

Happy 100th Birthday - Catholic Deaf Community NSW!



Bishop Peter Comensoli said a lovely Mass for Ephpheta Sunday.

We had a double Celebration for this year's Ephpheta Sunday, our annual day that is celebrated by all Deaf Catholics all over the world. Along with Ephpheta Sunday, we also celebrated 100 years of the Sydney Catholic Deaf Community! Catholic Deaf Community NSW (current name) organised an excellent event for this purpose.

Mass was packed to the rafters and was lovely, said by Bishop Comensoli at St Mary's Cathedral. We then walked over (or by other modes of transport) to the Castlereagh Club (formerly Catholic Club, used by the Catholic Deaf community in the olden and golden days!) for a fantastic Celebration Lunch.

It was heart warming to have all of the community together including the Ephpheta Centre regulars and a lot of older people who were very much involved in CDC NSW in the past, to celebrate and reflect on the work of the CDC NSW over the years.

Many achievements of CDC NSW including

the establishment of the Ephpheta Centre were highlighted in presentations by Robert Beath (current CDC NSW president) and Stephen Lawlor (Ephpheta Centre Director). The Ephpheta Centre would like to give a big warm "Thanks and Congratulations" to the CDC NSW 100 years Organising Committee for all their hard work to make the day an immense success.



The CDC NSW 100 years Organising Committee would like to thank our great team who supported us, including the Ephpheta Centre Staff, Nicole, Rosemary, Kathy and Chevoy, the Interpreters on the day, Kim, the Welcomer to the Country, Shirley, the photographer and Alex, our entertainer. Also the generous donators including Sue Jo Photography, for the prizes for the Raffle. Lastly but not least, to every and each person that attended both in person and in spirit. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. ☺



Left: The Raffle table with Dennis & Steven.

Above: Brian & Danni collect Lunch Tickets upon entry.

See more pictures on pages 8 & 9.



FROM THE KNIGHT'S DEN

Congratulations boys!

What a wonderful celebration we had for the CDC 100 years Celebration. There was a fantastic turnout to Mass said by Bishop Comensoli at St Mary's Cathedral and we followed with a lovely lunch and afternoon in the city. It was wonderful to have all of the community together to celebrate and reflect on the work of the CDC over the years. I was recently at a business lunch talking to some hearing ladies who were at the Mass at St Mary's on the day - they were amazed at the achievements of the CDC and also on the number of people from our community who were there on the day! Congratulations to the CDC committee for all their hard work and making the day such a success.

At this business lunch last Friday, there was a presentation made by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the Archbishop of New York. Cardinal Dolan spoke about leadership especially the recent leadership in the church. He said how every successful leader, whether you are the leader of a family, an organisation or a Church, needs 3 things - a soul, a mind and a heart. He looked in particular at the leadership of our last 3 popes and how each of their leaderships reflected a particular different quality. He spoke about how John Paul II was the Pope of the "soul", Pope Benedict the Pope of "wisdom and the mind" and Pope Francis the Pope of the heart.

As we all know, this year Br Reg Shepherd has celebrated his 70 years with the Christian Brothers, especially with the St Gabriel's boys and with the Deaf

Community after he retired from the school. For a time he worked at the Ephpheta Centre. I first met Reg in 1956 when I was a school boy. Reg was then one of my teachers up until 1965 and he has been a good friend all this time. I have always loved Reg's message "I did not teach you, the Deaf community taught me!" I invite you all to come and celebrate Reg's Jubilee "the Deaf way" at our Punchbowl Mass on 2nd November.

Looking forward, we hope that you will come and see us at our stall at the Deaf Festival at Parramatta during National Week of Deaf People in October. During NWDP we will also be hosting a Wine and Cheese night with Deaf Australia (NSW) at the Ephpheta Centre - I look forward to seeing you all there.

Until next time,

Ephpheta to you,

Big Steve KSS

My dear Friends,

Welcome to this edition of the Ephpheta newsletter.

Wow - already August, almost Christmas! Not long to go until Christmas. ☺

I am looking forward to going to Paris for my nephew's wedding in September - the wedding will take place in the Dordogne area, Nola and I are very excited about seeing this beautiful part of the world. We will have a 4 night stop-over in Singapore on the way home to celebrate our wedding anniversary.

