

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEW ZEALAND

Te Ropu Wahine Katorika o Aotearoa.

WELLINGTON ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL 17TH APRIL, 2020

BUBBLE Newsletter from the President

Dear CWL Members,

Greetings from my bubble to your bubble, bringing the hope that all is well with you and your co-bubblers during these very unusual times. Do you look forward to those cups of tea/coffee together, with people for a chat? How wonderful sometime

I am looking forward to the opportunity to be able to gather again, as we did a month ago for our 75th Archdiocesan Conference in Upper Hutt. We also need to consider that, although there will inevitably be change, we will find ways to adapt traditions to fit whatever lies ahead, having been "Women Welcoming Change " and now taking this theme into our next theme announced by our National President, Susan Dickson at our Archdiocesan Conference "Kia Kaha, Courage: Take Heart." What an amazing choice this is for us at this time of isolation and pandemic and afterwards!

Another change that isolation and bubbles have brought to us all is the ban on gathering for Mass in Churches. Attending Mass on the computer, is an opportunity to participate in the Eucharist with a Spiritual Communion, in many parts of New Zealand and throughout the world. Many people are experiencing Mass from the Vatican. Priests from a bubble are providing the Masses for us, which is fine in the current circumstances, but as the reason for the Mass is the gathering of the people for the Supper of the Lord, as full active participants there is a degree of hollowness It is different, but this is in no way is a criticism, because I, personally, really appreciate the opportunities we have had and continue to have, and sincerely thank all who are making Mass available to us. I will add some websites for you.

Needless to say the Council has not been inundated with meetings during the past month, but with the expertise of Diane Glynan, we have been initiated into the latest up-to-the minute technological medium, with a meeting on Zoom. Using our computers, some better than others, we discussed the Archdiocesan needs for this year, the question of a new President, whenever we should be able to make a start.

Susan Lloyd volunteered to become Archdiocesan President from May and the Council was pleased to welcome her to the role, especially as she has had previous experience in the position. We are also very happy to welcome Anne Lumb to the position of Mission Secretary, and Anne McGrath. We have yet to discern Anne's talents and interests as a member of Council, but enthusiasm and willingness are a wonderful start. We welcome all and look forward to a new lease of life for CWL.

Thank you for your friendship and support. I have enjoyed getting to know you all, Many blessings on you and all in your bubble,

Christine Paterson,

Archdiocesan President (until May)

Mass websites for you and your bubble -

https://www.youtube.com/c/MCSHWellington https:// www.nlo.org.nz/ Shine TV (Freeview Channel 25, Sky Channel 201 and Vodafone TV Channel 700) broadcasts Mass on Sundays at 1.35pm.

Prayer resources

https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_community/ resources-for-an-unusual-time/ Food for Faith — is a valuable website – www.foodforfaith.org.nz – conducted by Fr John O'Connor, a Christchurch priest. These reflections are updated several times a week.

Some reading

https://mcshwellington.org/2020/04/the-nathaniel-report-no-60/

Some singing to lift your spirit

Try YouTube "A Place in the Choir" Second Sunday of Easter Order of Service: https://issuu.com/wellingtonmetrocathedral/docs/easter_ii__a_ Psalm: https://soundcloud.com/shc-choir/psalm-give-thanks-to-the-lord Motet: https://soundcloud.com/shc-choir/motet-christo-ressurgenti Hymn: https://soundcloud.com/shc-choir/hymn-love-divine-all-loves



Peace and Serenity