

November 2017 - February 2018

2017 - WOW!

What a year it's been. So many things have happened at Ephpheta and in the community this year - we thought you might enjoy reliving some of the happy memories.

Thank you for all your wonderful support!

The Ephpheta Centre Team



A Message from Liz & Dave...

Liz's report

It is hard to believe that this is our last newsletter for the year. I know that for many people in our community that this year has been a year of challenges - of losses, setbacks and many personal trials. We have supported many people in our community through some very difficult times. Sometimes it seems that God is challenging us in ways that we cannot bear and as people of faith this can be so hard. I was recently talking with a very wise priest who reminded me of the lovely "Footprints in the Sand" story which I would like to share with you:

"One night I dreamed a dream. As I was walking along the beach with my Lord. Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, One belonging to me and one to my Lord. After the last scene of my life flashed before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that at many times along the path of my life, especially at the very lowest and saddest times, there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you, You'd walk with me all the way.

But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of footprints. I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you never, ever. During your trials and testings. When you saw only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried you."

As the year is winding down and we are coming into Christmas, I would like to thank all of the Ephpheta community and our wonderful staff for your support of me and the Centre throughout the year.

May the blessings of God be with you and your families at Christmas, the New Year and always.

Until next time,
Liz



Dave's report

It's already November... Suddenly Christmas is so near! The dry spell has ended. We have seen some good rains. We still need more rains.

The Rome Pilgrimage planning is underway. We have a great number of interested people who want to come. We have almost 30 people coming for the March trip. It is great to see many members of the deaf community wanting to come with Ephpheta on a spiritual pilgrimage led by our Fr Michael, Ephpheta staff, and Auslan interpreters.

Ephpheta's Combined Day Out for deaf women and men events are proving to be very popular. The Titanic tour and the Bus Museum were both very successful. It looks like the deaf community want more combined events. We will do that. Please see lots of photos elsewhere in this newsletter!

We will still have Data groups running on the fourth Thursday of each month but it will go for 2 hours. We look at computing and communications technology and how deaf people use technology.

We are sad to let you know that Di Ulrich-Smith has left Ephpheta as a part time community worker for NDIA as a planner. We wish her every success and we thank her for her amazing contribution to Ephpheta. We will miss her energy and her passion. Thank you Di! Nicole Clark continues to work for Ephpheta now in a part time capacity.

Once again thank you for your support. Ephpheta wants to especially thank our volunteers who have helped us run our Deaf Café events smoothly. I also wish to thank Helen Farmer for her gardening work. We are lucky to have her because we have now lovely roses and flowers in the front yard of Ephpheta. Please keep feedback going. We want to keep up our valuable work for you and the deaf community.

Peace be with you all and have a wonderful festive season!

Merry Christmas!
David



Fr Michael's Reflection...

The Eucharist - the highest point in the Mass



Christians have gathered for prayers, readings, and to celebrate the Eucharist from the earliest years of the Church. Holy Communion is the high point of our prayers, because we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus.

How is this possible? We can't know completely how God does this. It is not the sort of thing that we can fully understand, just like we can't fully understand the greatness of God. Asking *how* has common-sense limits. For example, we wouldn't keep asking Jesus *how* He raised a person to life, but accept that God can do things that are new and amazing.

A more fruitful question can be, "Why does Jesus give us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist". This is a question that can lead us into deeper and deeper understanding, though we still can't understand completely.

The old Baltimore Catechism lists 6 reasons that Jesus gave us Himself in the Eucharist.

1. To unite us to Himself and nourish our soul with his Body and Blood.
2. To increase God's grace in us, to make us holy and pleasing to God and grow in virtues.
3. To be a promise of everlasting life.
4. To lessen our inclination (leaning) towards evil.
5. To prepare our bodies for a glorious resurrection.
6. To continue the sacrifice of the Cross in Jesus Christ's Church.

The prayers and readings of the Mass help us to prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. And we are careful to start making preparations even before Mass! If we are not sick or frail, we fast for 1 hour before receiving Jesus, and for half an hour from water. Only those who are Catholic and have made a good preparation should receive Holy Communion. If a person knows that they have done something very sinful, they should go to Confession first.