We are all so sad about the loss of Fr Peter Woodward - I thank God for his service to the Catholic Deaf Community especially for the last few years when he was not well. (please see my separate article on page 3 about Fr Peter).

Congratulations to Donovan on receiving the Deaf Australia (NSW) Employee of the Year Award and to Anthony Hastings on receiving the Deaf Australia (NSW) Deaf Person of the Year Award. All at the Ephpheta Centre are very proud of them, they both do important work for us. As you know, Donovan is employed at the Centre as a pastoral worker and Anthony very generously gives up one day a week to volunteer for us which is a very generous contribution to our community.

Br Reg Shepherd's 70th Jubilee

This year is a very special year for our Br Reg Shepherd many of you know - this year Br Reg celebrates his 70th anniversary with the Christian brothers!

To celebrate and acknowledge Br Reg's years of service, especially to the Deaf community, we will be having a special celebration during our normal November Mass at Punchbowl. Please come along and join with us in congratulating Br Reg.

When: Sunday 2nd November, 10am (regular Punchbowl Mass)

Where: Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl



goodbye pete

by stephen lawlor



It is with great sadness that Fr Peter Woodward passed away on Friday 20th June. Pete, as I fondly call him has had a long struggle with health.

I have followed his path since he became a priest and attended his ordination on 18th April 1997 at Our Lady Queen of Peace

Parish, Greystanes. In hindsight I first met him at Riley's Gym at Seven Hills without even knowing he was a monk or seminarian and later was to become our chaplain. We didn't hit off as we continued going to the gym with just a nod to each other. I'm sure many of you know that Pete has always been on the skinny side and my first thoughts at the Gym were "Geez, this man needs to eat and build himself up". In later years we have joked about our weights, me being on the heavy side and how he reminded me to watch out my fondness for sweets and I also reminded him to be wary of my sneeze in case I blew him over.

When Pete first joined our Deaf Community, he was introduced by the previous chaplain again named Peter! I believe there are too many Peter priests around not to mention Fr Peter Confeggi (Pete's good friend) and Fr Peter Lamont (Parish Priest where Pete resided). This is then that we were officially introduced. Ah, the skinny man at the gym and that now our paths cross again. We later developed a special relationship. Pete then began his work and also became director of the Ephpheta Centre.

Looking back, he would have felt overwhelmed being introduced to the Deaf Community, our culture and its sign language. The community was so eager to support, teach and help him through. It took a long time before Peter became acclimatised with our community however he found it difficult to grasp our signs fluently. There are 2 completely separate groups; being culturally Deaf and the Hard of Hearing, of which Pete was.

Even allowing for Pete's lack of fluent sign language, Pete combined his knowledge of Deaf culture and the Gospel wherever we had interacted Mass in various parishes over time. He was able to explain that Auslan was our first language with English coming second which was a wonderful marketing tool.

Shortly after Pete began work at the Ephpheta Centre, he asked me if I would be interested in working as pastoral worker for them. I had left the printing trade after many years and doing odd jobs when the question came up of which I duly accepted. We've been working alongside each other ever since. Our community had learnt and enjoyed his homilies, his great wisdom and knowledge of the Gospel and the Sacraments. Pete would go to great depths to explain these things to our community. I have always valued his input on the Bible for which I am grateful.

About 9 years ago I was asked to replace Pete as Director of the Ephpheta Centre. I accepted but at the same time I felt uneasiness taking over Pete's role but he assured me that he was happy to relinquish the position and that he would continue to support me. During the changeover ceremony at Flemington I made a promise that I would work together with him for the benefit of our community and that I believe we did well together. I have to laugh because whenever I had to make a decision and look at him, he would sign "nothing to do with me"!



Pete was a good participant in reflective & pondering discussions at Retreats & Conferences.



Pete loved saying Mass and Special Mass for the Deaf Community.

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Pete was proud of his overseas travels.

A short time after I became Director, Pete went into St Vincent's Hospital to receive a new Cochlear Implant; he had a heart attack that rendered him in

hospital longer than 2 or 3 nights as expected. It was found that his heart was enlarged and that required many tests and treatment until his untimely death. Even though he was no longer the Director, Pete continued his close association with Ephpheta Centre and maintained his presence as a chaplain

where he conducted priestly duties among the community and in various parishes.

