



MERCY PARTNERS NEWS

KEEP THE LANTERN BURNING: PRESERVING, NURTURING, REIMAGINING THE PRESENTATION CHARISM

On Tuesday 26 April 2022, we acknowledged the 238th anniversary of Nano Nagle's death (Nano Nagle's Day) with the launch of the first book in our Leadership in Mission: Charism Series entitled: *Keep the Lantern Burning: Preserving, Nurturing, Reimagining the Presentation Charism*.

Nano Nagle's charism is particularly significant to us at Mercy Partners as the Presentation Sisters of Queensland entrusted to our care their education ministries – St Rita's College, Brisbane and St Ursula's College, Yeppoon.

St Rita's College hosted the book launch. We had a fabulous night exploring the resource and honouring Nano Nagle. Mary Franzmann pbvm, the Congregation Leader of the Queensland Presentation Sisters expressed how Presentation People "are grasping the baton, standing up and seeking ways to develop and nurture Presentation leadership and charism." We hold steadfast and firm to the task entrusted to us to "Keep the Lantern Burning" and invite you to join us in doing so too.

We filmed the event (watch here), which included a welcome and introduction by Dr Ricki Jeffery, a moving testimony by Sr Mary Franzmann pbvm – this heartfelt and beautiful testimony is a delight to watch and is a true call to us all to preserve, nurture and reimagine the Presentation Charism in our place at this time. We concluded with an address by Dr Caroline Thompson, who compiled and wrote the resource book. Caroline took the time to walk us through the resource and to express the reality that a single book cannot hold every detail but it can aid and support you to "Keep the Lantern Burning."



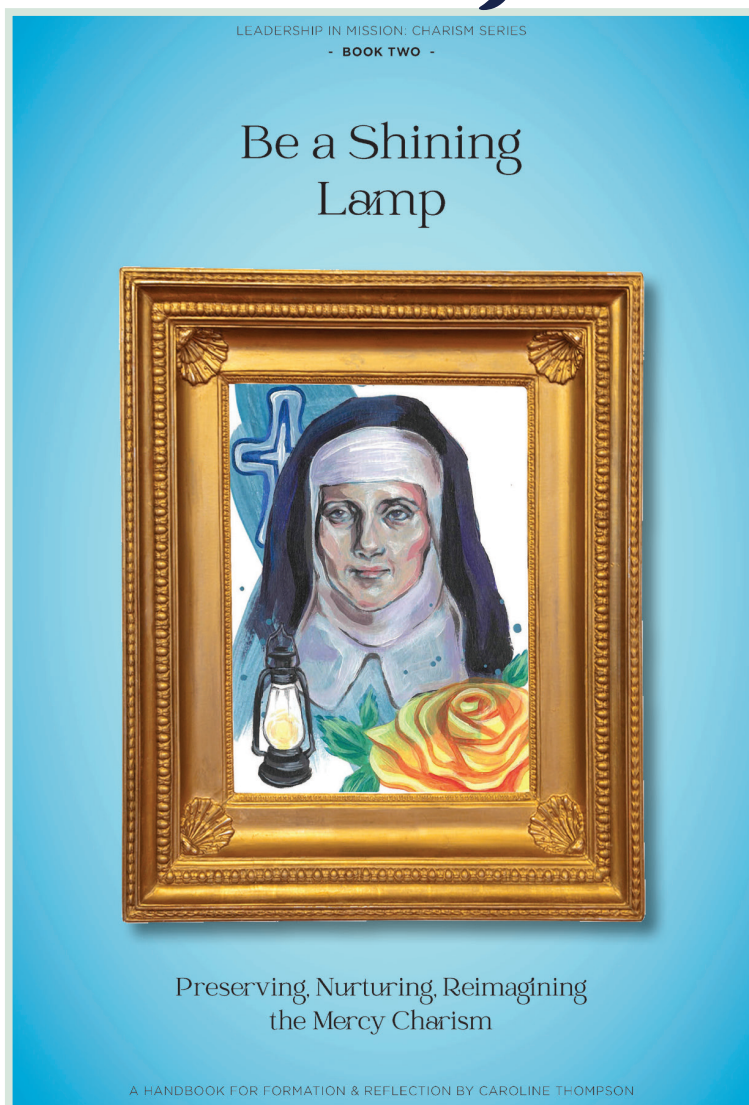
Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands on which we walk, live and work. We recognise their living culture and their unique role in the life of this area. We pay tribute to all of those who have nurtured this country over many thousands of years, deriving spiritual and physical needs from the seas, forests, soil, rivers, lakes and streams. We join with First Nations people in honouring this land as sacred. We welcome the Uluru Statement from the Heart and support an Indigenous voice to parliament, enshrined in the Australian Constitution.

