

Happy 100th Birthday - Catholic Deaf Community NSW!

Catholic Deaf Community NSW (first known as Catholic Deaf Association of NSW 'CDA') turns 100 this year. CDA first started in 1914 when former students of Rosary Convent, Waratah met at the



*Catholic Deaf community celebrating CDA Silver Jubilee in 1939
Arthur Power is in centre.*

home of Michael and Mary Carmody at Abbotsford. Arthur Power was the first president.

With the arrival of the Christian Brothers (for St Gabriel's Deaf School) in 1922, CDA took a new turn. CDA members met with the Brothers for spiritual instruction monthly at St Mary's Cathedral Chapter Hall. Br Allen drew up a constitution for the CDA, and when elections were held, he was made president.

Social activities continued at the Carmody home and spiritual

direction continued to be given by Christian Brothers and Dominican Sisters and Fr Myers, until 1935 when Fr Dominic Phillips was appointed as first chaplain to CDA. In 1940 CDA got own clubrooms at Lisgar House, Carrington Street, Sydney (and later on at Legion House). In 1946 Fr Bill Malone was appointed as chaplain to CDA.

In 1975 CDA moved meetings from Legion House to Stanmore Deaf Centre. Many CDA members have fond memories of Annual Christmas Party and monthly Benediction Service at St Benedict's Church at Broadway. In 1976 Catholic Deaf Youth Club (previously Catholic Deaf Oral Club) became affiliated with CDA.

CDA is proud to have own headquarters at the Ephpheta Centre, opened in 1979 under Sr Helen Gaffey. In the same year Fr Bob Hickman replaced Fr Malone who was chaplain to CDA for 34 years. Subsequent chaplains were Fr Peter Fitzgerald and Fr Peter Woodward.

From 1978 to 1998 CDA was involved in Catholic Association for Deaf and Hearing Impaired People of Australia (CADHIPA). In 1980s Sydney Archdiocese was split into three Dioceses. In 1989 CDA changed name to CADHIPA-Sydney/Broken Bay Dioceses while a new separate organisation 'CADHIPA - Parramatta Diocese' was set up in Parramatta Diocese. When CADHIPA closed in 1998, these two organisations changed their name to 'Catholic Deaf Association - Sydney/Broken Bay Dioceses' and 'Catholic Deaf Community - Parramatta Diocese' respectively. Eventually, both organisations were merged in 2010 under the new name 'Catholic Deaf Community NSW'.



CDA Christmas Party in 1946

Sources: Jeanne Crowe's paper 'The Catholic Deaf Association-Sydney', Book 'History of Catholic Deaf Education in Australia 1875-1975', Book 'Open Minds and Open Hearts' and various Freeman's Journal, The Catholic Weekly and Ephpheta News issues.



FROM THE KNIGHT'S DEN

My dear Friends,

My first director's report for the year! Thanks to Nicole and the team for holding the reins while I was on leave earlier in the year.

It's been a very busy year, I can't believe we are almost halfway through.

There has been lots happening at the Ephpheta Centre. I have enjoyed working with our new chaplains Fr John Paul, Fr Kim and Fr Michael. They have enjoyed meeting our Deaf community and learning about Deaf culture and language. I have been so inspired by their energy and enthusiasm. We, at the Ephpheta Centre and our Deaf community, are blessed to have them and I look forward to working with them in the months and years to come. I ask you to join with me in making them welcome in our community and in your homes.

Our Lenten program ran differently this year – the Ephpheta Centre, assisted by Fr Adrian Horgan, put together a DVD with readings and Lenten activities in Auslan. This was then used by our Deaf leaders in home groups for the Lenten group sessions. This was the first time that our Lenten groups ran this way and the feedback was very positive. Thanks to the Ephpheta team for all their work in putting the DVD together and also to our

group leaders for their leadership and making people welcome in their homes.