We developed a great relationship even though he could be stubborn at the best of times. I have observed Pete's interest, a full set of James Bond 007 DVDs and a passion for Bonsai plants. We have shared an interest in action movies. His favourite description of that type of movie

was a "stack the bodies" movie. We also shared our love of red wine which was almost always a must during our restaurant outings.

When he retired last December I continued to visit him and he was always happy to see me and asking how Ephpheta is. Despite Pete's illness he had great faith in God and was always at ease with himself.

I thank God for having known him, learnt from him and shared his journey in the deaf community since my quizzing look at him at the Gym. He turned out to be a man of great faith. May he rest in peace.



Pete always made time for people, especially Coda kids. (See Pete on the right.)



High Tea and Mini Craft Market

Everybody invited, women and men. No kids.

You're all welcome to join us and enjoy a High Tea. Catch up with old friends and make new friends, join us for a wonderful day to check out our wonderful mini craft market.

\$10 per person to attend, please pay to us before 3rd November.

This will cover the High Tea and entry, which would be greatly appreciated.

Raffle tickets will be available for sale, come see us if you're interested in purchasing some! **1 ticket for \$2.00 3 tickets for \$5.00**

Bring your cash if you're interested in purchasing raffle tickets or any items from our mini craft market.

Hope to see you all there!

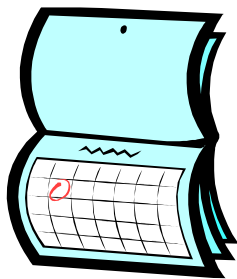


When: Wednesday, 12th of November **Time:** 10am
Where: Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner Street, Punchbowl
RSVP: 3rd November, please SMS Trudy 0412 582 209



Save the Dates

Some very important things to book in to your diary now so you don't miss out! See below for more information...



29th August - Women's Day Out

2nd & 3rd Sept - EC closed

21st September - Integrated Mass, Kingswood

28th September - Tulip Time (Flower) Festival

24th October - NWDP Wine & Cheese Evening

2nd November - Jubilee Mass for Br Reginald (See page 2 for more information.)

Women's Day Out - 29th August

Come & join the next Women's Day Out at a great location - the Art Gallery of NSW! We will see the Archibald Prize works on an Interpreted Tour. You are welcome to have lunch before the Tour or a cuppa at the Café, as always in lovely company!

When: Friday 29th August, Tour starts at 1.00pm till 2.30pm. You can have lunch before or cuppa after if you like.

Where: Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney.
(Danni will contact you with more information before the day.)

Cost: \$7 (discounted group price) for Tour plus lunch or cuppa at your own cost. (or BYO lunch)

RSVP: Danni 0410 567 621 (sms only) or email danni@ephpheta.org.au



TULIP TIME FESTIVAL - 28TH SEPTEMBER

We thought it'd be nice to have a Flower Festival trip, travelling close by so we found one in Bowral - those who would prefer go to the Bradman Museum are welcome too! We need to know how many want to come, so we can work out the costs & details for travel etc. We may hire a bus. If you want to come on this trip, please contact Danni for more information.

When: Sunday 28th September, Time TBC.

Where: Bowral! **Cost:** TBC approx \$20 including bus & entry plus lunch or cheaper if you drive yourself.

RSVP: to Danni 0410 567 621 (sms) or email danni@ephpheta.org.au or fax 9709 5638



Ephpheta CLOSED 2nd & 3rd Sept

Due to Staff attending Professional Development, the Ephpheta Centre will be closed for 2 days, from **Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd September.**

INTEGRATED MASS - 21ST SEPTEMBER

We will have Integrated Mass at Kingswood on 21st September. This will be good to increase awareness of the Deaf Community in the parishes.

When: Sunday 21st September, 10am

Where: St Joseph's Church, 12-22 Richmond Rd, Kingswood.

After Mass: Join us for lunch (at your own cost) at Penrith Irish Gaels Club, corner of Glebe place & Richmond Rd, Kingswood.

Because of this Integrated Mass, **SEVEN HILLS Mass is CANCELLED** on 21st September.