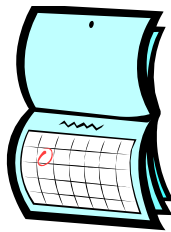


Sometimes a person will remain seated at Communion time or cross their arms to show that they are not yet ready to receive Holy Communion, but want to receive a blessing instead. This is normal, and it's impolite to ask a person why. It could be that they were just really angry with someone and not in a good "frame of mind". They might be thinking of the words Jesus, "If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." Whatever the reason, it is between them and God.

We have this reverence, because the Mass is the same sacrifice as that of the Cross. In the Mass we receive the same Jesus that died for love of us, and we offer ourselves with Him to God the Father.

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...

23rd November - Combined Deaf Women's and Men's Day Out

1st December - Advent

3rd December - Giving Mass

3rd December - Ephpheta Christmas Party

17th December - CDC NSW RSL Lunch

24th December - Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

25th December - Christmas Day Mass

4th February - Assembly Day

15th February - Combined Deaf Women's and Men's Day Out

18th February - Winston Hills Mass

Combined Deaf Women's & Men's Day Out - 23rd November

Join us for a day out at Sydney Opera House! It is one of the world's most recognisable landmarks and this is our chance to truly get up-close.

We will have a fascinating tour, learn about the 58 year history of the iconic building, discover the story behind its 14 year creation and what makes the Opera House so inspiring. After the tour we will have lunch in the city together at your own cost.

When and Where: Thursday 23 November - meet at 10.45am for an 11.15am start
Sydney Opera House - Bennelong Point, Sydney 2000.

Cost: Concession - \$20. Please bring money for your lunch after the tour.

Ephpheta will be financially supporting this event. *Please pay before the event. Contact Chrisso for your payment.*

RSVP: Chrisso 0405 749 488 (SMS) or email christiane@ephpheta.org.au before Friday 17 November.

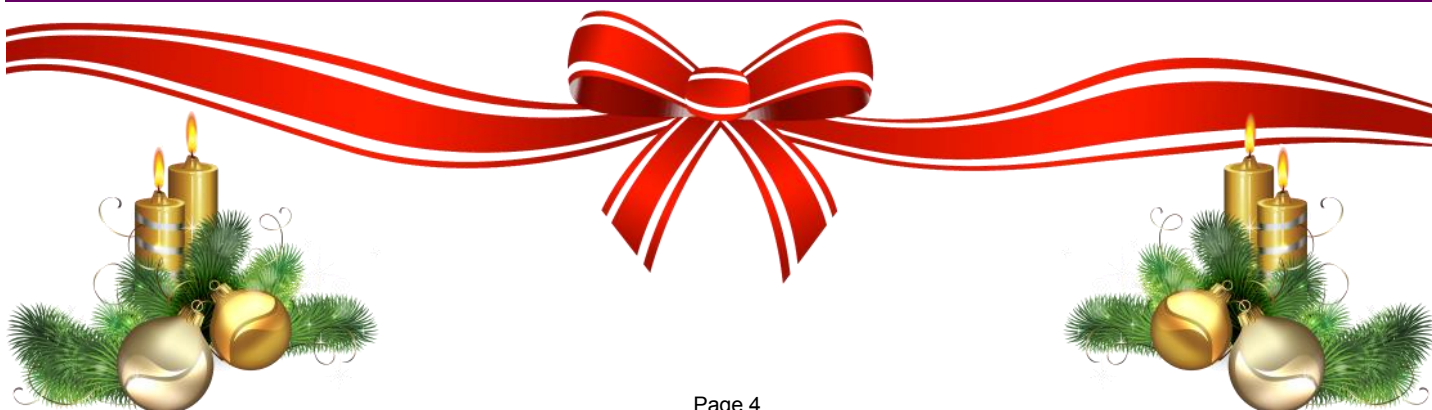


Advent - 1st December

Advent is the time when we prepare for Christmas, for the arrival of the baby Jesus. This year, we are doing something a little different. We will set up a Christmas tree and decorate it together. Father Michael will lead us in a presentation about the meaning of the Christmas tree and decorations. We will also write prayers and put them on the tree.