MERCY PARTNERS CHARISM SERIES



Launching 11 November 2022



Charism Resource

Are you a leader in a Mercy ministry?

Are you looking for innovative and practical ways to enrich Mercy charism?

“We Should Be Shining Lamps” is a source book for those charged with taking the Mercy charism into the future – preserving, nurturing and reimagining the rich spirit and tradition of Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy.

Keeping the Mercy lamp shining requires reflection, strategic thinking and openness to God’s call to step boldly onto new paths.

This resource gives you the tools to do just that. It contains:

- Reflections on the nature of charism
- Images as tools for reflection
- Extracts from the correspondence of Catherine McAuley and reflections on their significance
- Prayers, blessings and rituals to celebrate the life of Catherine McAuley
- Mercy leadership principles
- Elements of a Mercy spirituality
- and much more.

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FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY

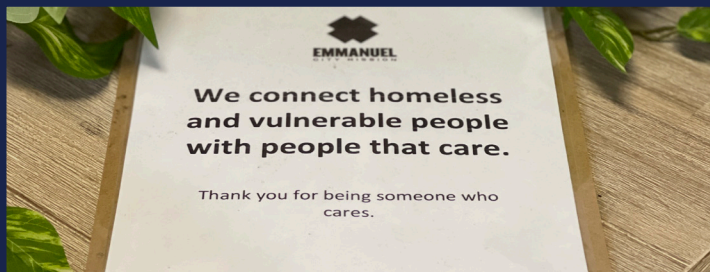


We were privileged to meet many leaders from South East Queensland Franciscan schools and a few Franciscan Friars at the **Tea and Talk** event held at the Missionary Franciscan Sisters office at Kedron. At the event, Mrs Alison Stone, FSA Animator Mission and Identity, created a space for the exchange of ideas, connection and dialogue. These connections will continue to be fostered as we attend many more FSA events.

Thank you Franciscan Schools Australia (FSA) for your invitation to attend such a blessed and beautiful **Ever Wider “We” Retreat for Staff – 2022.**

It was a sacred experience for us all. We began in the Franciscan Friary, Kedron where we shared a meal and a time of deep reflection and connection with Fr Joe McKay OFM. Fr Joe presented to us the mission of St Francis through the Gospel and a Franciscan lens.

We then travelled to Emmanuel City Mission – a frontline ministry of Emmanuel Community to serve the homeless and vulnerable. Our time was spent in service welcoming, meeting, feeding and supporting those who enter the sacred space. It was a gift and the connections made were blessed beyond measure. We ended our night with Eucharist - thank you for presiding Fr Joe and thank you Alison Stone for allowing us to join you all.



2023 MERCY PARTNERS PILGRIMAGE

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Walking a well-lit path...



with **Saint Francis**
through the streets of

- Assisi
- La Verna
- San Damiano



with **Nano Nagle**
through the streets of

- Cork
- Ballygriffin



with **Catherine
McAuley**
through the streets of

- Dublin
- George's Hill
- Glendalough

MERCY PARTNERS PILGRIMAGE 2023

The Mercy Partners Pilgrimage is for leaders (directors, executives and key staff) of Mercy Partners Ministries. Mercy Partners Council, Mercy Partners Committees and Sisters of Mercy, Presentation Sisters and Missionary Franciscan Sisters.

This is a wonderful opportunity to

- spend time in prayer and reflection in places sacred to the founding stories of the Sisters of Mercy, Presentation Sisters and Missionary Franciscan Sisters;
- learn about the lives of our founders and the communities they served;
- develop networks and friendships across Mercy Partners Ministries.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Good level of fitness (extensive walking most days).
- Commitment to times of prayer and reflection.