Our Easter celebrations again were a great success – our Passion service on Good Friday was very moving and I thank our Auslan leaders and interpreters for their work in making this so successful. Easter Saturday Vigil was a beautiful service led by Fr Michael. We also welcomed into our Catholic family, young Lauren Saoirse Mulligan (youngest daughter of Eleanor and Donovan). Just as Lauren was born in Jesus in her baptism, so we are all reborn at Easter. Let's keep the Easter flame of new life and hope burning in us and share it with everyone around us.

A great source of inspiration to me was our Community retreat held at the beautiful St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre at Kincumber. Listening to the story of St Mary of the Cross McKillop and her work with Fr Tennyson Woods was so inspiring. For me there were many highlights including hearing Kath Evans speak about her journey with St Mary McKillop. It was a truly moving and inspiring weekend, I know it was very special for all of our community who attended. A special thanks to our interpreters Nicole and Chevvy Sweeney who added so much to the weekend. I hope to plant the seed for a possible pilgrimage to Penola towards the end of 2015.

I was also lucky enough to join in a special Mass of celebration for Br Reg Shepherd as he celebrated his 70th Jubilee as a Christian Brother. Also celebrating his 70th Jubilee this year is Br Gerry McGrath. It was wonderful seeing Br Reg and Br

Gerry together, congratulations to them both for their incredible lives of service. We will have a celebration for Br Reg later in the year as he continues to recover from his accident in January 2014.

We have some exciting events planned for the next few months – read through the newsletter for information about our future events including Deaf Women's Day Out and "Heaven" the Deaf combined church service. Please tell your friends and see if they would like to join.

One of the big events in our calendar in the next few months is our Ephpheta Sunday celebration which is also CDC NSW 100 years Celebration. I invite you all to come along and join us for this important celebration for our community.

Finally, the Ephpheta Centre has very recently received a beautiful anonymous gift, it is a framed embroidered copy of the poem "Footprints". I want to respect the donor's wish to be anonymous but also want to thank you for your generosity and kind words (you know who you are), thank you! We will hang it in our Centre for you all to admire this beautiful gift!

Ephpheta to you,
Be Open.

Big Steve KSS



Catholic Deaf Community NSW 100 years Celebrations

The Big Event

Ephpheta Sunday Mass

Sunday 3 August 2014 10.30am
at **St Mary's Cathedral**
St Mary's Road, Sydney

100yrs Celebration Lunch

Sunday 3 August 2014 12pm to 6pm
A La Carte Lunch, Entertainment,
Presentations & Raffle drawings.
at **The Castlereagh Club (Catholic Club)**
199 Castlereagh St, Sydney
Cost - \$50.00 per person

Other Exciting Events

Welcome Gathering

Saturday 2 August 2014 11am onwards
Catch up with old friends over lunch!
at **Dooleys Catholic Club (Lidcombe)**
24-28 John St, Lidcombe
Cost - Buy your own lunch at own cost

To RSVP & to buy tickets, please send or give the RSVP form (please see insert) with your payment by:

- Cheque/money order (see insert for information)
- Internet Transfer (see insert for information)
- Cash at the Ephpheta Centre or to one of the Organising Committee - Danny Blakeney, Brian Johnston, Dennis Johnston, Robert Beath, Mary Profilio & Danni Wright.

Any questions, contact:

Brian Johnston - johnstonbm@bigpond.com
or Danni Wright - danni@ephpheta.org.au
or 0410 567 621 (text only)

RSVP Before 18 July 2014
No payments accepted at the door.

The Deaf Christian Community presents the combined church service:

Heaven

The service is presented in Auslan. It will include an excellent visual explanation of how to go to heaven. There will be drama, sign signing, and God's word in sign.

After the service, there will be plenty of time to chat and catch up over tea/coffee and snacks.



When: Saturday 31st May, at 1:30pm.

Where: St Martha's Catholic Church Parish Hall,
70-72 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

Cost: Donation would be appreciated to assist with event costs.

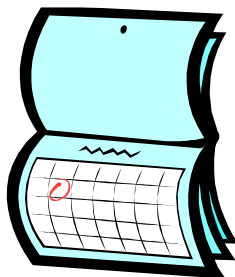
RSVP by 20th May: Please contact Liz: email office@ephpheta.org.au or TTY (+61) 2 9708 6904 or fax (+61) 2 9709 5638 to confirm you are coming.