When: Friday 1 December after our 10.30am Mass

Where: Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St Punchbowl.



Giving Mass - 3rd December

Our giving Mass this year will be a bit different. You can bring a gift like food OR you can take a tag from our giving tree during November in the chapel and buy a present for the child you have picked. We will have our traditional Giving Mass at our December Punchbowl Mass.



When: Bring all gifts on Sunday 3rd December at Mass. Ephpheta Centre, Punchbowl at 10am.

Bring: EITHER a gift for a child (choose a tag from the giving tree at Ephpheta during November) OR a gift, like food such as a purchased Christmas cake, bags of lollies, purchased food with a Christmas theme. You are welcome to donate any other food and bathroom things like body wash to help the poor or disadvantaged to be blessed around Christmas time.

PLEASE REMEMBER - you cannot donate old or "already used" things. All items must be in their original packaging. Only **NEW** and **NOT OPENED** things. Food cannot be old or past use-by date.

Thank you.

Ephpheta Christmas Party - 3rd December

Please join us for our traditional Community Christmas Party after the Punchbowl Mass in December. This is always a popular event! All are welcome to join us for lunch. It will be provided for \$10 per person or \$20 per family with children under 16 years old (under 2 years old free). Tickets will also be on sale for a Christmas raffle.



When: Sunday 3rd December after Mass at 10am

Where: Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl

After Mass: Lunch - \$10 each or \$20 per family. Beer and wine available for gold coin donation

RSVP: David 0408 669 672 (SMS) or email david@ephpheta.org.au before **Wednesday 29th November** so we know how many for lunch and any dietary requirements.

CDC - NSW RSL Lunch - 17th December

CDC - NSW will have their annual club lunch at the end of the year. You are welcome to come join the community and celebrate!

When: Sunday 17th December about 12.30pm (after Seven Hills Mass finishes)

Where: Seven Hills RSL, Corner Best Rd and William St, Seven Hills

After Mass: Buy your own lunch at Seven Hills RSL, chat with friends, and CDC - NSW!



Christmas Eve Vigil Mass - 24th December

We welcome you all to our Christmas Mass. Many people come who don't regularly come to other Masses through the year and are very welcome. We love to see everyone at our Christmas service - from any religious background. Our Mass and supper is a great time to catch up with old friends, and wish people well for the Christmas break. We encourage you all to bring your families, bring your friends and of course bring a plate of food to share for supper!

When: Sunday 24 December 6pm – 9pm

Where: Ephpheta Centre 4 Turner St Punchbowl

After Mass: Please bring a plate of food to share for supper after Mass

Please do not bring food that needs to be warmed up - no hot food.



Christmas Day Mass - 25th December

Ephpheta will be having Mass on Christmas morning again this year. We are still working on the details as to whether this will be at the Ephpheta Centre or at St Jerome's next door. We will let the community know the confirmed details shortly. Keep your eyes on the Mass Bulletins for an announcement!



Assembly Day - 4th February 2018

Assembly Day is a great opportunity for you to come and discuss your ideas and feedback about the services and events provided by the Ephpheta Centre with the community.

When: Sunday 4 February after our 10am Mass

Where: Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St Punchbowl.

After Mass we will have morning tea with the community.

If you would like to raise anything for consideration before February, please email

Liz liz@ephpheta.org.au or David david@ephpheta.org.au



Combined Deaf Women's & Men's Day Out - 15th February

Join us for a day out at the Sydney Tramway Museum. Sydney's Trams were an important part of everyday life for over 80 years. We will have the chance to experience them at the museum which has a wide selection of Sydney Trams, plus a big collection of trams from other states, as well as trams from overseas! We will have a tour and learn about the history of tram transportation and see all the different trams on display.

At the end of their tour we will have a tram ride to the Royal National Park. After the tour we will have a BBQ lunch at the Royal National Park.

When and Where: Thursday 15 February - meet at 10am for a 10.30am start

Sydney Tramway Museum - Pitt Street, Loftus 2232. Opposite the road from Loftus train station.