Wine & Cheese Evening - 24th October

This year for National Week of Deaf People, there will be many events happening all over Sydney. The Ephpheta Centre and Deaf Australia (NSW) are working together on this year's Wine & Cheese Evening. This will be a great event with great food and wine, beer and other drinks and some interesting presentations. As always this will be a free event but people will be invited to make a small donation to help us with the costs. Just so we can be sure we have enough food and drinks for everyone please let us know if you are planning to come.

When: Friday 24th October at 4pm to 8pm

Where: The Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl

RSVP: to Danni 0410 567 621 (sms) or email danni@ephpheta.org.au or fax 9709 5638



Out and About in the Deaf Community

Grant Kent & Allan Stanton Darts Memorial 2014



A fundraiser was organised by NSW Deaf Darts at Merrylands RSL on Saturday 17th May, in memory of both Grant Kent (cancer) and Allan Stanton (heart), who passed away last year. Grant and Allan were members of the NSW Deaf Darts club of which I was also a member. All funds raised were to support the Cancer and Heart Foundations.



A “dramatic” revised ☺ round robin darts tournament was organised and many people turned up to try their hand at darts and some for the first time. I only say “revised” because I was the most senior dart player and yet I came third.

Damn! I had to duck and weave those flying darts from the first timers and thankfully I didn't need First Aid attention. Whew! Only joking, however we all had a great time. Wow, there were many prizes donated for the raffle and it seemed that almost everyone got a prize. The NSW Deaf Darts is to be commended for raising about \$870.00 of which the Heart and Cancer Foundations will receive a 50/50 share. Eva Kent and Robyn Stanton thanked everyone for their support at the end of the day.

On behalf NSW Deaf Darts I would like to say many thanks to those who attended in support of a worthy cause.

By Stephen Lawlor

Siobhan's latest Pilgrimage

My parents and I joined a group of 25 Australian Harvest Pilgrims going to the Holy Land for 10 days, visiting lots of places like Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem. My favourite part was the Sea of Galilee when we had Mass on the boat. We also went to France - Aix-en-Provence and Lourdes for 5 nights then Italy - Assisi and Rome for 5 nights. At Rome we had a General Papal Audience and we could see Pope Francis. When the tour finished, my parents and I went to Ireland for 3 weeks to visit my father's family and travel around Ireland.



By Siobhan Kelly

The Irish Roots of St Gabriels by Sean Sweeney

The Irish Roots of St Gabriel's was presented by Sean Sweeney on Sunday May 18th. Sean took a video when he went to the new Deaf Village in Dublin last year. Sean provided many interesting points of the presentation. Parts of the video showed the partly new/old parts of the building of St Joseph's School for Deaf Boys within the Deaf Village. In the early years the Christian Brothers came from that school to set up St Gabriel's in 1922.

I marvelled at the beautiful Irish finger spelling & sign language of the person in the video. It brought back memories meeting and mixing with St Gabriel's old boys after I left school. They used to sign exactly the same. To my surprise Sean asked for hands up if anyone didn't understand what the person in the video was talking about and almost all had hands up especially some of the later St Gabriel's old boys! How times have changed.



The only person who fully understood was no other than Peter Hannan! At the end of the presentation many of us fed on each other the signs that we used to have and it was fun.

By Stephen Lawlor

Heartfelt thanks from Grant Kent's family

My family and I want to express our heartfelt thanks for your kindness, thoughts and prayers since our dearest Grant passed away.

It has been a painful time for us, but the support of our friends and family has given us comfort.

And we thank you for helping us give Grant the most beautiful send off at his funeral.

I hope you can wake up every day and find a reason to smile, just like he did.

All our love,
Eva, Rebecca, Tara and Tina Kent.



At the MMK Retreat:

We really enjoyed attending the MMK Retreat with other community members and the warm hearing people who were there with us. It was fun teaching them sign language.

I wish my dear Grant could have been with us, but I know he was there somewhere. I was emotional because of losing my dear husband, but felt very supported there.

A big thank you to the Ephpheta Centre for arranging for us to attend the retreat.

By Eva Kent

Proud of our Winners at the Awards Night!



Recently Deaf Australia (NSW) and ASLIA NSW held their Awards night, Deaf people and Interpreters from all over NSW were nominated for different awards because of their work and support in the community.

We are very proud to be able to congratulate all the winners but in particular we want to say a big congratulations to Donovan Mulligan who won Deaf Employee of the year and Anthony Hastings who won Deaf Person of the Year.



