



# EMMAUS NEWS



Newsletter of the Canberra Monaro Emmaus Community

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## A message from our Community Lay Director



Dear Emmaus Family, Welcome to Autumn!

**Remember our mission? To be about our Father's business!**

They say that a picture is worth a thousand words...so these photos taken from MegaAgape Sat 14 March speak volumes.

**Thank you** to all our Agape makers - those who could spend the morning and those who're working away at home. **Thank you** to Deb Glassford, our Agape Coord. If you want in on the Coord fun just speak to Deb and she can give the tips & tricks for the Coord role.



A snapshot of all involved. Those who prepared in advance & bought agape to share. Those who arrived with willing hands to put to work.

<p>Deep discussion and fine motor skills</p>	<p>Dedication and fine motor skills</p>	<p>Willing hands and fine motor skills</p>

**Gatherings 2026 @ O'Connor UC**

**Saturdays 2pm - 5pm**

18 Apr: Gathering including Commissioning of Walks #99 and #100

13 Jun: Gathering including After Walk Celebration and Meet the Board

11 Jul: Gathering

8 Aug: Gathering including Commissioning of Going Fourth #20 LD and SD

10 Oct: Country Gathering location tba

14 Nov: Gathering including Board Elections if required

12 Dec: 12.30pm BBQ Gathering

**Events @ O'Connor UC**

12 Sep: 10am-5pm Going Fourth

**Team Training Days @ O'Connor UC**

18 Apr

**Walks 2026 @ Greenhills**

**Men's #99:** 30 April - 3 May 2026

**Women's #100:** 14 - 17 May 2026

(2026 calendar is at the end of the Newsletter)



And a time to worship....

**News to share...**

The **National Emmaus Conference** was held on Sat 28th March with the theme: **'WALKING IN FAITH - JOURNEYING TOGETHER'**.

Speakers included Brittany Sky, the new Director of Emmaus Ministries worldwide & Nigel Warr, Emmaus Ministries regional leader for Africa. I'll be sure to report on any outcomes in a future Newsletter.

**Do you listen to 1WayFM?** I have it on in the car. Sometimes it's just the music in the background, but sometimes on the days I really need it – there is a particular song, or a segment that jumps out at me. It's another way that God prompts me through my day.

1WayFM is relaunching and changing things up.

Did you know it's mostly run by volunteers? Did you know that if ongoing \$ support isn't available, the station might have to close.

Can you help? Find out more at [Homepage - 1WAY](#)



**Walk Preparation – the bullet point reminders!**

- Have you sponsored a pilgrim? Remember to get the Application form in soon.
- Keep praying for our Teams – for Speakers preparing talks, for families releasing the Team members for training commitments, for our LDs and SDs, TLs, ATs, PDs, Musos and BRs.
- Agape – is it getting close to being ready?

- Prayer Vigil sign up: Sign up online and get an email reminder of your times to pray!

• <a href="#">Emmaus Walk #99 (M) - Greenhills Conference Centre</a>	• 30 Apr 2026, 7:00:00 pm
• <a href="#">Emmaus Walk #100 (F) - Greenhills Conference Centre</a>	• 14 May 2026, 7:00:00 pm

- Serving Rosters: When can you serve at Greenhills? Brekky, AM tea, Lunch, PM tea, Dinner? It's fun!
- Payment for Walks – you can transfer \$ now. Pay it off in chunks. Please pay before it starts.

Bless your reading as you catch up on more of our Community news.

De Colores, God bless & may your Easter bring a new appreciation of how much God loves us!

Von

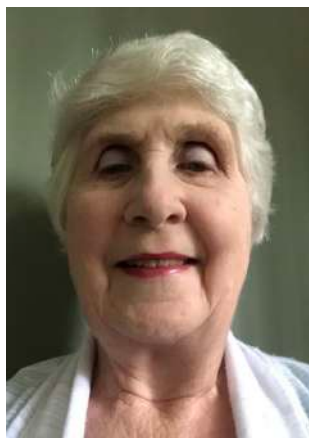
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**Our next Gathering is at 2pm on Saturday 18 April @ O'Connor Uniting Church and includes the Commissioning of our Walk teams.**



## A message from our Community Spiritual Director



Hello Canberra Monaro Emmaus Community.

As we are currently in Lent the message I reflect on today is Jesus's - the time just before He went to the cross for our sins. In this reflection I wish to look at John 17:1-26, which in my Bible is titled, "The High

Priestly Prayer". Then Chapter 18 speaks about Jesus's betrayal and arrest. So this High Priestly Prayer was probably only hours before His capture.