Cost: Concession - \$12. Pay at the door. Ephpheta Centre will provide a BBQ lunch for \$3 per person. Please notify Chrisso if you have any dietary requirements.

RSVP: Chrisso 0405 749 488 (SMS) or email christiane@ephpheta.org.au before Friday 9 February.



Winston Hills Mass - 18th February

Our usual Mass at Seven Hills on the 18th February 2018 has **changed address and time** for February only. It is now at **St Paul the Apostle at Winston Hills**.

When: Sunday 18 February - 9.30am Mass

Where: St Paul the Apostle Catholic Church - 40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills.

This will be an Integrated Mass with their hearing parish.

After Mass we will have morning tea/lunch with our community at Winston Hills Mall.



Deaf Women's, Men's, and Combined Days Out

Over the years we have enjoyed many great "days out" with the community. Recent community feedback is that many people would like "combined" days out, rather than separate "women's" and "men's" days out.

So you will see that in the future we will have more "combined" days out. We will still organise separate groups from time to time.

If you have any suggestions you would like for outings, please do let Chrisso know - we love to organise outings that people have an interest in.

You are welcome to email Chrisso at christiane@ephpheta.org.au with any suggestions.



Special Masses and Events

You will see in this newsletter and also in recent newsletters of a number of special events such as special Masses. Sometimes these events will have the words "this is not an Ephpheta event but is supported by the Ephpheta Centre".

A number of Catholic organisations and the different dioceses are making sure that their events are accessible to our deaf community. Sometimes these events are on the same day or weekend as our regular Ephpheta Masses. Where we can, we will try and have Ephpheta staff present at these events but this will not always be possible.

Much of our work is about ensuring accessibility to the community and we thank these organisations for working with us to achieve this. Any questions, please talk with David or Liz.

Ephpheta Centre Closed

The Ephpheta Centre office will be closed for Christmas from **5pm Thursday 21st December 2017** until **Monday 22 January 2018**.

The Ephpheta Centre will re-open from **Tuesday 23 January 2018**.

In an emergency that cannot wait until 23 January, please email Liz on liz@ephpheta.org.au or SMS David on 0408 669 672. If it is not an emergency, please try and limit your contact with staff during the closing dates. We will always try and get back to you as soon as we can once the Ephpheta Centre re-opens.

The Ephpheta Centre team would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2018. Our team would like to thank our wonderful community for all the support throughout 2017. Your continual support helps keep our Ephpheta deaf community alive and strong.





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 and 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:

10th November, 15th December 2017,

NOTE: December Date CHANGE

9 February 2018

(always on the 2nd Friday of the month)

Time: **10am to 2pm**

At: The Ephpheta Centre,
4 Turner St, Punchbowl.



See you there! 😊



Change to December Deaf Cafe

Due to the Catholic Youth Festival our December Deaf Café will be moved (ONLY FOR DECEMBER) to

Friday 15 December 10am - 2pm

We will have a special morning tea and lunch and a surprise visitor!



WHO WILL THIS BE?!

See you there! 😊

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 morning tea. CC Deaf Cuppa is a great place to meet and 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 dates are:

23rd February 2018

Meet at middle of food court of Erina Fair shopping mall.

Time: starts **10am to 2pm**

Contact: **Donovan** SMS: **0408 697 773**

Email: donovan@ephpheta.org.au



See you there! 😊

Ephpheta Penrith Deaf Cuppa

for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people! For everybody, just turn up! This is great for people who live in the Penrith area and can't make it to our regular Deaf Café. Penrith Deaf Cuppa is a great place to meet and chat with new people or catch up with old friends over a cuppa. Bring your money if you want to buy morning tea. Meet at middle of food court. Penrith Plaza is next to Penrith train station - only 100m walk across. The next dates are:

24th November 2017

Meet at middle of food court upstairs of Penrith Plaza shopping mall.

Time: starts **10am to 2pm**

Contact: **Donovan** SMS: **0408 697 773**

Email: donovan@ephpheta.org.au



See you there! 😊



Deaf Youth Sydney

Deaf Youth Sydney is a project run jointly by the Ephpheta Centre and the Deaf Society.