Dinner after: Meet at Dooleys Lidcombe RSL.



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...



30th May - Women's Day Out
31st May - Heaven Service (see page 3)
17th June - Skype Workshop
3rd August - CDC NSW 100 years Celebrations on Ephpheta Sunday (see page 3 & insert)
24th August - MMK Tour & Mass

Women's Day Out - 30th May

Come & join the next Women's Day Out at a beautiful location - Sydney Botanical Gardens! We will go on a tour of the Government House & have lunch or a cuppa at the Gardens Café, as always in lovely company!



When: Friday 30th May 2014, 11.30am till 4pm.

Where: Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney.
(I will contact you where to meet us before walking there together.)

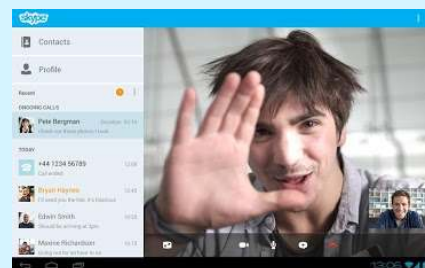
Cost: Free entry. Lunch or cuppa at your own cost.

RSVP: To Danni 0410 567 621 (sms only) or email danni@ephpheta.org.au **LIMITED NUMBERS!**

Skype Workshop - 17th June

Learn how to use Skype on your iPad or Tablet (Samsung, Google etc) so you can Skype anywhere!

Come to the Ephpheta Centre for a one hour workshop on how to use Skype. Please bring your own iPad or Tablet (Samsung, Google etc) to use Skype with.



When: Tuesday 17th June 2014, from 10.00am.

Where: Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl

Cost: Free.

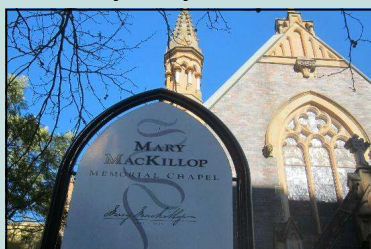
RSVP: To Donovan on donovan@ephpheta.org.au

MMK Mass & Tour - 24 August

We will be celebrating Mary MacKillop month with Mass & a Tour of the MMK Museum by our very own Nicole Clark as Tour Guide!

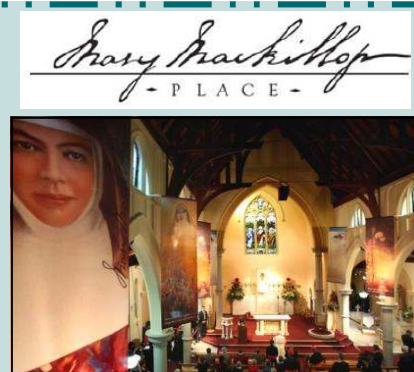
When: Sunday 24th August 2014, Mass starts 10am.
Tour starts after Mass.

Where: Mary MacKillop Place, 7 Mount St North Sydney (close to North Sydney train station)



Cost: \$6 Museum admission & guided tour. Additional morning tea or lunch may be purchased at the MMK Café or nearby cafés.

Must RSVP by 21st August: To Danni - SMS: 0410 56 621 or email: danni@ephpheta.org.au



LIMITED NUMBERS!! RSVP NOW OR MISS OUT!

Out and About in the Deaf Community

Joyce goes to Melbourne!

I visited Melbourne & did a few things there. Rebecca Brett, my friend, took me to JPC club, I had a great time, seeing old friends on 17th March. On a Ladies Day's outing, Rebecca took me to join 30 Deaf ladies to go to the Docklands for a ride on the Melbourne Star wheel. It was



The Ladies on the Melbourne Star wheel.

good with beautiful views. Then we went to a restaurant for lunch. I enjoyed myself and stayed at Rebecca's place for 6 days & stayed 2 nights at Phillip Island for the DeafBlind camp.