Maximum of 12 pilgrims

Places will fill up fast

SECURE YOUR PLACE TODAY!

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO JOIN US ON THE MERCY PARTNERS PILGRIMAGE 2023

We are yet to decide if we will travel during the Northern Hemisphere's Winter or Autumn, your availability will help us to determine this, so please choose between the two proposed dates:

1. Friday 6th January - Wednesday 18th January, 2023 OR
2. Friday 6th October – Wednesday 18th October, 2023

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FORM?

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CONGRATULATIONS, WELCOME AND THANK YOU



Queen's Birthday 2022 Honours List

OFFICER (AO) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Sister Brigid Marie Arthur csb - for distinguished service to social welfare, particularly asylum seekers and refugees, and to Catholic education.

MEMBER (AM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Emeritus Bishop Peter William Ingham - for significant service to the Catholic Church in Australia.

MEDAL (OAM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Sister Angela Ryan csb - for service to the Catholic Church of Australia.

Joan Kathleen Rose, who died aged 100 (November 2021) - for decades of service to community health as a volunteer at the Mater Children's Hospital.

PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL (PSM)

Professor Ajay Rane OAM, Mater Townsville - for outstanding public service in women's health in Queensland.

Mater Accreditation Success

Accreditation undertaken across all Mater facilities and services by the Australian Council of Healthcare Standards (ACHS) has resulted in an excellent outcome with all Mater sites passing accreditation. Key areas of exceptional practices noted by the assessors included: Launch of patient journey board in Outpatients Department; and established process for day of admission elective surgery COVID rapid antigen testing (Brisbane); Planning for implementation of Sozo machine to assist in breast care treatment (Rockhampton); Introduction of new risk assessment forms with collaboration between Clinical Safety and Quality and Mater Education on bedside teaching of staff; and significant reductions in returns to operating theatre and re-admissions after surgery (Townsville); early transition to home – supporting public patients who wish to discharge within 12 hours of baby's birth; and a project to initiate immediate skin to skin contact for elective caesarean births (Mater Mothers).

Inaugural Chair of Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) Ltd Announced

Adjunct Professor **Iyla Davies OAM**, has been appointed the Inaugural Chair of Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) Ltd.

Welcome Twins

Mercy Partners Formation Committee member **Lana Turvey-Collins** and her husband Tim welcomed twin girls into the world, making their almost two year old daughter a big sister and creating a family of five!

A pink neon sign that says "Hello" in a cursive font.

Mount Alvernia College - Ms Lara Morgan has joined the board of directors.

Mount Alvernia College - Ms Melissa Rankine has joined the board of directors.

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta – Ms Kitty Chu has joined the board of directors.

A blue background with the word "goodbye" written in a large, white, cursive font.

Farewell Daryl

In April this year, the Council was very sad to accept the resignation of one of our Councillors, Dr Daryl Hanly OAM. Daryl was appointed onto the Council in May 2015 and completed nearly seven years of service on the Mercy Partners Council. Daryl took a keen interest in our education ministries which was supported by his extensive knowledge and experience of working in the education sector for over 50 years.

We wish Daryl and his wife Trish all the very best for the next chapter of their lives on the Sunshine Coast.



Farewell Beata

Beata Ostapiej-Piatkowski service as Romero Manager has come to an end. At Romero, Beata led a period of service development that, held on to the legacy of Romero as a place of warm welcome for all people seeking asylum and the wider community, while also establishing the 'Circles of Hope' housing service, social inclusion groups, the ESL program, the employment program, the arts program and the advocacy support coordination service. Her extraordinary legacy will be deeply missed.