It is open for any young deaf or hard of hearing person aged between 12-17 years.

It is a great opportunity for young deaf and hard of hearing people to develop new friendships and networks, to see deaf adults in leadership and to have the opportunity to build new skills and develop confidence.

You will see on this page that there is information about the upcoming activity planned. These events take place once every month.

Program for 2018 is coming out soon!

For more information please contact:

Donovan Mulligan
0408 697 773 (SMS)

Email: donovan@ephpheta.org.au

Deaf Youth Sydney



Wet n Wild!



Who? Young deaf, hard of hearing people between 12 and 17 years old

Where? **Wet'n'Wild Sydney**

427 Reservoir Road
Prospect NSW 2148

Time? 10am - 5pm

When? Saturday, 2 December 2017

Cost? \$30 includes:

- Entry to Wet'n'Wild
- Lunch and 1 drink

RSVP: Monday, 27 November 2017

Contact: **Donovan Mulligan**

donovan@ephpheta.org.au

SMS: 0408 697 773



Thursday Data Group



We will be starting a new group. We will talk about data plans, NRS/VRS updates, computer protection and internet suite packages. **No repairs or computer upgrades please!**

Our focus will be on general information which will help you use your technology better.

When: 30th November 2017,

NOTE: November Date CHANGE

Not in December, 22nd February 2018
(4th Thursday of the month)

Where: Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St Punchbowl

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Questions: please contact David Parker on david@ephpheta.org.au or SMS to 0408 669 672.

Deaf Social Group

Let's meet for a catch up! Drinks, nibbles, and plenty of chats. Ephpheta Centre will provide wine and cheese for the afternoon.



We will have a Family History and DNA research workshop by David Parker who is an experienced genealogist.

When: Saturday 18 November

Where: Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St Punchbowl

Time: 1pm - 4:30pm

Questions: please contact David Parker on david@ephpheta.org.au or SMS to 0408 669 672.



Out and About in the Deaf Community

Deaf Festival

On Saturday the 21st of October in Parramatta, we had a fantastic Deaf Festival Day. Many deaf based organisations came with colourful stalls by the Parramatta River. Our stall was big - I christened our stall 'Ephpheta Castle'. We had two stalls joined together. Crafts and Ephpheta teams worked together all day and we gave out lots of stuff such as lollies and colourful pens. Craft ladies worked tirelessly all day and sold lots of home made items such as dolls, coat hangers, tea towels, and dog covers. Many volunteers and Ephpheta staff members came to work throughout the day.

There were plenty of things to see and do. Leonie and Kate from the Deaf Society, Todd from Deaf Australia, and an Uber presenter came on the stage to talk about accessibility for deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind people. They gave heart felt presentations. The Aboriginal smoking ceremony was moving. We were given the opportunity to breath in the fumes of the burning leaves.

There were quite a few food stalls and the crowds were massive. When I was working in the stall, I could see so many happy faces, rotating hands and laughter. Lots of Auslan on the day! Matthew and Adam, who are priests in training and regularly come to Ephpheta Centre to improve their Auslan skills, came along for the day and they were astonished to see so many Auslan users. Many families, friends, Auslan students, interpreters, and so on were there.

We were lucky to have a great day at Parramatta despite a bout of heavy rain the day before. It was a great way to begin National Week of Deaf People by celebrating the vibrant diversity and spirit of our deaf community. Thank you to the Deaf Society and the participating stall holders for a fun filled day!

More photos from the day below



Congratulations John and Joanne!

John and Joanne Herbert recently celebrated their 40 year wedding anniversary!

They were married on the 22nd of October 1977 at St Patrick's Catholic Church in Parramatta. On the 22nd of October 2017 they celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a special Mass at a Church in the same place! Their friends and family

gathered on the day for the St Gabriel's School 95th Anniversary. There was a special integrated Mass and an Anniversary lunch at the Commercial Hotel that followed. What a great way to celebrate a very special day!

Congratulations to John and Joanne Herbert on this wonderful achievement! Wishing you both many more years of happiness and love!