I also went to the DeafBlind camp. Rebecca & I had to catch the train to Flinders station to meet other DeafBlind campers & volunteers then take the coach to Phillip island for the weekend (21st to 23rd March). We all arrived at the Camp, very

happy to see other people at the dining room. There were 44 Deaf people with 66 volunteers, from all over Australia - Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane, Tasmania & Sydney & of course, Melbourne. It was great & worthwhile, there were different tours & activities, to see the fairy penguins, chocolate factory, a winery, beach walks, getting massages, riding canoes & shopping at Cowes. On Saturday night, we wore beach fancy dress & danced. A man won with his pirate costume & a lady won with her penguin costume! I had a wonderful time at the DeafBlind camp & am looking forward to the next one in Perth in November.



By Joyce Tully

DeafBlind campers and our volunteers at the camp.

Commissioning Mass

What is Commissioning?

Each year parishes seek volunteers for readings and communion servers. They are trained properly according to the conditions of serving during Mass. They are then commissioned (appointed) for one year where they will roster the responsibilities of serving during Mass on Sundays. Volunteers need to apply each year.

On March 2nd 2014, Ephpheta Centre organised the 1st Commissioning Mass for our Deaf Readers and Communion Servers. Ephpheta Centre congratulates those who will share their duties during 2014. If you would like to volunteer for 2015, please contact Stephen Lawlor.



Br Reg Shepherd's 70th Jubilee

On 27 April 2014, the Christian Brothers held a special Mass of Jubilee at the Australian Catholic University chapel at Strathfield – one of the Jubilarians was our own Br Reg Shepherd. Br Reg celebrated his 70th anniversary with the Christian brothers.

During a beautiful Mass celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady, Br Reg renewed his vows as a Christian Brother and we celebrated the many years of service of Br Reg. Br Reg joined the Christian Brothers in 1944, and after a number of years teaching taught at St Gabriel's at Castle Hill from 1953 to 1982. In celebrating his 70th anniversary Br Reg has written that "the Deaf community shows to the world, by their spirit of love and thanks, how God wants all people to live – a Vocation of Love." Congratulations Br Reg, we will celebrate a special Mass with you and the Deaf community later this year! (Details to be advised at a later date)



Above: Br Reg & Br McGrath



Br Reg making his speech

Out and About in the Deaf Community

(continued)



Launch of Bowling Lane in Jarrad Lipman's Memory

On the lovely day of Wednesday 26 February 2014, some of the Ephpheta Staff went to see the opening of the new Bowling Lane "Lipman's Lane".

This was being launched in honour and memory of our Jarrad Lipman. Jarrad used to attend school at Broderick Gillawarna school. It was a very special and moving day for us all.



George's Surprise 70th Birthday Party

George was thrilled to see all of his friends at the party at Gosford Leagues Club, on a beautiful



sunny day, with some making the trip from bustling Sydney. Most of the people at the party

were wearing

their favourite rugby league team jersey. Mary made a wonderful cake in the shape of a Rabbitohs jersey, which was delicious. George is a big fan of the South Sydney Rugby League team. Some of his friends made lovely speeches about the old times. George also spoke about

how and when he met some of his friends in the early years.



Men's Day Out - NRL Museum

On a cloudy day of 27th February, a group of over 25 deaf men all went to the Rugby League Museum at Moore Park. This museum is about the history of the 'Greatest Game of All'. This museum has a treasure full of priceless memorabilia featuring a cap worn by Dally

Messenger, the game's first Premiership trophy, famous jerseys and tributes to the Team of the Century, the Immortals and the Hall of Fame! We saw the Museum's exhibition 'Heroes and Legends', which is a fantastic display with a timeline of Rugby League and the people involved. It was a fabulous day!



David, The Deaf Men's Group.



MARGARET & BRIAN MEETS CATHOLIC DEAF COMMUNITIES IN SOUTH EAST ASIA

Before Brian and Margaret Johnston went on their South East Asian holiday with their two deaf friends from Brisbane in late February 2014, they contacted the Singapore Catholic Deaf Community. Two community members, Michael Goo (vice president) and Grace Ng offered to act as their signing guides whilst staying in Singapore.