We all know they both give their time, support and their heart to the community but we are very happy that they have been acknowledged by the whole community for their great work.



We also want to say a special congratulations to Sean Sweeney who won NSW Para Professional Interpreter of the year. Sean regularly interprets for the Ephpheta Staff and the Men's day Out. We also especially congratulate Kathy Wright for her ASLIA NSW Life Time Achievement award, Kathy has also interpreted for us many times and is Danni's mother.

Congratulations everyone, we are very proud!

Deaf connections at Commonwealth Games!

Did you see an Australian win gold for swimming in the Commonwealth Games? You might have seen a relative of a Deaf person!



Joyce says: My cousin Peter Tranter, was our page boy at our wedding and his son, Daniel Tranter won gold for the 200 metres individual medley (swimming).

I hope my old friends remember that my maiden name is Tranter. How exciting!

Grandchild #8 for Stephen & Nola!!

Jade & Robbie (Stephen & Nola's 4th child) are proud to announce their 1st child, a boy, Logan Lawlor born on Wednesday 2nd July at 6.11pm. Weighing at 4.226kg and 53cm long, Logan's another good candidate for the Lawlor Footy Team!



CDC NSW 100 years Celebrations



Robert & Stephen,
giving their
presentations.



David Parker, our enthusiastic MC, Fr Michael saying
Grace & Kim, Welcoming us to the
Country.
Left: Our fantastic entertainer, Alex Jones.



The St Gabriel's boys & their wives.



Above: Discussing the historical displays.



The Waratah girls.

Some of the guests watching the presentations.



Some of the more involved "elders" of the CDC NSW.- above: Sr Mary Silk and left: Tess Page & Alice Hastings.

Right: David's wife Jitka, once worked in the Catholic Deaf Community!

And more of the long-time members of the CDC NSW.



Fr Michael spelling out the Lucky Door's winner & Jordanna wins 1st Raffle prize, donated by Sue Jo Photography!



Robert says the thank you's & the CDC NSW 100 years committee cut the beautiful cake made by the talented Mary Profilio!





Noticeboard



Deaf Cafe

for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people!

Deaf Café is for anybody, no need to book just turn up, we will have the coffee hot and the cake and biscuits waiting!

You can meet & chat with new people or catch up with old friends over a cuppa.

Tea & coffee available all day! Gold coin donation. Bring your own lunch or you can buy your lunch for \$3.

The next dates are:

12th September, 10th October & 14th November

(always on the 2nd Friday of the month)

Time: **10am to 2pm**

At: the Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl. See you there! ☺



500 Club

Due to a shortage of interested people, we have had to close this club.



CANCELLED & CLOSED

Have you considered leaving a gift to the Ephpheta Centre in your will?

By leaving us a gift in your will, you can continue to support the deaf and hard of hearing community that you supported through your life. It is your ultimate act of charity.

Please contact Stephen or Nicole if you would like to talk more about this

Central Coast Deaf Cuppa

for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people! For everybody, just turn up! There are a few coffee shops around the food court at Erina Fair shopping mall. Bring your money if you want to buy a drink or morning tea.

CC Deaf Cuppa is a great place to meet & chat with new people or catch up with old friends over a cuppa. Meet at middle of food court.

Always on the LAST Friday of every SECOND month. The next date is:

29th August & 31st October

Where: ERINA FAIR, 620-658 Terrigal Drive

Time: starts 10.30am til 2.00pm

Contact: Donovan SMS: 0408 697 773

Email: donovan@ephpheta.org.au

See you there! ☺



Skype Access at Ephpheta Centre

Do you like to use Skype but don't have it at home? Or maybe you would like a "Pastoral Visit" at home on the computer?



You're welcome to Skype any of the staff at the Ephpheta or you can come to the Ephpheta Centre and use our big TV to Skype your friends, maybe they live far away in the country - you can chat with them and it will feel like they're in the same room!



Contact Donovan on donovan@ephpheta.org.au if you would like to Skype us or make an appointment to use our Skype.



Do you want an Auslan Grief Support Group?