Men's Day Out

There are no tour or tour guide during the Pompeii exhibition, but we were incredibly lucky that the Australian National



Maritime Museum organised an archaeologist from the University to come and lead the tour of Pompeii for our Men's Day Out. We had an Auslan interpreter with the archaeologist who explained the history of Pompeii and the eruption of the volcano. He explained the different types of volcano eruption.

The interesting part was that the archaeologist explained the Roman soldiers were the rowers in the Roman ships. We all thought that the slaves were the rowers in the ships. Well, that is only in the movies!

There were replicas of statues, bodies that were covered by ashes and Roman armours, spears, swords on display. It gives you an idea what it is like during the times of Pompeii in Italy.

It was a wonderful day out!

Women's Day Out

On 21st of September we enjoyed a women's day outing to the historical Cockatoo Island, which we visited by ferry from Circular Quay. We learned of the interesting history of the Island

We learned about the story of the first convicts. One prisoner in particular, Frederick Ward escaped from Cockatoo Island which was rare because few prisoners could swim. Fred was sentenced to seven years on Cockatoo Island for stealing horses. He was shot by police after escaping for 7 years.

All the ladies enjoyed themselves and loved learning about the historical story through Nicole, our Auslan Interpreter for the day!

We all had a lovely lunch at the Island with the nice view of Darling Harbour. The weather was just perfect!



Combined Women's and Men's Day Out

What a wonderful combined outing we had on the 11th of October! We started the day at the Sydney Bus Museum, which had so many buses collected throughout the years - dating all the way back to the 1920s! We were given an informative and insightful presentation by a lovely volunteer of the Museum and had the opportunity to browse the collection of buses, many of which some community members remember from their school days! We were very lucky to be treated to a ride on a double decker bus around Sydney city. The view was lovely and it was a really enjoyable day. Our tour and bus ride concluded in Leichhardt, where we finished the day with a delicious lunch at Bar Italia, a traditional Italian restaurant on Norton Street. Lunch was delicious and it was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves.

Details of our next combined deaf women's and men's day out can be found on page 4. This will be our last outing for 2017.

Details for our first outing for 2018 can be found on page 6. We look forward to organising more outings for our community in 2018.



Congratulations Kevin and Joyce!

Kevin and Joyce Tully recently celebrated their 50 year wedding anniversary!

They were married on the 7th of October 1967 at St Bernadette's Catholic Church in Dundas by Father Malone. On the 7th of October



2017 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with all their family and friends at an Italian pizza restaurant in Penrith! Kevin and Joyce had a great time celebrating!

To continue the celebrations, Kevin and Joyce will cruise to the South Pacific for one week on the 19th of November.

Congratulations to Kevin and Joyce Tully on this amazing achievement! Wishing you both many more years of happiness and love!



Farewell Diane!

It is with sadness that we share with you all that our community worker Di Ulrich-Smith, who you have seen at our many Ephpheta Centre events left our organisation at the end of October.



Di has achieved her goal of working at the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) as a planner. Her experience, knowledge, and skills will be a fantastic asset to the NDIA as they continue to work with people with various disabilities.

Di has been a wonderful addition to our team and a big part of our Ephpheta community for the last 2 years. We know you all miss her, as our team will, and her constant energy.

From the Ephpheta Centre team, we wish her all the best as she embarks on this new adventure.



Good luck Di!

Craft Corner

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

The craft ladies have been busy lately! On the 20th of September, Young-Joo ran a sushi workshop, where the ladies learned how to make and roll their own sushi. It was lots of fun learning a new skill and they had the chance to enjoy their freshly made sushi for lunch. Thank you Young-Joo for a wonderful day!

They have been working hard preparing for their stall at the Deaf Festival. Their stall was very popular with lots of hand made items for sale! Well done ladies - you all worked so hard! More photos from the Deaf Festival can be found on page 10.

Note the Craft Group will finish for the year on 13 December 2017 and restarts on 24 January 2018.



Thank you St Patrick's!

Ephpheta recently received a lovely gift from the parish of St Patrick's at Bondi - this is a beautiful monstrance. A monstrance is a special vessel used in the Catholic Church for the display of the consecrated Blessed Sacrament. It is used during the service of Adoration (also known as Benediction) - this is a special service of prayer and devotion to our Lord.