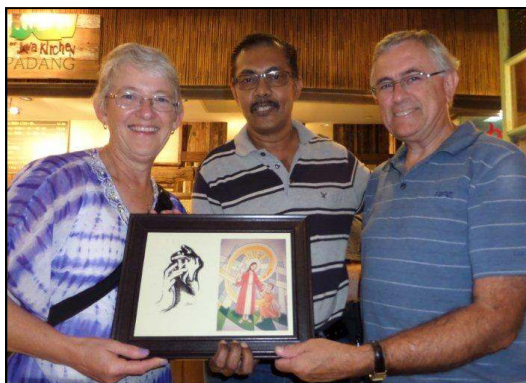


A lovely write up of the welcome to deaf Australian visitors was put in their March 2014 Ephphatha (Singapore) Newsletter. Michael and Grace (who herself knows some Australian/NZ sign language) were excellent and informative guides – there were some firsts during our visit - Michael had never visited Cloud Forest Dome at Gardens by the Bay before so joined us inside to see a stunning 35 metres mountain filled with plants and the world's tallest indoor waterfall.

Meeting members of the Catholic Deaf Community for a meal and being given a lift to our hotel in the back of one deaf man's ute (whilst sitting on cushions or child's chairs without seatbelts) and the doormen were amused to see us pull up at the front of our hotel laughing were highlights of our time in Singapore.



We attended integrated Mass at Church of Saints Peter and Paul and afterwards Brian and Margaret presented Patrick Anthony, the president of Singapore CDC with a picture of Ephphatha logo and Jesus' hands as a gift from the Australian visitors. Margaret's testimony of their Singapore experience appeared in the April



2014 Ephphatha (Singapore) Newsletter.

Whilst in Hong Kong we were lucky to meet Simon Chan (he guided

Fr Cyril Axelrod, a deaf/blind priest to Australia in 2013) and two members from Hong Kong Catholic Deaf Community.

We were treated to a meal at a restaurant, a walk along the famous harbour and enjoyed Hong Kong's ice creams. Simon sends his greetings to members of our Catholic Deaf Community.



So many new friendships were made after meeting both the Singapore and Hong Kong Catholic Deaf Communities and we continue to keep in contact.

By Margaret Johnston

THE EASTER TRIDIUM

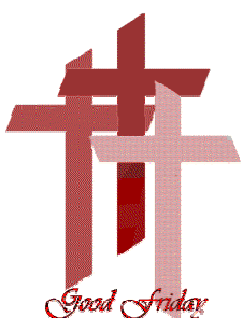
This year we celebrated Holy Thursday mass with the Penrith Catholic community, it was a lovely service and the community always makes us very welcome.

Good Friday was a combined service of the story of the Passion of Christ and the 3pm service. Fr Michael was our celebrant. Thank you to Brian, David, Michele and Steven for their story telling skills, I am sure everyone would agree that it was a very moving experience.

The Easter Vigil was a lovely Mass that included us welcoming baby Lauren Saoirse Mulligan to our Christian family. We must thank our readers from the Friday and Saturday service, our choir and the choir leader, the CDC for all of their work, our interpreters and again thank you to Fr Michael for a lovely Mass.



Our passion service was beautiful to watch, thank you to all our presenters for your hard work in preparing.





Kate and Rose our lovely interpreters.



Introducing Lauren Mulligan, our newest community member. Cute as a button!



The Community watching the presentation outside.



Fr Michael at the Good Friday Liturgy.



The Parker girls bring the gifts at the Easter Vigil.



Welcome to the family Lauren!



Our Choir, always beautiful!



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:

13th June, 11th July & 8th August

(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

If you like playing cards & (of course) chatting with old & new friends, you're welcome to join this group - 500 Club! On once a month on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

When: Fourth Tuesday of the month, 10.00am-2.00pm

Next Dates: 27th May, 24th June & 22nd July

Where: Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl

More information: Morning tea, coffee & biscuits provided. Please bring own lunch.



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:

27th June & 29th August

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! ☺



Pastoral visit

We are happy to visit any deaf person for chats and company for 1 hour, at your home or at a café with coffee.

