

Advent Reflection

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Our Advent clock is an alarm that the Church sets to wake us up to a continuing coming of Christ in our daily lives, to a greater awareness of the divine presence and a deeper knowledge of the divine love.

Christ is still being born, not in his own human flesh but in our hearts if we offer him the hospitality of our discipleship. Ours is the dignity and challenge to accept the Son, through the power of the Holy Spirit, into the most intimate depths of our lives and then bear him to others.

This is not the season for gazing nostalgically into a crib or fearfully into the heavens. It is a time to rise from sleep, to pray, to avoid the premature celebration of Christmas, to wait with eager readiness rather than exhausted idleness for the advent of the Lord who has come, is coming and will come again.

Extract from *Welcoming the Word: Sowing the Seed*, Verna A Holyhead, SGS, John Garratt Publishing



Your gifts of time and talent are very special and really appreciated. On behalf of the Board and all those you have helped we wish you and your family a happy, joyful and peaceful Christmas.



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“The Springtime Gathering” Photo Gallery



The Springtime Gathering held in November was a great success and a lot of fun.

Tashi Wolf and Antonella Segre from ConnectGroups launched the day into full swing by enlightening the Co-Ordinators about the role of ConnectGroups in helping people set up support groups in the community.

Using colour we were invited to get in touch with our feelings about the work that we do with our care groups. We were delighted to find that the painting activity opened the way to feelings of being more connected, whole and alive. It highlighted the support that we give to one another – both social support and peer understanding.

It is apparent that there are some common threads running through the collection of paintings completed on the day. The paintings depict very strongly that the inspiration for the work we do comes from the presence of God in our lives, the intimacy of relationships and from the wonder of creation. All of these threads are interwoven into the fabric that connect the care groups with each other to create the tapestry that is Catholic Outreach.

The lovely works of art are presented in the “art gallery” on the back for you to view.



The day continued with a panel discussion presented by seven Co-Ordinators who shared many ideas about strategies that have been used successfully in their parishes. One versatile care group featured their singing Co-Ordinators who frequently entertain at local nursing homes among their many other duties. They delighted us with some popular renditions and even engaged us in the “Hokey Pokey”.

The updates on the website were revisited and we also navigated through the Co-Ordinators Secure Area to explore the latest templates available for downloading.

The workshop concluded with this reflection...

As we place our paintings and light this candle we are reminded of the joy and hope we both receive and give to those in need in our community by the work we do in our Pastoral Care group.

We are reminded of the friendships we make and the support we receive and give to others.

We are reminded that in our work, however small or insignificant it may seem to us, we are contributing to the universal plan of our loving Creator.

We are encouraged through our connectedness with others which renews our energies and supports us.

And we are reminded that our work is never done alone for the One who went before us sends His Spirit to empower us, to deepen our relationships and to help and guide us in all we do.