Fr Michael recently blessed the Monstrance at our Mass on



13 October which was a devotional Mass to Our Lady on the 100th Anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady at Fatima.

The monstrance is very decorative and at its centre there is a small round glass through which the Blessed Sacrament can be seen.

Thank you to the parishioners and parish at St Patrick's - we are very grateful and are looking forward to having some special services of prayer and adoration soon in our Ephpheta Chapel.



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some treasure. Give a soft
answer. Support youth. Show

you are loyal in word and deed. Keep
a promise. Forget a grudge. Forgive an
enemy. Listen. Say sorry if you were wrong.

Try to understand. Don't envy. Look at your
demands on others. Think first of someone else.

Appreciate. Be kind. Be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh
a little more. Deserve confidence. Do not be self-satisfied.

Do not hurt others. Express your gratitude. Go to church.

Welcome a stranger. Make a child happy at heart. Take pleasure
in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love. Speak it
again. Speak it still once again. Christmas is a celebration, and there is
no celebration that is better than knowing the true meaning of Christmas.
Then, only then, is it possible to grasp the importance of that first Christmas.

Christmas Blessings to all!



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Mass for People with Special Needs 2017

AND THEIR FAMILIES

Celebrant:
Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

DATE: SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2017

TIME: 9:30 AM

**VENUE:
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL
YARDLEY AVE, WAITARA**

Note: This Mass is not an Ephpheta event but it is supported by the Ephpheta Centre.

RSVP: MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2017

PHONE: 9847 0448 OR 4332 9825

EMAIL: REGISTRATIONS@DBB.ORG.AU



This Mass will be Auslan interpreted.

#ACYF17

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

December 7-9



Jarrod Brown



Christiane Kassab

This Catholic Youth Festival in Sydney Olympic Park over two days is open to Catholic young people who live in Australia. This festival is for youth aged between 14 and 30 years old.

There will be competitions, arts, and films! Many different things to do. Over 15,000 people will attend. It is a bit like our Australian World Youth Day!

It will be an awesome three days!

Two Deaf youth leaders, Christiane Kassab and Jarrod Brown from the Ephpheta Centre will be attend the festival and will lead the deaf and hard of hearing youth group.

Please send your expression of interest to Chrisso or Jarrod to secure your place at the festival. We can talk more about travel plans, accommodation and financial support if needed. We will also have Auslan interpreters for the events we will be attending.

Interested? Any Questions? Please Contact:

- Chrisso SMS: 0405 749 488 email: christiane@ephpheta.org.au
- Jarrod SMS: 0478 182 428 email: jarrod@ephpheta.org.au

We look forward to hearing from you!



History Corner

Elizabeth Mary Ruwald – 2nd girl student of Catholic Deaf School in Newcastle

By Brian Johnston

Elizabeth Ruwald is remembered in Deaf history because she was the second Australian student of a Deaf teacher, Sister Mary Gabriel Hogan at the Catholic Deaf School in Newcastle NSW which was opened in 1875.

Elizabeth Mary Ruwald was born at Newcastle in 1863, eldest daughter of Captain Francis Christian Ruwald (sea captain) and Emma Mary Nicoll, who themselves were married in Sydney in 1860. Elizabeth had four brothers, Francis W born 1861, George L 1865, Harold J 1870 and Redwald P 'Reginald' 1872, and one sister, Winifred 1868.

In February 1873 'Elizabeth Mary Ruwald' attended the State Deaf and Dumb Institution at Newtown, Sydney. She was from Newcastle, aged 10, Roman Catholic. By December 1875, she left Sydney and went to a Deaf school in Newcastle, close to her family who lived nearby in Pitt Street.

The school roll shows that under the name of Elizabeth Rewalds (should read Ruwald), she was admitted on 8 December 1875 as the second student at the Dominican School for Catholic Deaf Children in Newcastle, being aged 12 and from Newcastle. Elizabeth joined the first student, Catherine Sullivan, aged 16, who was admitted on the same day as Elizabeth. The third student, and first boy, Edward Rice, aged 12, joined Elizabeth and Catherine two years later in 1877. After 2 years there, Elizabeth left school in 1877.

