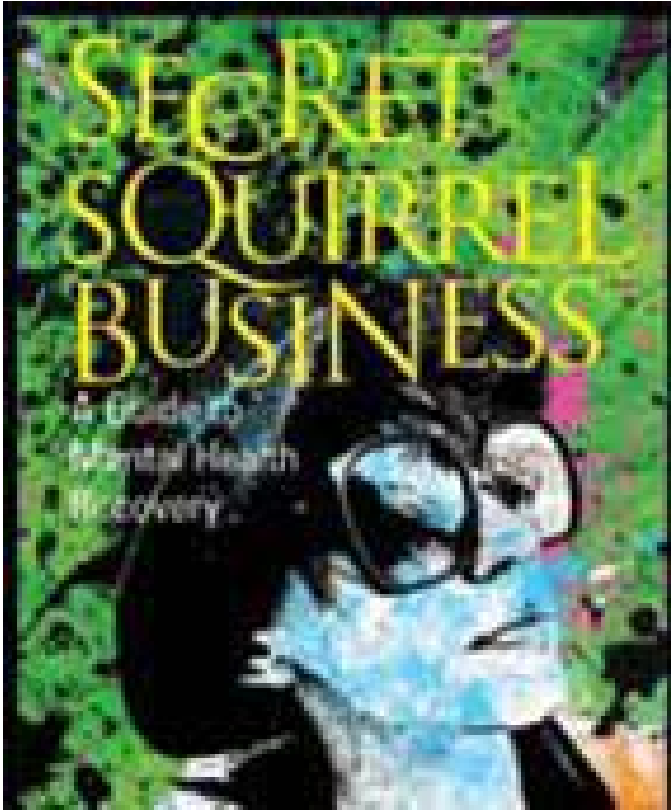
(by 4 Aug) Evelyn 9370 2541 or 0432 451 171

or tierneyfamily@gotalk.net.au

There is no charge for this event

Please bring a plate to share for lunch

L'Arche is an international federation of Communities founded by Jean Vanier that welcome people with intellectual disability. Website: www.larche.org.au



SECRET SQUIRREL BUSINESS
A Guide to Mental Health Recovery
Jenny Middlemiss

If you have a mental illness and the experience of living with a diagnosis is greatly impacting on your life, this book is for you.

A mental disorder can affect nearly every aspect of life-not just psychological and physical wellbeing, but relationships, finances, education, work, living arrangements, recreational opportunities and spiritual life. Living with mental distress also has lasting effects on the way we view ourselves and the world around us, and the way in which others deal with us.

We are often unaware of the new problems we are likely to face as a consequence of our diagnosis, and many of us are so overwhelmed with the multitude of challenges confronting us that we don't even know how to ask for assistance in dealing with them. When these problems or barriers are not acknowledged, we can be left feeling as if the quagmire we find ourselves in is our own personal problem, rather than part of the

general experience of what it is to live with an enduring mental illness.

The intention of this book is to give you information about the experiences you are likely to encounter in your various areas of life, as well as tools to help you deal with them in a positive way, whether on your own or with the assistance of a mental health professional or significant other.

Finding the road to a renewed sense of your unique mental wellbeing is never easy, but most of us find our way by making choices according to our own desires and instincts and by holding on to the hope that we can recover from the more negative experiences of life. When we change those negative experiences into positive ones, our sense of mental health and wellbeing is enhanced and may even exceed the level we experienced before we became unwell.

Taken from Jenny Middlemiss, January 2012

**MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK
DESIGN A POSTER**

This year Mental Health Week is in October. We are looking for people to send in a design (either digital or hard copy) that can be used on our material that is going out to schools, parishes and organisations.

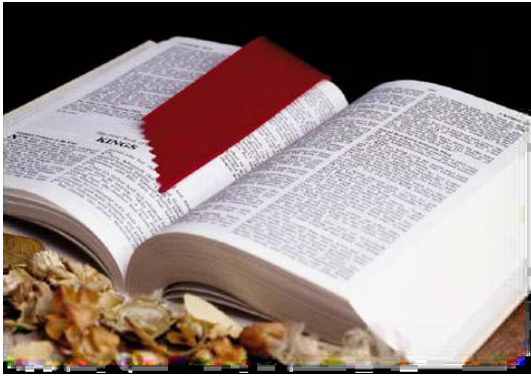
**DON'T BE SHY TO SHOW YOUR
ARTISTIC EXPRESSION**

**We must receive your contribution by
31st of August**

**Further information contact
Barbara on 9328 8113 or
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If you would like a free copy of Secret Squirrel Business please
contact

Emmanuel Centre 25 Windsor St, Perth 6000 on 9328 8113



Higher Certificate in Biblical Studies

In order that the Word of God may be known, loved and preserved in the hearts of the faithful, greater effort must be made to provide access to the Sacred Scriptures.

*John Paul II Post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation
1994*

Emmanuel Centre will sponsor you and take you on a new adventure.

Here is a do-at-home course.

Do you or your children have questions you cannot answer? This course will help you brush up on your biblical understanding.