Verse 1 begins,

***"Father the hour has come; Glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You....."***

Jesus knew His time on earth was almost over and at this near end moment He wanted to give glory to His Father reflecting on the reason He came to earth,

***"to give eternal life, that they might know the Father" (V2)'***

And what did eternal life mean?

***"that they know You (Father), the only true God and Jesus Christ whom You have sent" (V3)'***

Jesus knows after His death He will return to the Father having accomplished that which He came to do on earth. (V4) He acknowledges those the Father gave Him to walk with Him and to reveal the Father to. As the Father gave Him the word, He gave it to these His Disciples and His followers (V8). And in that telling He says that they came to know the truth. And that truth was that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God prophesied throughout the Scriptures.

So now Jesus is praying for them that they will remain faithful and unified and that none would be lost except the 'son of destruction', referring to Judas who would shortly betray Him to the authorities which would lead to His crucifixion (V12).

Jesus continues to pray for protection for His Disciples whilst they remain in the world and especially for protection from the 'evil one' (V15).

Then, looking ahead to you and I, Jesus continues to pray. Remember He is literally hours away from being betrayed by Judas and yet His prayer was for you and I and for those in the world who will believe many years in the future; all those who would believe in the ages to come (V20-26).

How amazing is this, our God. How amazing is Jesus, who at the time of an imminent horrible death, prays for Himself to fulfil His destiny, for his Disciples to remain faithful and for you and I several thousands years hence, that we might believe.

Even when He was captured by the authorities He says,

***"I am Jesus of Nazareth let these men go" (John 18:6-9).***

This meant all His Disciples were freed and Jesus only was taken away to be crucified.

As we approach Easter, in this time of Lent, it is a good time to reflect on Jesus' life, ministry and doing the Father's will. A good time to reflect on our own lives as to whether we are doing the Father's will for this season of our lives.

I thank God for the unselfish sacrifice of Jesus and His thoughts and prayers for us long before we were even born. I would never have chosen myself what is best for my life but so grateful that the Lord directs my paths and gives me hope and a future (Jer 29:11).

I look finally at the words of Caiaphas, the earthly High Priest at the time and possibly a non believer in who Jesus was, when he said,

***"Caiaphas advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people" (John 18:14).***

It was like He was some sort of scapegoat for the answer to the current situation but I doubt he understood how prophetic his words were. This 'one man', Jesus, did indeed die for the people. The people then, and for us now. A Saviour who died for you and me that we might have life abundantly here on earth and then live eternally with Him in Heaven. How grateful am I that this 'One Man' died for me!!!!

May this time of Lent be a time of deep reflection on what Jesus has done for us. May we never forget His amazing sacrifice of grace and love. May we never forget we are saved by His sacrificial death and may we never forget that we belong to God. We are His children because of Jesus's amazing sacrifice.

**Thank You Jesus  
Thank You our Saviour**

**De Colores**

**Joy Waldron**



## Walk #99 and #100 News

### Update from Jill Pearson, WLD of Walk #100

The Emmaus Walk #100 Team appears to be gelling well.

It's a privilege to be involved with such dedicated team players, who are all working towards the common goal of being God's hands and feet at our upcoming Emmaus Walk.

The quality of each presenter's talk has been quite exceptional, so I have no doubt that the pilgrims will be moved and blessed from Talk One!

Each team members' personal story when woven into the talk has that unique way of adding colour, memorability and depth to the talk.

The Music Directors have put in many hours of practice to incorporate into their repertoire each presenter's "Speaker Song" as well as sets of songs that will allow Pilgrims and Team members alike to draw nearer to God.

Our Prayer Directors, along with the Spiritual Director and her Assistants have undergirded the team with a cohesive sense of being together for this moment in time under God's mantle.

Several of the Team have had to deal with challenging health issues as well as feeling attacked at their most vulnerable point.

Car issues have been an unrelenting saga for one Team member. Our earnest prayer is that this is now in the past.

We are relying on you now, to help a boost our Pilgrim numbers to make sure that the Walk will go ahead. The Team is ready and prepared, so I encourage you to pray and ask someone and invite them onto the upcoming Emmaus Walk, don't delay any longer.

**De Colores**

Jill

## Update from Andrew Johnson, WLD of Walk #99

While we are constantly reminded at each Walk not to anticipate, anticipation is growing in the Men's Team for the Walk to Emmaus #99. Having taken a little bit longer than anticipated to find the final Team member, God has answered our prayers, and the Team is now complete.