Tragically, Elizabeth's father, Captain Ruwald was drowned in November 1877 when his ship MEMENTO was wrecked on the Tasmanian coast. He was 43 years old. Elizabeth, aged 14, had to leave school to help her mother at home and possibly worked to provide income for the family.

Elizabeth was later a part of the Deaf Community network for the rest of her life. On 26 December 1900, at the age of 37, Elizabeth married a Deaf man, William Morrow (ex-student 1860-1864 at Newtown Deaf School and bootmaker) at Redfern, Sydney.

William Morrow already had 6 children, Lilian, Robert, John, Percy, Arthur and Cecil by his first wife, Christiana Jane Wright (Deaf) who died in 1898. So Elizabeth became a devoted stepmother to her husband's children. The Morrow family lived in Eliza Street Camperdown. Elizabeth's mother, Emma Ruwald died at Redfern in 1906.

Elizabeth Mary Morrow died on 26 May 1914, late of Dalhousie Street Haberfield, at the age of 50, and was buried in Rookwood Independent Cemetery. Her newspaper funeral notice mentioned her four Ruwald brothers. Elizabeth's husband, William Morrow died in 1927 at the age of 72.



Grave of William Morrow and his 3rd wife, Susanna.

His 2nd wife, Elizabeth Mary (Ruwald) Morrow was buried in a separate grave without headstone nearby.

Mass Times

NOVEMBER

12th	Sunday	9.30am
	NORTH GOSFORD	
19th	Sunday	11.00am
	SEVEN HILLS	
19th	Sunday	9.30am
	WAITARA <i>Broken Bay Mass</i> see page 16 for more information	
26th	Sunday	10.00am
	PUNCHBOWL	

DECEMBER

3rd	Sunday	10.00am
	PUNCHBOWL <i>Giving Mass and Christmas Party</i> see page 5 for more information	
10th	Sunday	10.30am
	MANLY	
17th	Sunday	11.00am
	SEVEN HILLS <i>CDC NSW RSL Lunch</i> see page 5 for more information	
24th	Sunday	6.00pm
	PUNCHBOWL <i>Christmas Eve Vigil Mass</i> see page 5 for more information	
25th	Monday	TBC
	PUNCHBOWL <i>Christmas Day Mass</i> see page 6 for more information	

FEBRUARY

4th	Sunday	10.00am
	PUNCHBOWL <i>Assembly Day</i> see page 6 for more information	
11th	Sunday	10.30am
	MANLY	
18th	Sunday	9.30am
	WINSTON HILLS <i>Replaces Seven Hills</i> see page 6 for more information	
25th	Sunday	10.00am
	PUNCHBOWL	

Friday morning Mass

Where: Ephpheta Centre, 4 Turner St, Punchbowl
When: Every Friday
Time: 10.30am
 Our last Friday morning Mass will be on 15 December 2017.
 Mass will start again on Friday 2 February 2018.



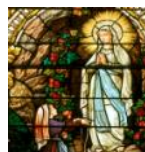
Church Addresses



Chapel of St Francis de Sales
 4 Turner St Punchbowl



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



Our Lady of Lourdes
 7 Grantham Rd Seven Hills



St Mary's
 6 Raglan St Manly
Integrated Mass

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If you would like an Auslan Interpreter for Mass, anointing of the sick or a Parish event - please contact Rebecca Miller, Chaplain to the Deaf Community.

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We pray...

For those who have died

Annette Slade

Richard Jones

Mona Power

8 August 2017 - Graham Smith (Ex St Gabriel)

26 August 2017 - Barbara Wall (Ex Waratah)

28 August 2017 - Mal Burden

15 September 2017 - Greg Kirwan

22 September 2017 - Joan McDonald

For those who are sick

Barbara Field (Ex Waratah)

Rommy Muscinkas

(Please pray for those who are sick)





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What does “Ephpheta” mean?

The name Ephpheta of our Centre came from the
bible - a story about Jesus meeting a deaf man,
he says “Ephpheta” which means “Be open”.

We are always open to you all!