Emmanuel Centre and its volunteers will support you.

The Faith Centre in Perth will support you.

In particular we would like to help people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Contact Barbara or Fr Paul at Emmanuel Centre 9328 8113

Emmanuel Centre will pay for any cost.

Special invitation to people who are House bound or in rural areas



This month will see the most important meeting between our leaders yet.

On July 25, the Prime Minister as well as Premiers and Chief Ministers will meet in Canberra for the next COAG meeting.

This is where funding for the NDIS, and possible launch sites due to kick off in July next year, will be discussed. **This meeting is critical in securing the future of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.**

Help keep the pressure on our political leaders to lock in the NDIS by [writing in our message book](#). Your message can be as simple as a couple of sentences telling our political leaders why the NDIS is important to you.

We will pull together all the messages and present them to the Prime Minister and every Premier and Chief Minister ahead of the meeting on behalf of 120,000 people who support the campaign to revolutionise disability services.

[Your personal message](#) will be fresh in the minds of our leaders when they sit down to discuss the funding arrangements for the NDIS.

Hearing from everyday Australians will make all the difference in securing the best deal for the NDIS from our political leaders, so take a moment and [sign the message book today](#).

Thank you for your support.

The Every Australian Counts Team
www.everyaustraliancounts.com.au

P.S. We want to see as many messages as possible land in the book - [ask a friend to sign the book](#) and help show our leaders support for the NDIS is growing, every day.



Ordination of Bishop Harry June 17th 2012

Members of the Catholic Ministry for Deaf and Hard of Hearing were invited to attend St Mary's Cathedral, Perth for this historical ceremony. A group of Anglicans who had been petitioning the Pope to enter into full corporate unity with the Catholic Church while retaining essential elements of their heritage were accepted into the Church. Fr Harry Entwhistle was ordained to serve as the leader of the Personal Ordinariate in Australia..

His jurisdiction as the Ordinary is equivalent in law to a Diocesan Bishop. Fr Entwhistle has been serving as a Bishop in Western Australia in the Anglican tradition since 2006, and is married to Jean. They have two adult children. Fr Entwhistle is honoured to have been chosen to lead the Ordinariate and explained that it is a wonderful privilege and step towards unity between the Churches.

Father Paul Pitzen, chaplain with Deaf and Hard of Hearing People is pictured greeting Bishop Harry (left) and Bishop Harry receives his blessing



THOUGHTS TO PONDER

- People are like tea bags. You find out how strong they are when you put them in hot water.
- Tension is who you think you should be. Relaxation is who you are.
- Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.
 - I am not afraid of storm for I am learning how to sail my ship.
- There is no way around grief and loss: you can dodge all you want, but sooner or later you just have to go into it, through it and hopefully, come out the other side.
- Pain is inevitable, suffering is optional.
- It isn't always easy to make changes. But there's no better advice than this: just do your best. Make sure you stay strong enough to move ahead because there are some wonderful rewards waiting for you.

THIS IS THE YEAR OF GRACE
Have you checked out the Year of Grace website that is part of the Faith Centre's Webpage?

Here are some links that you can check out.

<http://thefaith.org.au/year-of-grace/year-of-grace/>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=E673KpErCsQ

www.youtube.com/watch?v=zaNRVVg3ZBQ

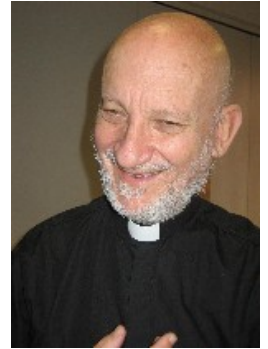
www.youtube.com/watch?v=typuCJ3oRws



Visit of Fr Cyril Axelrod, CSSR



Father Cyril Axelrod, CSSR is an inspiration to humanity. He is the first recorded Deafblind Priest in history. His life and faith in God is something that should be shared not only with the Deaf and Deafblind people around the world but with the hearing also. His story is a moving tribute to 'triumph over adversity'



On August 22nd, Father Cyril Axelrod, CSSR, after 28 years will make a return Journey of Faith to Perth. Fr Cyril's family were Jewish. His father, Abe, was a Polish Jew and his mother, Yetta, a Lithuanian Jew. Father Cyril's grandfather and father were both Rabbi. It was in South Africa that Father Cyril's parents met after they had both migrated to South Africa at the outbreak of World War I. Father Cyril's uncles were already in South Africa having joined the rush for gold. Times were tough. It was 5 years after the marriage before Father Cyril was born. The joy of a first-born son was short lived. Cyril was deaf. Abe and Yetta realised that their first born son would never carry on the Yiddish language of his parents who spoke little English. To make matters worse there were no schools for Deaf children except the Catholic school run by German Dominican Sisters. But for the sake of their son, Father Cyril's parents in spite of the risk of Father Cyril losing his Jewish heritage sent him to the Sisters. The chance finding of a Rosary in Father Cyril's jacket pocket by his father so upset the family that they negotiated with the Sisters that Father Cyril needed extra tuition in Jewish Studies. From this came a school for Jewish Deaf children where Father Cyril attended outside of classes at the Catholic School.

