



## **CWL UPPER HUTT BRANCH**

### **OCTOBER 2021**



#### **DEAR MEMBERS**

Very happy to report that your Branch Committee have all had their double Covid-19 vaccination.



We are sorry to not have seen you all for the past two months, due to Villa Joseph being in lockdown. Regrettably this included our September Birthday celebrations.

Hopefully we will get together in November. Further details later.

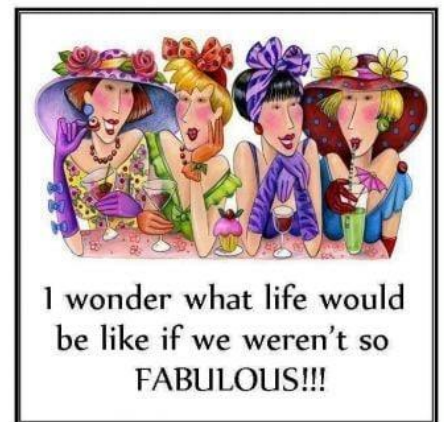
#### **Community Vege garden**

at St Joseph's School  
will be planted after Labour weekend.  
Once again we thank Frank Macartney  
for his continuing  
support with this project.

**Advent Day of Reflection** with Joy Cowley  
"Bringing CHRIST TO BIRTH IN THE WORLD"  
Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
at Our Lady of Kapiti, Paraparaumu.  
10.30am to approx. 2pm. Koha – offering.  
BRING food to share for lunch.

#### **Wellington Archdiocesan Conference 2022**

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 1pm to 5pm at St Joseph's Social Centre, Devon Street West, New Plymouth, followed by Conference Dinner and Entertainment. Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 9am to 12 Noon. We have applied for funding for a bus which will take us all to New Plymouth – early start! We have booked some rooms at the Brougham Heights Motel, Brougham Street (just around the corner from the Conference venue). New Plymouth will organise a pack lunch for us on Thursday as we head home. We would like to visit Parihaka before leaving New Plymouth. We, meaning the Upper Hutt Branch, have run two Lotto Bonus #'s and hope to have a third in November, to help defray costs. If you are interested, registration forms will be available early in 2022.



#### **Fun Quizz**

We held a successful Fun Quizz night on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> October supporting Ulysses Club Wellington raise \$1,854 for the Children with Muscular Dystrophy. Thank you to those who supported this evening. A big thank you to Peter Dawson who brought his computer skills to assist us.

#### **Wellington Free Ambulance**

At our recent Committee meeting  
we passed for payment a donation of \$100

#### **Gumboot Friday (Mike King - I Am Hope)**

5<sup>th</sup> November - We have also allocated \$100  
from the "10 Cent Jar"

*Susan Lloyd, President on behalf of the Branch Committee*

## Lemon Fudge Cake

4oz butter  
½ tin sweetened condensed milk  
½ cup coconut

grated rind of 1 lemon  
pkt crushed wine biscuits  
½ cup chopped walnuts



Melt the butter with condensed milk. When cool, add coconut, biscuit crumbs, nuts, lemon rind and a little juice. Mix well and press into greased Swiss roll tin. When set, ice with icing mixed with lemon juice.

*Contributed by Shirley Allen*

*"No mean woman can cook well; it calls for a generous spirit,  
a light hand and a large heart."*

## Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

On 7<sup>th</sup> October, the Roman Catholic Church celebrated the yearly feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Known for several centuries by the alternate title of "Our Lady of Victory," the feast day takes place in honour of a 16<sup>th</sup> century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe.



The feast always occurs one week after the similar Byzantine celebration of the Protection of the Mother of God, which most Eastern Orthodox Christians and Eastern Catholics celebrate on 1<sup>st</sup> October in memory of a 10<sup>th</sup>-century military victory which protected Constantinople against invasion after a reported Marian apparition.

Troops of the Turkish Ottoman Empire had invaded and occupied the Byzantine empire by 1453, bringing a large proportion of the increasingly divided Christian world under a version of Islamic law. For the next hundred years, the Turks expanded their empire westward on land, and asserted their naval power in the Mediterranean. In 1565 they attacked Malta, envisioning an eventual invasion of Rome. Though repelled at Malta, the Turks captured Cyprus in the fall of 1570.

The next year, three Catholic powers on the continent – Genoa, Spain and the Papal States – formed an alliance called the Holy League, to defend the Christian civilization against Turkish invasion. Its fleets sailed to confront the Turks near the west coast of Greece on 7<sup>th</sup> October 1571.

Crew members on more than 200 ships prayed the Rosary in preparation for the battle – as did Christians throughout Europe, encouraged by the Pope to gather in their churches to invoke the Virgin Mary against the daunting Turkish forces.

Some accounts say that Pope Pius V was granted a miraculous vision of the Holy League's stunning victory. Without a doubt, the Pope understood the significance of the day's events, when he was eventually informed that all but 13 of the nearly 300 Turkish ships had been captured or sunk. He was moved to institute the feast now celebrated universally as Our Lady of the Rosary.

"Turkish victory at Lepanto would have been a catastrophe of the first magnitude for Christendom," wrote military historian John F. Guilmartin, Jr., "and Europe would have followed a historical trajectory strikingly different from that which obtained."

*Brenda Neville*