



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

*Te Ropu Wahine Katorika o Aotearoa*

**WELLINGTON ARCHDIOCESE: NEWSLETTER: JULY 2020**



Our first face-to-face **Archdiocesan Council meeting** took place on 29<sup>th</sup> June. The theme of the day was “yellow” meaning bringing sunshine and enthusiasm into our first meeting. Here is our first selfie! From left to right, Sam Walker, Kathleen Emmerson, Karen Saunders, Susan Lloyd, Anne Lumb, with Christina Dwyer and Christine Paterson in front. Absent were Diane Glynan and Anne McGrath.

**October** is the Wellington Archdiocesan **PROMOTIONS MONTH**. As a lead-in Council is encouraging all Branches to have a page on their Parish web-site. For ideas, there are two already up and running, our Otari and Upper Hutt Branches (see [www.otariparish.co.nz](http://www.otariparish.co.nz) under Ministries: and [www.stjosephsuh.com](http://www.stjosephsuh.com) under CWL). Once the webpage is developed it will be easy to add Branch activities and photos to project CWL as an active, vibrant group within your Parish. If you need any help, we can provide assistance. Over the next couple of months – Some thought of ideas for other promotional work within the Archdiocese? The Archdiocesan Council would like each Branch to send in photos, e.g. Branch meeting, activities etc. We would appreciate these by the end of November to Susan, Karen or Diane please.

### ST MARGARET CLITHEROW DAY

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020

at Our Lady of Kapiti Church, 20 Milne Drive, Paraparaumu.

Mass at 9.30am followed by, Morning Tea,

Speaker from **L'Arche Kapiti** (a community of friendship and belonging committed to sharing life and building relationships together),

Shared Lunch and Archdiocesan President update. Day will be complete by 2pm.



*St. Margaret Clitherow with Holy Bible*

**AT HOME APPEAL 2020 - Days for Girls** At the National Board 2020 (virtual) meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020, I will once again request that this allocation carry on through to 2021 to enable our membership more time to do justice to this Appeal, having been in lockdown for several months.

**77th WELLINGTON ARCHDIOCESAN CONFERENCE 2021** The Theme will be *Kia Kaha – Courage, Take Heart*. Pencil in your diaries please, Thursday, 18 March 2021 @ Our Lady of Kapiti Centre, Paraparaumu. We are planning on developing an attractive programme with a good mix of subjects and speakers. Lovely to have a good attendance of members!

**NEWSFLASH!!! Joy Cowley** has offered to conduct a Reflection Day for Members of all our Branches, on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020. A similar Day for Council was held last year and was hugely successful. More details later. To be held in the Hutt Valley.

*A Sunday School teacher asked “Jane, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Arc?”  
NO, replied Jane. “How could he, with just two worms”.*

*Keep warm!*

*Susan Lloyd, Archdiocesan President*

**WUCWO** Because of lockdown Branches wouldn't have been able to celebrate WUCWO day together. Prayers were sent out so we hope some members managed to pray them in their private prayer or within their bubbles.

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*It is worrying that when ecological movements  
defend the integrity of the environment,  
they sometimes fail to apply those same principles to human life.*

*Laudato Si' Week*



It is five years since Pope Francis presented Laudato Si on the care of the common place. The coronavirus pandemic has demonstrated the deep connection and interdependence of all of us who live in the common house.

*Christina Dwyer, Archdiocesan Council WUCWO Convenor*

### **CHURCH/ MASS ATTENDANCE DURING COVID-19 AND FUTURE**

Having experienced huge change in our lives during Lockdown, we reflect on the ways we all addressed our spiritual, faith needs. Since we emerged from this cocoon of isolation, many have shared their experiences and opinions – ranging from “I loved the online Masses from the Vatican or Christchurch or Europe” through “I loved being relaxed with a coffee as I was at Mass” to “I felt I was a spectator at Mass, not an active participant”. I wonder how you felt?

Have you thought about the peripheral Catholics, or visitors to our Parish Churches? Can you imagine how they might feel coming to your Parish Mass? Maybe they are apprehensive, or afraid, or carrying attitudes, hurts and feelings from their past experiences! Are they greeted and warmly welcomed, not just by the rostered Greeter, but by all? Do people stop to speak, or do they/ we smile, introduce them to others, and include them in conversations over a cup of tea? We all need to watch for those in need of companionship.

It is very easy to be accustomed to the status quo with regard to the Liturgy, the singing and the “way we do things here”, so that **we** feel comfortable, but are there some obstacles/ difficulties we could revise or adapt to improve this for others? Is the sound-system adjusted so that all can hear the Scripture Readings? Ask a person who wears hearing-aids. Do the Proclaimers of the Word speak clearly and slowly to include the hearing disabled? Is the Presider heard by all? Have you tried the various places in the congregation to find the best, most inclusive place for those with hearing or visual difficulties? How do we cater for those in wheelchairs and their families? Is there an easy way for them, as well as around them, for others to safely access receiving Eucharist?

At the Archdiocesan Mission Expo in March, we met the wonderful young people who are part of our Catholic Colleges, sharing their Faith and hospitality with us all. They were shining examples of hope for the Church of the future. How do we include them in our Masses and value their contributions? Do we attend Youth Masses to learn to understand the viewpoint of youth growing up in a very different world from that of our own youth? Do they contribute to the Parish Newsletter or Website?

When we reached level 4 status after weeks in isolation, we all cherished the ability to worship together again, to pray together, to sing together and to catch up with each other. At times like this we can become very cliquy as the excitement of seeing our Faith friends again, clouds our vision. We may have some brave souls who have decided during Lockdown to try Church again. This is our chance to reach out in Faith and love to include and support all as part of our Parishes, and to welcome them with kindness and compassion, in Faith and Service.

*Christine Paterson, Archdiocesan CWL Chaplain*