Father Cyril's journey is one of contradictions. Father Cyril could not speak until he was nine years old and yet has knowledge of fifteen languages. Deafness knows no colour barriers and Fr Cyril pioneered multiracial work in apartheid South Africa. In the early 1980's Father Cyril had problems with his sight and he was diagnosed with Usher's Syndrome. His sight has severely deteriorated and he now has less than 3%. This has not stopped Fr Cyril. He still travels the world spreading his message. He may be Blind, but Fr. Cyril has a vision he wishes to share with the world. He may be Deaf, but he has words that he desperately wishes to speak and for others to listen to and to work together with him to develop.

Father Cyril Axelrod has a vision of INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES, where able and people with disability work and learn from each other through a model of EDUCATIONAL EMPOWERMENT.

Fr. Cyril wishes to challenge the world to hear his call to EMPOWER and LEARN from people with disability. He truly believes people with disability 'sent from God' to help us all to learn valuable lessons of unconditional love, trust, hope, faith and inner peace. However, it is only through interacting and empowering people and children to 'shine their light on the world' that we are able to learn these valuable life lessons, which, sad to say, is happening rarely at this present time.

Fr. Cyril sees his Deafblindness as a blessing and a powerful teaching tool to help others.

A video to look at for background on Fr Cyril <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iX9CEu4AvR4>

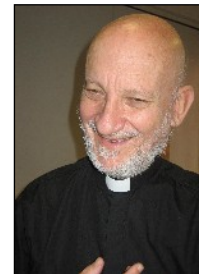
Fr Cyril will be in Perth from 22nd August to Monday 27th August. You may wish to meet with him.

If you would like to meet this remarkable man, please contact Barbara or Fr Paul at Emmanuel Centre on 9328 8113 or sms 0401 016 399 or email emmanuelcentre@westnet.com.au.

There will be a special event on Sunday 26th August at St Francis Xavier church, Windsor St, Perth. Father Cyril will celebrate Mass at 9.30 am followed by morning tea and informal sharing and then a sausage sizzle at 11.30 am with a more formal sharing presentation at 1 pm. Afternoon tea will follow at 2.30 pm and finish at 3 pm. This event is free.

Visit of Fr Cyril Axelrod, CSsR

22 -26 August 2012



Father Cyril, born deaf of a Jewish Family in South Africa later became completely blind and has travelled the world sharing his journey of life. Being deaf and blind has not stopped Father Cyril from delivering his message of hope and encouragement so that our world is a better place today because Father Cyril never gave up his dreams or visions.

There is no charge for these events. We ask you, though, to let the contact people know you are planning to attend so that enough chairs and refreshments can be provided. Interpreters and relay interpreters at all events.

DATE	EVENT	TIME	VENUE	CONTACT
Wednesday 22nd August	Deaf Seniors	Morning	WA Deaf Society 46/5 Aberdeen Street East Perth, WA 6004	Patricia –Levitzke Gray Fax: (08) 9441 2616 TTY: (08) 9441 2655 Email: waad6915@hotmail.com
Thursday 23rd August	Visit Catholic Primary School	Morning	St Kieran's Tuart Hill	Emmanuel Centre (V) 9328 8113 (TTY) 9328 9571 (FAX) 9227 9720 Email: emmanuelcentre@westnet.com.au
Thursday 23rd August	Visit Catholic Secondary School	Afternoon	Chisholm Catholic College Bedford	Emmanuel Centre (As above)
Thursday 23rd August	Meet Deaf Community	Evening	WA Deaf Society 46/5 Aberdeen Street East Perth, WA 6004	Patricia –Levitzke Gray Fax: (08) 9441 2616 TTY: (08) 9441 2655 Email: waad6915@hotmail.com
Friday 24th August	Morning Tea	Mid Morning	Venue to be advised	Emmanuel Centre (As above)
Friday 24th August	Meeting with Teachers of the Deaf and Educational Interpreters	3.30 – 5.30 pm	WA Institute of Deaf Education 53 Curtin Avenue Cottesloe	Leanne Potter 9286 7000
Saturday 25th August	Meet with SENSES Foundation and Ushers Group	10.30 AM – 12.30 PM Followed by lunch	SENSES Foundation 11 Kitchener Ave, Burswood	Karen Wickham 9473 5462 lsfs@senses.asn.au
Sunday 26th August OPEN INVITE RSVP by 24/8/2012, if you can, to Emmanuel Centre For Catering Purposes	Day with Fr Cyril	9.30 am –10.30 Mass 10.30 am Morning Tea 11.30 Sausage sizzle 1 pm Fr Cyril shares his journey 2,.30 pm Afternoon tea 3 pm Finish	St Francis Xavier Emmanuel Centre 25 Windsor St Perth	Emmanuel Centre (V) 9328 8113 (TTY) 9328 9571 (FAX) 9227 9720 Email: emmanuelcentre@westnet.com.au