We have also completed three of the four training days, the most recent on Saturday 28 March, during which time we have previewed almost all the talks. What has excited the Team is the personal sharing in the talks and standard of the talks.

The talks and the program for Walk 99 are just about ready to encourage, challenge and grow other Men.

Now all Walk 99 needs is the Pilgrims. Men who are keen to take out time with God, who will benefit from journeying over three days with other like minded guys, who would like to be better equipped to serve in their Christian

communities and, above all, would love to build their relationship with Jesus.

With the Walk starting on Thursday 30 April, Pilgrim nominations for the Walk close on Saturday 11 April. The Team for Walk 99 would hate to know that men who could benefit from doing the Walk will miss the opportunity. So, while we are trying not to anticipate, it is with pending excitement that the Team for Walk 99 are looking forward to gathering at Greenhills on 30 April.

We are earnestly praying that the Community will have nominated men to join us as Pilgrims. And of course, the Team for Walk 99 are eternally grateful for the prayers of the Community and support the Community provides to ensure the Walk happens!

**De Colores**

Andrew Johnson  
Lay Director - Walk 99

## Get involved

Get involved in our upcoming Walks and bless the Team and Pilgrims.

Walks #99 and #100 are on the horizon, and the teams, sponsors and Pilgrims are relying on our community to attend events like Candlelighting and Closing on the Walk weekends.

Please join your CMEC friends at our Walk events.

### Men's Walk 99

Candlelighting – Saturday, 2 May 2026 at 8pm – Weston Creek Uniting Church.

Closing Ceremony – Sunday, 3 May 2026 at 3.45pm – Greenhills.

### Ladies Walk 100

Candlelighting – Saturday, 16 May 2026 at 8pm – Weston Creek Uniting Church

Closing Ceremony – Sunday, 17 May 2026 at 3.45pm – Greenhills.

### After Walk Celebration

Community Gathering – Saturday, 13 June 2026 at 2pm – O'Connor Uniting Church.

## Pray

Hey Fellow Pray-ers

Both teams are well into preparing and training for this year's Walks! So now is the time for us to sign up and support this year's Pilgrims and Teams! Let's ensure we have a full prayer vigil so the Pilgrims can see how loved they are.

- Men's Walk #99 is Thursday 30 April – Sunday 3 May.
- Women's Walk #100 is Thursday 14 May – Sunday 17 May.



Here's the link to the online 72-hour prayer vigils <https://vigil.emmaus.org.au/>. Just look for our Canberra Monaro Community on the list. While you're there, you could also consider signing up to pray for other communities.

There are also lots of overseas Emmaus, Kairos, Chrysalis Communities that we can pray for. Here's their link: <https://prayervigils.net/dashboard>. You will see our walks there as well.

Remember to add your email address when you sign up so you can get a reminder.

There are a total of 144 prayer spots to fill for each walk and the earlier you get in the more options there will be for a time that suits you.

Let's do this! Let's be prayerful and intercede for those on these walks. Let's:

- **Stand in the Gap:** Pray to fill a void or protect someone.
- **Be Bold:** Approach God with confidence, according to His will.
- **Be Compassionate:** Pray with a heart for the person's situation.
- **And (if possible) let's be specific:** Name specific needs or people.

Go us! Let's bless the pilgrims, the teams, everyone who serves on the Walk Weekend, Greenhills staff and our fabulous Emmaus Community.

## De Colores

Jane J  
Prayer Vigil Coordinator

## Serving

Our Emmaus Community is made up of many groups; they are important small groups that help make a difference in how a Walk is put together and goes smoothly for the Walk Team and Pilgrims out at Greenhills. One such group is the Serving Roster; these are people who sign up to help assist the Dining Room Coordinators (DRC) in getting the Team & Pilgrims fed with minimum fuss and ease. There are still many spots on the roster for people to sign up for all mealtime slots on both the Men's and Women's Walks. Please text me **0458 199 490** or send an email [serving@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au](mailto:serving@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au) when you will be able to serve.



**How will I know what to do?** The DRC's will give you clear instruction on what to do. You will be asked to help set the tables and clean away, serve tea, coffee, or a cold drink (Simple but still very rewarding).