Pastoral Visits are not only for sick people or people in Nursing homes. We are happy to meet with anyone who is deaf.

You might have a problem you want to talk about or maybe you just need some support. You don't have to be Catholic - It is for anyone who is deaf.



If you would like a Pastoral visit, please contact the office office@ephpheta.org.au or Donovan donovan@ephpheta.org.au or sms 0408 697 773 or Skype [donovan.mulligan](https://www.skype.com/en/contacts/people/donovan.mulligan)



A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'honour' thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?'

From the back, one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'



Program for 2014

20th June Friday Night – Ephpheta Centre, Punchbowl
18th July Friday Night – External activity to be organised
15th August Friday Night – Ephpheta Centre, Punchbowl
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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Whales...

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'.

The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?'

The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.



CELEBRATION

ASLIA NSW and
Deaf Australia NSW
Awards Night

Saturday 14th June,
6.30pm to 11.30pm

Awards start at 7.15pm

Triple Crown Ballroom,
At RYDGES PARRAMATTA

116 -118 James Ruse Drive
Rosehill NSW 2142

Ticket Prices

Members: \$75.00
Non-members: \$85.00
(Includes 30 cents for booking fee)

Dress Code - Semi-Formal

Free Parking available

NO tickets will be sold at the door

Grab your tickets now,

To purchase tickets, go to this website:
www.asliansw.org.au/tickets

Enquiries to: Awardsnight2014@gmail.com



St. Mary MacKillop Retreat

Earlier this year we had a very special opportunity to go on retreat with Kath Evans and Sr Pat Egan. It truly was one of the most wonderful retreats we have ever had; Sr Ellen who runs the centre was so kind, she made us feel like we were at home, and the location was so special we felt like we might bump into St Mary herself around any corner! Here are some of the community's reflections about the weekend:



Margaret sharing with Kath and Sr Patricia

Stephen

The retreat was very inspiring, I felt Kath and Patricia were very open in their explanation of Mary Mackillop and Fr Julian Woods, bringing together to complete the story. Kath's story was very honest, she explained her experience of cancer and when she was miraculously healed. She admitted she was not perfect, that she was not the saint, it is a good way to be – to acknowledge that we are all the same as we try to connect with God.

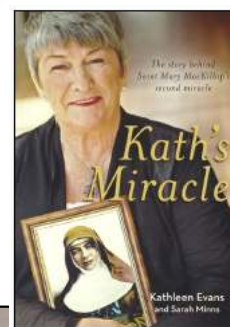
Not only did we hear from Kath and Patricia but also the two historians who presented the story of St Joseph's Orphanage. This brings back memories of my time at St Gabriel's however not that far back but very similar. It was a wonderful retreat that ended with a spectacular Mass.



The group in the meeting room

Garry and George

The retreat was so fantastic about St Mary Mackillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods with Kate Evans's battle against lung cancer and Patricia stories of Fr Julian plus Zeena and Bridie about history of Boys Orphanage. The best part was learning about MMK and Fr Julian, we both had a great time there very peaceful setting and the Mass was so fabulous, we feel so humble by it all. We would love to go there again in future with our great friends.



Kath and Sr Patricia open their gifts from the Deaf Community



Left: Brett with Kath after a very special prayer was dedicated to his recovery

Brett

The Mary Mackillop Retreat was one of the best retreats that I've ever been on. For me

the highlight of the weekend was Kath's testimony. I felt a spiritual bond with her when she was talking about her disconnection with God during her battle with lung cancer. I know what Kath went through because I went through it too. I'm currently battling melanoma and I was feeling very sick, I didn't feel God's presence, which for me was very heartbreaking, but through perseverance, patience and the many prayers and thoughts that I have received, I managed to get through it and to feel good again. To feel God's love again is absolutely wonderful. The whole group prayed a Novena (a prayer said for 9 days) for me. We prayed that through the intercession of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop the treatment will be a success and that the melanoma will be gone completely. I was so happy to have come on the retreat with the Deaf Community; they have been a part of my life since I was a baby. To me you have all been like family to me and I know that whenever I feel down, I can rely on your love and support.