MERCY PARTNERS FORMATION

Mercy Partners Formation provides service for:

- ▶ Mercy Partners Council and Committees
- ▶ Religious from our foundation congregations
- ▶ Leaders of ministries — directors, executives, key staff and emerging leaders
- ▶ Leaders from cross-sector ministries
- ▶ Ministries seeking governance support

Last week, Dr Caroline Thompson spent a couple of days at **Mater Mackay** leading six formation sessions. Themes included: *Leading in a Catholic Hospital; Mission and Values in the Everyday; Conducting a Mission Audit; Challenges and Blessings; Mission Leadership; Preserving and Nurturing the Mercy Charism; Developing a Community of Practice; The Story of Catherine McAuley; Why Working in a Mercy Hospital is Different?; Pastoral Care in a Catholic Hospital; Ethical Challenges – End of Life Legislation; Presence and Purpose.*

By working together Mercy Partners and Mater Mackay tailored formation opportunities for their leaders and staff. 90+ individuals attended the formation activities over the two days with morning sessions for staff coming off night shift and lunch time sessions - all providing accessibility and options.

Last month in Brisbane, leaders of **Mercy Community** spent a day reflecting on Mission and Values at their formation session with Dr Caroline Thompson.



WHAT WILL WORK FOR YOUR MINISTRY?

Please contact us to discuss the possibilities.

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For more information visit
www.mercypartners.org.au/formation/



HOLY CROSS FOOD SERVICES UPDATE

Tom's secret recipe for tomato relish is now used in various products sold at the Good Cup Cafe.

Tom makes his relish fortnightly and jars of

“The Good Relish”

will be available for retail purchase soon.

“The Good Bacon Jam”

is currently being perfected and will be available through the Good Cup Cafe soon. Stay tuned!

INDIGENOUS ENCOUNTER DAY

On the 20th May we gathered at St Teresa's Church, Garbutt, Townsville for our annual Indigenous Encounter Day where we were privileged to hear the stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and Leaders. We had an opportunity to learn, listen and to look at ways in which we can walk together in unity.

We sat together in yarning circles led by Elders Dulcie Isaro and Rachel Cummins and Community Leaders Carl Lymburner, Zacarias Nogar and Milton Thaiday. They shared their stories, cultures and customs. We shed tears and felt tremendous joy and connection.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Mark your calendar!

FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023



It's a long road we have come and it's a long road we can go. We have to walk together and talk together... Walk side by side and let's get there.

Conrad Ratara, at a handing back ancestral lands to Aboriginal people ceremony



OBSERVING NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK
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*Living out
the mission
of Mercy
Partners
entails
collaborating
with others at
every turn*

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Regional Gathering

A night to meet and greet Mercy Partners ministry leaders in their own city, to build and foster connections and nurture relationships.

Date: Tuesday 12 July, 2022

Time: From 6:00pm to 8:30pm

Venue: Wesley House, 140 Ann St, Brisbane, QLD 4000

We are grateful to have two guest speakers from Mater Refugee Health at this event to share with us their experiences, insights and knowledge.



Dr Moraa Nyanchoga

CCHEP State-wide Coordinator

Moraa was born and raised in Kenya where she obtained a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery from the University of Nairobi in 2015. Upon completion, she practiced as a GP including working in the Kakuma Refugee Camp. This sparked Moraa's interest in Refugee Health that led to further studies in a Masters Degree in Advanced Health Management. Moraa works in Mater Refugee Health as a coordinator of the international medical graduates from refugee backgrounds, and also with Metro South Health as a Program Manager in embedding value based leadership within the organisation.

Donata Sackey

Director - Mater Refugee Health Service

Over the past 10 years, Donata has worked with the Mater UQ Centre for Integrated Care and Innovation. The Centre has a strong focus on evaluation, research and implementing new models of care. Donata oversees three key refugee health areas – Mater Refugee Complex Care Clinic (MRCC), Mater Integrated Refugee Health Service (MIRHS) and the Refugee Health Network Qld (RHNQ). She plays a key role in supporting the newly established RHNQ and collaborates with numerous stakeholders to ensure the strategic and integrated delivery of refugee health care.

REGISTER TODAY

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2022 Mercy Partners Leaders' Events

These events are open to Stewards' Representatives, Founding Congregations, Chairs, Directors, CEOs, Principals, Executive and key staff, Mission and Pastoral Care leaders and emerging leaders, Mercy Partners Council and Committee Members.

Register via the Mercy Partners website: www.mercypartners.org.au/mercy-partners-news/events/
OR go directly to Eventbrite <https://mercy-partners-leader-events.eventbrite.com.au>



WINTER WARMERS FORMATION EVENT – CENTRAL QLD

An evening to listen to a guest speaker, spend time conversing and contemplating an encounter of head and heart faith.

