



# Wellington Archdiocesan Council

## Autumn Update

### 2022

Kia ora. Thank you once again to Karen Saunders and Anne Lumb - It was wonderful to see us in print in the March Welcome with their story on our Reflection Day with Joy Cowley.

We farewell and thank Karen Saunders for her 6-year tenure as Archdiocesan Secretary and Associate Convenor.

#### Celebrating New Council Secretary Helen Greig



I have recently retired as a Mobil Bank manager - although not quite 65 yet - which has given me the ability to donate my time and skills to CWL.

Previously I was a school teacher but had a midlife crisis which made me re-evaluate life choices. I live in Upper Hutt but would love to live by the beach. Married for 38 years to Robin with two children, a step-grandson and new grandbaby due 24 May all living in Australia. I enjoy traveling to see new places and experience different cultures and food. A few on the bucket list left when the borders re-open. Some of my favourite places I have been to are: the Grand Canyon, Paris, Ephesus and Florida.

#### Celebrating New Associates Convenor Marie Scott

I was born 1942, grew up in Waiwhetu, Lower Hutt. Attended school at Our Lady of the Rosary and Sacred Heart College. I married Jack in 1962 and had 7 children. I was widowed last year. I joined League in 1997 and have held office as secretary and treasurer. I enjoy knitting and gardening and reading time with family. I am a member of the CWL Levin Branch.

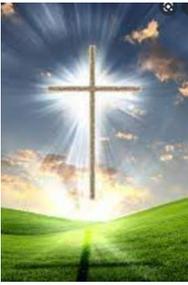


**Pat O'Connor**, Regional Representative for the Taranaki/Palmerston North region, will continue to be the Associates Convenor for Associate members from the Palmerston North Diocese. They are 4 members from Napier, 1 from Hastings and 1 from Dannevirke.

An associate member is the name given to members who wish to remain part of the Catholic Women's family but because their branch has closed, there is no branch in there are, or age and ill health has caused them to become housebound. For an annual subscription they receive National and Archdiocesan newsletters as well as invitations to conferences and special celebrations in their areas. These ladies have been members of their branches for years and often have served as officers on their committees. They are still members of the CWL.

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on their way to Church,  
"And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."



"Unless there is Good Friday in your life,  
there can be no Easter Sunday."

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

## Leaves from the Branches

### Heretaunga

- ✦ We collected products and made up basic toiletry packs for Mapu Ward Lower Hutt. Mapu is the short stay emergency ward.
- ✦ Knitting Hats, Scarves', slippers & mittens for low decile schools.
- ✦ We intend to hold a Movie Fundraiser later in the year for the At Home Appeal.
- ✦ February was a Garden Party. World Day of Prayer, at which we were well represented, was organised by our Parish, Our Lady of the Valleys, and held at Our Lady of Grace.
- ✦ March: Enjoyed a talk from the Head Teacher from St Brendans.
- ✦ We have just started a Lotto fund raiser.

### Inglewood

- ✦ Our Branch unexpectedly took responsibility for hosting the World Day of Prayer We were happy to have granddaughters to help packing up little sachets of seeds as part of the programme. We had a lovely Prayer Service despite the covid-reduced numbers attending.
- ✦ We have two thousand dollars waiting in our Bank to go to our mission community in the Solomons once communications are secure.
- ✦ Future Plans. WUCWO's emphasis on caring for our planet and Pope Francis' "Laudato Si" Encyclical, has inspired us to use our talents and the earth's abundance for someone else's benefit. Each individual will be required to use grown vegetables, or flowers or fruit in preserves or jams or knit with NZ wool, etc. to make a gift for someone in our Parish or community.

### Levin

- ✦ Some members working both op shop and assisting in readying Vincent de Paul Centre (shop, food bank, drop in centre, community room) for opening.
- ✦ Along with other ministries we have picked up the Welcome ministry for new parishioners.
- ✦ We were represented at the United Church, for a scaled down World Day of Prayer.
- ✦ Serene Heart CWL: The League prayer was said followed by The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord prayer, "*O Blessed Mother, the sword is already in your heart. You foreknow the future of the Fruit of your womb. May our fidelity in following Him through the coming mysteries of His public life bring some alleviations to the sorrows of your maternal heart,*" dedicated to the **Feed a Smile** club.