Mary

It's hard to find words, to explain about this MMK weekend. That place at Kincumber is beautiful and welcoming. I was happy to meet Kath Evans and hear her story. It was hard to believe she was dying and through the intercession of Mary she was healed. I think St Mary knew she needed someone strong here on earth to spread good news to people of God's love so she chose to ask God for Kath's miracle. Learning about Mary's life and her relationship with Fr Julian Tenison Woods was very interesting, I learnt a lot about their friendship.

Kath is the first person I have met who has received a miracle, I still find it hard to believe, she is an amazing person, humble and keen to spread her miraculous news. I'm really glad to have met her.



It's hard to describe how beautiful this place is!



All of us!

Brian and Margaret

We would like to congratulate the Sisters of St Joseph for their beautiful St Joseph's Spiritual and Education Centre, Kincumber South. We really enjoyed our retreat in a peaceful and spacious setting with delicious meals prepared, it is the best and most comfortable of all retreat centres we'd ever been to. We were very lucky to have participated in this retreat as we only arrived in Sydney from our South East Asia holiday three days previously. It was really fascinating to reflect on the life of Mary MacKillop

and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, co-founders of the Sisters of St Joseph's Congregation. Talks given by Kath Evans and Pat Egan rsj on Mary and Julian were very inspiring and a great learning experience for us. It was great to hear Kath Evans' story and her cancer miracle and we were glad that Kath was with us for the full retreat time. The Kincumber South retreat site is very historic as it was first established by Mary Mackillop as St Joseph's Boys Home (1887). The Centre has lovely views across Brisbane Water and is right next door to the old Holy Cross Church and their cemetery grounds. We hope to go back there again next year or so.



Stations of the cross along the river bank



St Mary's quotes everywhere

Steven Hely

The retreat was a very refreshing one for me, a very warm people sharing their experiences from the heart. It was amazing to share the retreat with people who could hear that did not know about the Catholic Deaf Community – they seem to have more energy, love, warmth, laughter and relaxation the longer the retreat went. Kath was amazing; she was so open in sharing her life experiences with humility. St Mary MacKillop makes me feel dizzy trying to keep up with her various workloads, so many different things she did. I felt the most touching story was how a storm wasn't going to stop her crossing the Brisbane waters in a rowing boat to console a dying 15 year boy who asked for her. She treated him as her son, and even conducted his funeral because there was no priest.



Nerida, Robert, Gary, Murreall, Steve and Brett out on a walk

CRAFT CORNER



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!

The Deaf Craft Group celebrated 20 years of Deaf Craft on Saturday 22nd March at Lidcombe Dooleys Club. Lunch was a fancy affair with 3 courses and wine. The entertainment was hilarious by a Mime Duo who did Crafty jokes and played with a few ladies! There

was a beautiful cake made by Mary Profilio and a gorgeous Craft display too.



History Corner

By Brian Johnston

Arthur Joseph Power was active in the formation of Catholic Deaf Association (celebrating their 100th year this year). He was born in Parkes NSW on 1 November 1893, son of John and Mary Power. However, his school admittance register shows that he was born in 1895, coming from Wyalong NSW.

From 1905 to 1908 Arthur attended Waratah Catholic Deaf School in Newcastle NSW. After leaving Waratah, he was transferred to the Vocational Training Section of Westmead Boys' Home in Sydney and became a skilled tradesman.

In 1919 he married a Waratah schoolmate, Josephine Kathleen Wall at Annandale, Sydney and the devoted couple became the parents of five sons and three daughters, namely, John, Patrick, Mary, Arthur, Barbara, Herbert, Paul and Yvonne. The family lived in Nelson Road, Earlwood.