Rosemary would like to set up a Auslan Grief support group - if you are interested in joining an Auslan Grief support group, please contact her on sms: 0417276577 or email rlipman2873@gmail.com



Program for 2014

19th September Friday Night – External activity to be organised

17th October Friday Night – Ephpheta Centre, Punchbowl

21st November Friday Night – External activity to be organised

More information can be found at the Deaf Youth Sydney website

<http://www.deafyouthsydney.org.au/>

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NRS presentation at Deaf Café

If you can't hear people on the phone, or never make calls sometimes it can be hard to contact a friend, make a doctor's appointment or book a taxi. Come to a workshop on the National Relay Service (NRS). Learn how the NRS can help you stay in touch with friends, family and businesses.

When: Friday 12th September (at Deaf Café) **Time:** 1pm - 2pm

The session will include:

How the NRS works, Equipment you need, How to use your internet/ phone/iPad to make a call, Video Relay/SMS Relay, Using the NRS in an emergency.



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For more information,
email: deaffestival@deafsociety.com



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Punchbowl, NSW 2196

Don't miss out on the opportunity for some great products!

More will be revealed at the party!!!!!!

RSVP: Text Antoinette on: 0433374666

P.S: Kindly bring a friend along and some food to share!



Bible Trivia



How well do you know or remember the Bible stories? Try this Trivia Quiz & see how much you know or remember! (This is not a test *wink*)

1. How many plagues did God make Egypt suffer before Pharaoh agreed to let the slaves go?
 - a) Ten
 - b) Thirty-three
 - c) Twelve
 - d) Seven
 2. Who discovered baby Moses floating in a basket on the water?
 - a) A Midian Priest
 - b) His sister Miriam
 - c) Pharaoh's daughter
 - d) Esther
 3. Joseph was imprisoned after being falsely accused of what crime?
 - a) Treason
 - b) Theft
 - c) Attempted rape
 - d) Murder
 4. What was Bathsheba doing when King David spotted her from his rooftop?
 - a) Swimming
 - b) Drawing water from the well
 - c) Sleeping
 - d) Bathing
 5. Jacob emerged with what injury after his all night struggle with God?
 - a) Broken thumb
 - b) Twisted ankle
 - c) Disjointed hip
 - d) He lost an eye
 6. What did Esau do to his deceitful brother, Jacob, when he finally returned home?
 - a) Punched him
 - b) Embraced him
 - c) Had him arrested
 - d) Murdered him
 7. What did Esau sell to his brother, Jacob, in exchange for a pot of stew?
 - a) His birthright
 - b) His hunting gear
 - c) His soul
 - d) His best cattle
 8. Whom was the first child born from Adam and Eve?
 - a) Seth
 - b) Abel
 - c) Enosh
 - d) Cain
 9. Where did Cain lure Abel to be murdered?
 - a) To the barn
 - b) To the field
 - c) To the garden
 - d) To the well
 10. What did the mark that God put on Cain signify?
 - a) He wasn't allowed to speak
 - b) He was to be killed immediately
 - c) He wasn't to be killed
 - d) He had contagious disease
 11. The dove Noah sent out to survey the flooded lands returned with what in its mouth?
 - a) Fig leaf
 - b) Mustard seed
 - c) Olive leaf
 - d) White flag
 12. God created what symbol as an agreement that the floods would never again destroy all life on earth?
 - a) Lightning
 - b) Olives
 - c) Rainbow
 - d) Thunder
- Check your Answers on page 14!

August – a month of reflection on “our Marys”



August is the month in the Catholic Church where we celebrate the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our Mother in heaven, which includes the Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary on 15th August. In August, we also celebrate the Feast Day of our first Australian Saint Mary Mackillop – this is on 8th August and Masses celebrating the life and faith of Mary Mackillop are said throughout Australia.



How lucky we are to have these women to inspire us – they both lived very different lives in different times, but both inspire us with their unwavering trust and faith in God. They were both strong women who lived in difficult times but through their constant faith and love managed to overcome the challenges which confronted them.

A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY FOR ROSEMARY PROFILI?

Sydney Airport on Monday 16th June 2014, Mickey Mouse (aka Jarrad) and I took off on a journey to find out more about myself and who I am. I was going to a Coda International Conference which

was being held in Arizona. I was facing my fear of traveling by myself and doing something that was just for me. I was not quite sure what to expect so I was very excited about meeting new international coda brothers and sisters. In Australia I have attended many Retreats that Coda Australia has run but this was on a totally new level.