**Can I get a meal? Is there a cost?** Yes, you can order a meal. The cost is \$25 for Breakfast or Lunch or Dinner (this is what Greenhills charges us). Servants along with the DRC will eat their meal after the Team and Pilgrims have left and the tables have been cleared. Greenhills requires numbers for catering two weeks before a Walk; after this date a meal will not be able to be ordered. Please remember, if you order a meal and then can't do your spot on the roster, we still have to pay regardless of whether you are coming or not, so it would be great if you could find someone who can be your replacement. You are welcome to bring your own meal; cold drinks, tea and coffee are available.

**What time do I need to be out at Greenhills?** See below the time you would need to arrive and finish serving (this is when the Team and Pilgrims are in the dining room).

**How long do I need to stay?** You are asked to arrive approx 30mins before the Team & Pilgrims are due in the dining room. It's nice to have a chat & cuppa before work starts. Normally from your arriving to the end of serving is one hour unless you are staying for a meal.

**A Friendly reminder:** The week of the walk you will receive a text reminding you of the dates & times you have committed to serve.

<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Breakfast : 7:30am – 8:45am	Breakfast : 7:30am – 8:35am	Breakfast : 7:30am – 8:35am
Morning Tea: 10am – 10:55am	Morning Tea: 9:30am – 10:15am	Morning Tea: 10am – 10:45am
Lunch: 12pm – 1pm	Lunch: 12pm – 1:15pm	Lunch: 11:30am – 12:30pm
Afternoon Tea: 2:15pm – 3pm	Afternoon Tea: 3:30pm – 4:20pm	
Dinner : 5pm – 6pm	Dinner : 5pm – 6:40pm	
	Supper after candlelight : 10pm- 11pm	

Check out rosters at the Gathering to sign up for all mealtime slots on both the Men's and Women's Walks, or send a text to **0458 199 490** or send an email to [serving@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au](mailto:-serving@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au) advising when you will be able to serve. Please don't hesitate to ask any questions regarding serving on the Serving Rosters. It's a real blessing serving the Pilgrims and Team with this agape of God's.

De Colores

Michelle



## Parish Notices

We, the Canberra Monaro Emmaus Community wish to offer our condolences to Jenny Best and her family on the recent death of Jenny’s mother, Isobelle.

Isobelle's funeral is to be held at the Norwood Park, Crematorium, at Mitchell at 3pm Friday, 10th April.

Jenny wishes to welcome and invite anyone in the Community who would like to attend.



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# Noticeboard

## Direct donations

Have you thought that instead of making a one-off donation at a Gathering, you could make a regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly donation? By doing this, you will help ensure that we can keep supporting Pilgrims and meet the running costs of Emmaus. To make a direct deposit use the following details:

Name of bank account: Canberra Monaro Emmaus Community

Bsb: 634634, Account Number: 100021977

Reference: your name

## Credit card payments

Our Community utilises a Square Card – tap and go service.

You don't have to pay with cash. Pay with credit or debit card at any Gathering - a Board member can help!

## Emmaus Newsletters

You can opt in to receive Newsletters from both the Australian Emmaus Community and the Upper Room.

### News from the Australian Emmaus Community

[News \(emmaus.org.au\)](https://emmaus.org.au)

### News from the International Emmaus Community

The Upper Room Newsletter can be accessed through their website [here](#)

## Reunion groups can use zoom

Emmaus has a Zoom license that is available for all the Emmaus Community. If you would like to use it to hold a Reunion Group Meeting, Bible Study, Team Meeting or to have a chat with friends over coffee, then please use it, that is why we have it.

Just contact Andy Visser at [secretary@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au](mailto:secretary@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au) to book in your meeting

## Lost your Emmaus Name Badge??

You can order a new Emmaus name badge by sending your name (first and last name) to our Registrar Michelle Southwell at

[registrar@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au](mailto:registrar@canberramonaro.emmaus.org.au)