Date: Wednesday 22 June 2022

Time: 6.00pm to 8.30pm

Venue: St Ursula's College - Queen Street, Yeppoon



WINTER WARMERS FORMATION EVENT – TOWNSVILLE

An evening to listen to a guest speaker, spend time conversing and contemplating an encounter of head and heart faith.

Date: Wednesday 27 July 2022

Time: 6.00pm to 8.30pm (AEST)

Venue: St Patrick's College - 45 The Strand, Townsville



WINTER WARMERS FORMATION EVENT – BRISBANE

An evening to listen to a guest speaker, spend time conversing and contemplating an encounter of head and heart faith.

Date: Wednesday 24 August 2022

Time: 6.00pm to 8.30pm

Venue: Mercy Partners Place - 142 Flower Street, Northgate



MERCY CHARISM CELEBRATION

To celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy (24 September) we have planned a Mater History Twilight Pilgrimage.

Date: Thursday 29 September 2022

Time: 4.00pm to 7.00pm (AEST)

Venue: Mater Hospital - Raymond Terrace, South Brisbane



"WE SHOULD BE SHINING LAMPS" BOOK LAUNCH

An opportunity to gather together with the Mercy Sisters to commemorate Catherine McAuley's Anniversary of Death (11 November) and the release of our new book on the Mercy Charism.

Date: Friday 11 November 2022

Time: 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Venue: All Hallows' School - 547 Ann St, Brisbane City



PRESENTATION CHARISM CELEBRATION

To celebrate Presentation Day (21 November), we are delighted to have Mary Coloe pbvm present "The Parables of John".

Date: Thursday 24 November 2022

Time: 4.00pm to 7.00pm

Venue: Mercy Partners Place - 142 Flower Street, Northgate



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION (SAVE THE DATE)

An event to show our gratitude for the amazing work of our ministry leaders and to celebrate Christmas and support the Giving Tree.

Date: Thursday 1 December 2022

Time: 5.00pm to 8.00pm

Venue: Mercy Partners Place - 142 Flower Street, Northgate (TBC)

2022 Mercy Partners Retreat & Regional Gatherings

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REGIONAL GATHERINGS

Each regional gathering will run from 6.00pm until 8.30pm

12 JULY	SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND	Wesley House, Brisbane
16 AUGUST	CENTRAL QUEENSLAND	Regent Hotel, Rockhamptom
13 SEPTEMBER	NORTH QUEENSLAND	Mercure, Townsville
11 OCTOBER	SYDNEY	Novotel, Parramatta



RETREATS

PARABLE RETREAT UPDATE

Our hopes of an international facilitator are no longer possible,
instead the Parable Retreats will be led by Mercy Partners Formation.



COMPASSION JUSTICE RESPECT HOPE

Each retreat will run from 9.00am until 3.00pm

6 September	Central Qld	The Haven, Emu Park
9 September	South East Qld	Old Bishopsbourne (St Francis Theological College), Milton
13 September	North Qld	Garbutt Church, Townsville
19 January ^(tbc)	Sydney	Venue to be confirmed

TWILIGHT RETREATS

FRANCISCAN CHARISM DAY: TWILIGHT RETREAT FACILITATED BY MARGIE ABBOTT RSM

Our facilitator Margie Abbott RSM resides in Geelong and offers retreats through her private practice Igniting Sparks under the auspices of McAuley Ministries. Margie is a Laudato Si' animator and the author of *Cosmic Sparks: Igniting a Re-enchantment with the Sacred*.



COMPASSION JUSTICE RESPECT HOPE

Each retreat will run from 4.00pm to 7.00pm

4 October	Far North Qld	Seville Mercy Conference Centre, Earlville
5 October	North Qld	House of Prayer, Pimlico
6 October	Central Qld	The Range, Rockhampton
7 October	South East Qld	Mount Alvernia College, Kedron

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Lantern Burning

Preserving Nurturing Reimagining
the Presentation Charism

A HANDBOOK FOR FORMATION & REFLECTION BY CAROLINE THOMPSON

Charism Book
November launch

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Lamp

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