This was a conference with registrations and all the goodies that come with a conference. I had read all the material on the workshops and sessions and there were many interesting topics to explore. There were 290 attendees to the conference and 60 of them were first timers like myself and we were known as "The Virgins." All virgins were paired up with a "Buddy" which was some one to be there for you and help you to understand the dynamics of the conference and to assist with interpreting if needed,

which I needed some help with at the start but I improved as the conference went on. The program they gave us was full of venue information and also many advertisements of the many Deaf organisations out there that run interpreting services. I was interested to see Deaf people running interpreting agencies.

The passion for our Deaf community and our heritage of our parents is something that I have never experienced before. The first 2 ladies I met in the Foyer of the hotel just looked at me and asked with sign and voice, "Are you Coda?" That question warmed my heart as I had never been

asked that before. Margie and JoAnn, they were from Colorado and Oregon, took me under their wing. The conference was held at Tempe Mission Palms and we literally took over the place with nearly 300 of us. I met so many people from all over America, Canada, Germany and England.

I met the founder of Coda International, Millie Brother, who was just the most kind and understanding woman I've ever met. She explained that the term CODA is a music word and its usually found at the end of a music piece, and its an extension of that

piece but its different to the original piece. Hence children born hearing to Deaf parents are and extension their parents being their children but they are different because they hear. This really makes a lot of sense to me as I often find it difficult to explain my feelings about who I am. We did a day trip to Sedona which was beautiful in hot pink jeeps and this event was open to all families and friends. Coda is very special part of who we are and many of us do not know how to honour that part. There are many Codas that are keen to come here and meet more Aussies, because they just loved me of course!

The weather was perfect about 43 degrees most days but the heat is not

as bad as we get here. The heat is dry and the sun doesn't burn your skin so it made for easy and comfortable travel. The native plant there is the Cactus which grows naturally everywhere and in so many different varieties. The grow 1inch per year and it takes 75 years to start to grow an arm! Some of the cactus I saw would be hundreds of years old and stand so very tall.

After the conference I did a day tour on my own to see the Grand Canyon and that would have to be the highlight of my life. Our tour was lead by an America Indian man who had longer hair than me and his knowledge of the tribes and the land history was fantastic. I took a helicopter ride down the Canyon and although I took many pictures they could not capture the true beauty and the feeling. Its a very spiritual feeling hovering over the Grand Canyon that stretches over 3 states and it is the 7th wonder of the world. A feeling of awe and amazement and a feeling of absolute peace, something that I have been searching for a long time. Peace and now I have that feeling filled up in my heart.

Mickey Mouse and I had an amazing journey of discovery.



The Conference Venue & Me with Millie Brother (Coda International Founder)



How old is this Cactus??



Top: The Sedona Tour in Hot Pink Jeeps & Mickey and me at the Grand Canyon

CRAFT CORNER



The Deaf Craft Group regularly has fun day outings including visiting the Craft & Quilt Show on Glebe Island & an upcoming one to Braidwood. They are also having a **High Tea & Mini Craft Market** you are all invited to, please see more details on page 4.

The Deaf Craft Group is always open to any interested ladies, meets **every Wednesday** (except when there's something on) from **10am until 2pm** at the Ephpheta Centre. Bring your crafts to work on. Lunch is provided for \$3. More information? Contact the Ephpheta Centre!

Bible Trivia Answers

1. Ten
2. Pharaoh's daughter
3. Attempted rape
4. Bathing
5. Disjointed hip
6. Embraced him
7. His birthright
8. Cain
9. To the field
10. He wasn't to be killed
11. Olive leaf
12. Rainbow

What does God look like?

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work.

As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, 'I'm drawing God.'

The teacher paused and said, 'But no one knows what God looks like.'

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, 'They will in a minute.'



History Corner

By Brian Johnston

Michael and Mary Jane Carmody

Both Michael Carmody and his wife, Mary were the foundation members of the Catholic Deaf Association (CDA) which was formed in 1914. Mary Carmody was the CDA secretary for many years in the late 1910s and the early 1920s while Michael Carmody was on the committee. They always made their long-term home 'Fleurange' in Reginald Street, Abbotsford available for the Catholic Deaf gatherings and fundraising functions for many years till the 1950s.