# Canberra Monaro Emmaus Calendar 2026<sub>v6</sub>

MAR		9	Canberra Day		
	Mon	9	Board Meeting	7.30pm – 9.30pm	Zoom
	Sat	14	Mega Agape Morning	10am – 1pm	O'Connor UC
		14	Gathering	2pm – 5pm	O'Connor UC
	Sat	28	<b>Training Day 3 Walks #99 and #100</b>	8am – 5pm	O'Connor UC
Tue	31	Newsletter		Email to Community	
APR		3-6	Easter Weekend		
	Mon	13	Board Meeting	7.30pm – 9.30pm	Zoom
	Sat	18	<b>Training Day 4 Walks #99 and #100</b>	8am – 1pm	O'Connor UC
		18	Gathering – Walks #99 and #100 Team Commissioning	2pm – 5pm	O'Connor UC
		25	ANZAC Day		
Thurs	30	<b>Men's Walk #99 – Team 3pm onward</b>	7pm Pilgrims	Greenhills	
MAY	Sat	2	Men's Walk #99 Candlelighting Service - Community	8pm	Weston Creek UC
	Sun	3	Closing Ceremony – Greenhills	3.45pm	Greenhills
	Mon	4	Board Meeting	7.30pm – 9.30pm	Zoom
	Thurs	14	<b>Women's Walk #100 – Team 3pm onwards</b>	7pm Pilgrims	Greenhills
	Sat	16	Candlelighting Service – Community	8pm	Weston Creek UC
	Sun	17	Closing Ceremony - Greenhills	3.45pm	Greenhills
	Sun	31	Newsletter		Email to Community
JUN		1	ACT – Reconciliation Day		
		8	King's Birthday		
	Sat	13	Walks #99 and #100 Teams Debrief	11am – 1pm	O'Connor UC
		13	Gathering – After Walk Celebration   Meet the Board	2pm – 5pm	O'Connor UC
	Mon	15	Board Meeting	7.30pm – 9.30pm	Zoom
JUL	Sat	11	Board Meeting	11am – 1pm	O'Connor UC
	Sat	11	Gathering	2pm – 5pm	O'Connor UC
	Thurs	31	Newsletter		Email to Community
AUG	Sat	8	Team Selection Walks #101 & #102 (2027)	11am – 1pm	O'Connor UC
		8	Gathering + Commissioning GFLDs and GFSD #20	2pm – 5pm	O'Connor UC
	Mon	10	Board Meeting	7.30pm	Zoom
	Sat	22	<b>Going Fourth Team Training</b>	10am – 5pm	O'Connor UC
SEP	Mon	7	Board Meeting	7.30pm	Zoom
	Sat	12	<b>Going Fourth #20</b>	<b>10am – 5pm</b>	<b>O'Connor UC</b>
	Wed	30	Newsletter		Email to Community
OCT		5	<b>Labour Day</b>		
	Sat	10	Country Gathering	2pm – 5pm	TBC
	Mon	12	Board Meeting	7.30pm	Zoom
NOV	Sat	14	Board Meeting	11am – 1pm	O'Connor UC
		14	Gathering (Board Elections if required)	2pm – 5pm	O'Connor UC
	Mon	30	Newsletter		Email to Community
DEC	Sat	12	BBQ Gathering	12:30pm	O'Connor UC

## Canberra Monaro Emmaus Walks

### 2026 Walks - Greenhills

- **Men’s Walk #99** 30 April-3 May
- **Women’s Walk #100** 14-17 May

**2026 Going Fourth #20** | 12 September 2026

### 2026 Public Holidays

ACT		NSW	
New Year’s Day Holiday	1 January	New Year’s Day Holiday	1 January
Australia Day Holiday	Monday 26 January	Australia Day Holiday	Monday 26 January
Canberra Day	Monday 9 March		
Good Friday	Friday 3 April	Good Friday	Friday 3 April
Easter Saturday	Saturday 4 April	Easter Saturday	Saturday 4 April
Easter Sunday	Sunday 5 April	Easter Sunday	Sunday 5 April
Easter Monday	Monday 6 April	Easter Monday	Monday 6 April
Anzac Day (25 April)	Observed Monday 27 April	Anzac Day	Saturday 25 April
Reconciliation Day	Monday 1 June	King’s Birthday	Monday 8 June
King’s Birthday	Monday 8 June	Bank Holiday	Monday 3 August
Labour Day	Monday 5 October	Labour Day	Monday 5 October
Christmas Day	Friday 25 December	Christmas Day	Friday 25 December
Boxing Day	Saturday 26 December	Boxing Day	Saturday 26 December
Additional Day	Monday 28 December	Additional Day	Monday 28 December

### 2026 School Terms

School Terms	NSW 2026	ACT 2026
<b>Term 1 (Eastern)</b>	Mon 2 Feb – Thur 2 April	Mon 2 Feb – Thur 2 April
<b>Term 1 (Western)</b>	Mon 9 Feb – Thur 2 Apr	-
<b>Term 2</b>	Mon 22 Apr – Fri 3 July	Tue 21 Apr – Fri 3 July
<b>Term 3</b>	Tue 21 July – Fri 25 Sep	Tue 21 July – Fri 25 Sept
<b>Term 4</b>	Tue 13 Oct – Thur 17 Dec	Tue 13 Oct – Fri 18 Dec