



## Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre e-News

### Mercy Prayers

Lord Jesus,  
In your mercy heal us  
In your love and tenderness remake us  
In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,  
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

*(St. Anselm 1033-1109)*

We can never have too much confidence in the good God  
Who is so powerful and so merciful:

We obtain from God as much as we hope for.

*(St Therese of Lisieux 1897)*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon  
me a sinner. *(Jesus Prayer)*



### Sacred Ground: Celebration of Art & Spirituality—Saturday 16th July 2016



You are invited to 'come away to a quiet place' for three sessions of art and storytelling at the beautiful Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre on Saturday 16 July 9am-3pm Cost: \$60

Using 3 of the deeply spiritual paintings of Redlands artist, **Peter Hunter**, (who holds a Master's degree in Theology) and the storytelling skills of Biblical storyteller, **Carole Danby**, participants will be invited to contemplate art, listen to stories, walk the labyrinth and take time for meditation.

The theme of Mother ..... Curator & Creator, Forgiveness and Wisdom forged around three paintings will provide the focus for these sessions. This connects two key themes of Pope Francis: Mercy and Care for Creation.

RSVP and payment by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. [Download](#) the brochure here.

### Caring for our Common Home

In his encyclical letter on ecology and climate Pope Francis reminds us that 'the entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God.' He offers another analogy. 'God has written a precious book, whose letters are the multitude of created things present in the universe. The Canadian Bishops are quoted saying, 'From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. It is also a continuing revelation of the divine.' *(Pope Francis: Laudato Si n84-85).*

Charged with the stewardship of our Ormiston 'caress of God', we seek to preserve its natural beauty, ensure a safe haven for our native animals and cultivate a deep respect for the land cared for by the Quandamooka people for over 20,000 years. Koalas regularly visit us to enjoy our supply of gum leaves. They captivate our guests when they scamper across the ground or are found sleeping atop the trees.



## Francis Rush Formation Space



Santa Teresa has 4 spaces for guests to gather and conduct spiritual formation activities. One such area in the Mary MacKillop administration wing has been named the Francis Rush room after the fifth Archbishop of Brisbane. Archbishop Rush encouraged the Cenacle Sisters to build the retreat centre and was present to bless and officially open it in 1984. This stone sculpture captures his spirit of openness to the reforms of Vatican II and in particular, his strong affirmation of the role of the laity in the life and mission of the Church.

Groups of up to 15 people, find this a welcoming space to engage in prayer, reflection, formation and small group discussion. Originally, the chapel, it is now a place where one can encounter Christ through a myriad of retreat activities and interaction with others.

## Staff Changes

We welcome Karren Strahan (pictured) as our new Assistant Supervisor, who will work on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at the Centre while Michelle McEwan, our Supervisor will now be on duty from Monday to Friday to oversee Centre operations.



We also welcome Tim Goodwin, John Capitelli and Robert Strahan who will share the new role of caretaker from 7pm to 7am each evening. Patrick Cremin who has assisted Michelle as a volunteer for the past 4 years, will also join the caretaker team, ensuring the safety of guests and security of the Centre overnight.

We are very grateful to Patrick who has served the Centre so generously in his commitment to the care and well-being of our guests over this period. The new staffing arrangements took effect from 3 June.

## Ongoing Improvements: Tabernacle—Storeroom—Bedspreads

- ◆ The tabernacle in the Blessed Sacrament chapel was recently sanded and revarnished to restore its finish and protect it from the effects of the sun. Gregory Gilmour, who built the sacred furniture in our chapels, did this restoration work for us.
- ◆ Discovery of an existing storeroom at the end of Couderc Cottage saved us from building one to provide additional storage for our cleaning supplies. Installation of shelving and a new weatherproof door was all that was needed to provide a clean and secure location for these vital supplies.
- ◆ Recent guests to the Centre would have noticed the smart new navy blue bedspreads that have replaced the original green ones. Much lighter in weight, easier to wash and dry and simpler to replace when changing the bed linen, they look fresh and clean. This change will assist our cleaning team in keeping the rooms neat and tidy.

## Donations Appeal for \$5,000 —History Boards project

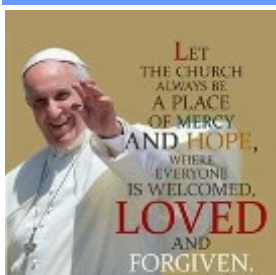
With the recent changes to the kitchen, a large wall in the entrance corridor is now available to display the history of the Centre. Sr Kathleen Ryan is pictured with the triptych of panels depicting three eras of Santa Teresa history – farmland belonging to the Carmelites – the Cenacle Sisters – Archdiocesan Centre. Many of the photos and the writing in these panels have faded and some of this information need updating.

It is proposed to create some modern acrylic panels along the entrance corridor wall so that guests and visitors can view and read the story of Santa Teresa, which will also include recognition of the Quandamooka people's presence in this region.

We are seeking donations to raise the \$5,000 needed to fund this project. If you are able to assist financially, you can donate by contacting Michelle or Karren at the Centre on Ph. 3286 4011 or emailing: [santateresa@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:santateresa@bne.catholic.net.au)



## Year of Mercy Pilgrim Days bring many guests for the first time



Santa Teresa has welcomed 320 pilgrims over the 5 pilgrim days held thus far. Most of these are first time visitors from our parishes. Not only have the pilgrims delighted in what the Centre has to offer but they have grasped the gift of finding an oasis of peace to explore and experience the 'mercy of our loving God'. We are especially grateful for a number of our retired clergy who have made themselves available for the Sacrament of Penance on these days. All pilgrim days are now fully booked out. We are looking to run some parish reflection days in 2017.

Blessings,

Mike Humphrys - Coordinator