Michael Patrick Carmody was born at Berry, NSW in 1878, one of eight children of John Carmody and Mary MacDonald. He was the 12th boy enrolled at the Dominican Sisters' Deaf School in Waratah, Newcastle in 1889 until 1893.

Michael's wife, Mary Jane Ryan was born at Toowoomba, Queensland in 1871, one of thirteen children of Patrick Ryan and Johanna Frawley. Mary Jane Ryan was the 11th girl enrolled at Waratah Deaf School in May 1884 with his younger sister, Catherine (who died at Waratah in 1904 aged 28). It is said that they also had two deaf brothers.

In 1901 Michael and Mary Jane were married at St Vincent's Church, Redfern and they first met when at school. They had no children. In 1951 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party given by the CDA where they received a Papal Blessing. Michael worked as a tailor for Mr F Shane for over 30 years.

Michael Patrick Carmody died at Abbotsford on 25 August 1957 aged 79. Mary Jane Carmody died on 9 March 1963 aged 91. Both were buried in Catholic cemetery at Rookwood. They were very much loved and respected in the Catholic Deaf community.

Sources: Waratah enrolment registers, various Catholic newspapers and Ancestry.com website



Mary & Michael Carmody

Mass Times



SEPTEMBER

7th	Sunday PUNCHBOWL	10.00am
14th	Sunday NORTH GOSFORD	9.30am
21st	Sunday KINGSWOOD (Integrated Mass) (for more information, see page 3)	10.00am
27th	Saturday REVESBY	6.00pm

OCTOBER

5th	Sunday PUNCHBOWL	10.00am
12th	Sunday MANLY	10.30am
19th	Sunday SEVEN HILLS	11.00am
25th	Saturday REVESBY	6.00pm

NOVEMBER

2nd	Sunday PUNCHBOWL	10.00am
9th	Sunday NORTH GOSFORD	9.30am
16th	Sunday SEVEN HILLS	11.00am
22nd	Saturday REVESBY	6.00pm

(More Mass information in the next Newsletter)

Campbelltown Mass Dates:

At: St John the Evangelist,
35 Cordeaux St, Campbelltown

Time: 9am

When: 14th September, 12th October,
9th November

REMINDER:

Starting NOW - Punchbowl
Punchbowl Mass will start at
10am NOT 10.30am.

Church Addresses



Chapel of
St Francis de Sales
4 Turner St
Punchbowl



Our Lady of
the Rosary
92 Glennie St
North Gosford
Integrated Mass



St Mary's
6 Raglan St
Manly
Integrated Mass



Our Lady of
Lourdes
7 Grantham Rd
Seven Hills



St Luke's
1 Beaconsfield St
Revesby
6pm
Integrated Vigil Mass

We pray...

For those who have died

21 April 2014 - Lola Small (nee Noonan, wife of Ron Small (dec) of Byron Bay & sister of Joyce Noonan, student of Waratah)

14 June 2014 - Eric Muggleton (David Muggleton's father & Robin's father-in-law)

20 June 2014 - Fr Peter Woodward

7 July 2014 - Anthony Profilio (Mary's brother-in-law)

26 July 2014 - Hilton Mills

18 July 2014 - Kelly Pardon (Lyn Cuthbert's son)

5 August 2014 - Onda Tranter (Joyce Tully's Aunty)

For those who are sick

Stephen Dane (Orange)

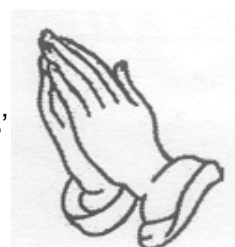
Brett Beath

John Pattison

Br Reg Shepherd

Janice Andrew

Christine Hanna (Margaret Romanous' mum's cousin, 40 years old)






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*Please send your news, stories,
information and requests to
Danni to be considered for the
next newsletter!*



WEBSITE NEWS

Have you seen our website recently?

Our website is now being updated weekly so it is always full of current information - we hope everyone will get used to checking it!

If you have any ideas for our website please contact Danni.

What does "Ephpheta" mean?

The name Ephpheta of our Centre came from the bible - a story about Jesus curing a deaf man, he says "Ephpheta" which means "Be open". So we keep that in our service to the Deaf Community! We are always open to you all!