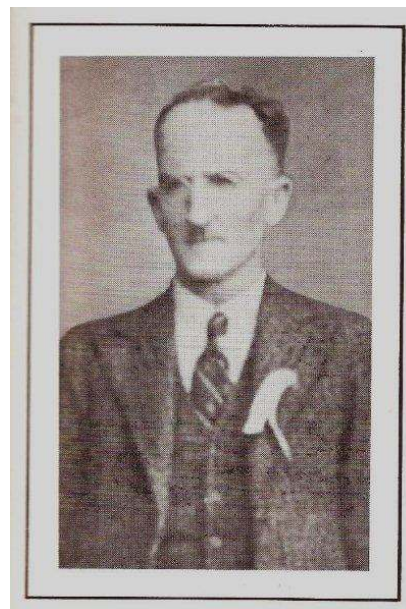
Arthur, even in his early years, showed a marked aptitude for leadership and when the Catholic Deaf Association was formed in Sydney, he became their first President, the position he held for many years. In this capacity, he was also a Secretary of Catholic Deaf Association for some years. He was able to assist his companions in spiritual and temporal matters and was ever ready to help and encourage those in trouble until his untimely death in 1940 at the age of 46 years.

Arthur was also a valued member of the Council of the NSW Association of Deaf and Dumb Citizens from 1929 to 1937 (a breakaway organisation separate from the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society of NSW) and a member of the newly formed Council of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Society in 1937 and 1938.

Arthur Power died in Canterbury on 1 August 1940 and is buried in Rookwood Catholic cemetery with his wife, Josephine who died on 21 November 1977 at the age of 82 years.

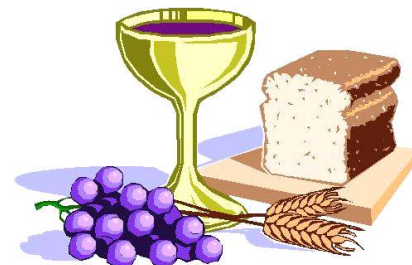
Both Arthur and Josephine were active in the formation of the Catholic Deaf Association and did a lot of work over many years for the benefit of Catholic Deaf Community members.

Sources: 'History of Catholic Deaf Education in Australia 1875-1975' and their 'Pictorial Centenary Souvenir', 1975 by Sister M Madeleine and The Silent Messenger issues.



Arthur Joseph Power

Mass Times



MAY

24th	Saturday REVESBY	6.00pm
31st	Saturday STRATHFIELD Heaven - Combined Christian Service <i>(for more information, see page 3)</i>	1.30pm

JUNE

1st	Sunday PUNCHBOWL	10.30am
8th	Pentecost Sunday MANLY	10.30am
15th	Sunday SEVEN HILLS	11.00am
21st	Saturday REVESBY	6.00pm

JULY

6th	Sunday PUNCHBOWL	10.30am
13th	Sunday NORTH GOSFORD	9.30am
20th	Sunday SEVEN HILLS	11.00am
26th	Saturday REVESBY	6.00pm

AUGUST

3rd	Ephpheta Sunday & CDC 100yrs Celebrations ST MARY'S (SYDNEY) <i>(for more information, see page 3)</i>	10.30am
10th	Sunday MANLY	10.30am
17th	Sunday SEVEN HILLS	11.00am

(More Mass information in the next Newsletter)

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

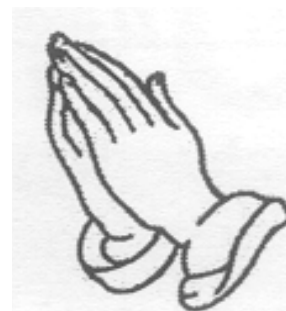
We pray...

For those who have died

22 February 2014 - Frances Ross (Central Coast)
25 February 2014 - Shirley Ford (Mike Ford's mother)
6 April 2014 - Beverley Allingham (nee Kennedy)
8 April 2014 - Viola Alexander
29 April 2014 - Ayleen Callaghan (nee Buckley)
11 May 2014 - Keith Southwell
12 May 2014 - Neville Radnedge
14 May 2014 - Paul Varley

For those who are sick

Stephen Dane (Orange)
Brett Beath
Fr Peter Woodward
John Pattison
Br Reg Shepherd
Hilton Mills
Janice Day
Janice Andrew



Campbelltown Mass Dates:

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

Time: 9am


When: 8th June, 13th July, 10th August



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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!