### Lower Hutt

- ✦ Our first meeting back was a pot luck lunch in February.
- ✦ Members attended the world day of prayer which was hosted by Waiwhetu Uniting church this year on 4th. March.
- ✦ We were represented at an NCW fundraiser Movie night.

### New Plymouth

- ✦ 2022 started well with a general meeting in February attended by 19 members, our first meeting since October. Members were pleased to be able to catch up with CWL news and friends. Unfortunately, Omicron has since raised its head and all meetings and First Friday luncheons had to be cancelled.
- ✦ The branch has donated money to Tonga through Caritas and also to a charity that supports children in Kenya.
- ✦ We hope, God willing, to be able to host the Archdiocesan Conference in May.

## Onslow

- ✦ Onslow joined Otari branches for a Regional Meeting in February, and it was lovely to meet up with each other at the start of the year. A focus was discussion of the upcoming Synod's questions.
- ✦ Members are taking communion to those who are unable to come to church at present, and we are always glad to receive news of our homebound friends, particularly at a time when so much close contact is curtailed.
- ✦ Our wonderful branch member and Wellington Archdiocesan CWL chaplain, Christine, has been providing plenty of reading material and things to keep us amused through these trying Covid times – we are very blessed to have her support and guidance.

## Otari

- ✦ Otari's Report to the Regional Meeting held in February was sent to all members to remind them of the good work they have done, and so encourage members to continue on this year, in spite of Covid interruptions.
- ✦ We lead the Stations of the Cross 7pm on Wednesdays. Our first evening was on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, to be followed by a short reflection and supper but under the Covid circumstances there was no reflection or supper.
- ✦ CWL members were present at World Day of Prayer (from the UK) which was celebrated on at St Thomas More.
- ✦ April meeting on 20<sup>th</sup>. Matt White our seminarian, will speak on what lead him towards priesthood and on Maori spirituality.

## Upper Hutt

- ✦ **Fundraising:** We have run another 2 lotto bonus number draws – one for helping our members to go to Conference the other towards the one Home Appeal
- ✦ World Day of Prayer held at Our Lady of the Valley's Church was attended by a few of our members.
- ✦ Fill-a Drum for Tonga was a huge success. We filled 2 drums of necessities -total value of goods sent was \$1,700.00. Not bad for two days of frantic work.
- ✦ Members still visiting our League ladies who are sick or in a Rest Home - also a phone call to some brightens up their day.
- ✦ Our March monthly meeting was a bingo afternoon, followed by afternoon tea.

## Reflection for the Season

### Adult Faith – from "Food for Faith"

St [Thomas Aquinas](#) (13th century) wrote promoting a move beyond moralism and legalism: "The new law is the grace of the Holy Spirit."

*Good law is essential because it provides sound direction, giving a consistent and objective measure of our internal spiritual health. A world without law is not a paradise of freedom, It is a land of anarchy. Good law is a beacon that points us to a destination and enables us to journey safely through life.*

*As Benedict tells us: "An "adult" faith is not a faith that follows the trends of fashion and the latest novelty; a mature adult faith is deeply rooted in friendship with Christ. It is this friendship that opens us up to all that is good and gives us a criterion by which to distinguish the true from the false, and deceit from truth."*

**Archdiocesan Chaplain – Christine Paterson**



## Prayer for Ukraine

Holy and Gracious God, we pray for the people of the Ukraine, for their country and their leader. We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear. We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness. We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace. We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ. Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace in Ukraine. And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.



## Dates to remember



18-19 May Archdiocesan Conference at St Joseph's Social Centre, New Plymouth. We look forward to seeing you all there. Registrations are still open and bus transport is still available.



28 August St Margaret Clitherow Day at St Joseph's Church Upper Hutt. Shared lunch please. Time to be advised.

I had been teaching my three-year-old daughter the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully each word, right up to the end of the prayer. "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us from email."



*Manaaki whenua  
Manaaki tangata  
Haere whakamua*

*Care for the land  
Care for people  
Go forward!*

And we wish you all a happy and a holy Easter  
from the Wellington Archdiocesan Council.