



## Review

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### “PRAY AND ACT FOR CHANGE”



#### President's Message

Father Terry Southerwood – journalist, historian, prolific writer, an article for the “Review” in 2014 about his experience as a Pastoral Counsellor in assisting women who had an abortion. He wrote, “These women need deep healing after great suffering, often for many years after undergoing an abortion. They have shared with me their very tragic stories following what they consider to have been the deliberate taking of the life of their unborn child.” (“Review” Vol. 54 (1) 2014).

It is timely that we proceed with our proposal to build a memorial to babies lost through abortion. We wrote a paper outlining the reasons why a memorial is so important and provided recommendations. We met with Father Terry Rush to discuss the proposal. Father Terry was given time to digest the information and read our proposal. He wrote back giving his approval for the building of a memorial on sacred ground at St. John's Church in Richmond. The next step is to meet with a sculptor who will design and hopefully commence building the memorial as soon as possible. Our resolve to see this project finalised has been strengthened with words from Pope Francis in his latest publication “The Joy of Love: on love in the family”.

Pope Francis has given Catholic direction for families in this recent publication. The document (Apostolic Exhortation) is a reminder of our Catholic ethics and values. He emphasises the Church's mission to promote marriage and the family. He comments on the value and beauty of marriage (Chapters 4 and 5). He reminds us of our pastoral sensitivity to the divorced and unmarried couples and he discusses abortion, “.so great is the value of a human life, and so inalienable the right to life of an innocent child growing in the mother's womb” (paragraph 83). With 9 chapters consisting of 325 paragraphs, the document is long and comprehensive, but Pope Francis's advice to his reader: “.I do not recommend a rushed reading of the text...it is to be read patiently and carefully.”

While overseas I read a couple of Fr. Ken Barker's books. “His Name is Mercy” (published in 2010) is a deeply engaging journey through Fr. Barker's teaching on forgiveness and mercy and is a compelling adjunct to his recent talk in Hobart. In “Amazing Love” (published in 2012) Father Ken skilfully revisits our relationship with Jesus and offers a fresh look at the way we encounter Christ. He raises some very thought-provoking questions, but with his gift of story-telling he provides the reader with an array of thought-provoking answers.

The Conference planning is well under way; a small but enthusiastic group of ladies have commenced organising the event for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. Further to the comment in the last “Review” that Archbishop Porteous would be unable to attend the conference, I am pleased to report that he has been able to fit in some time with us during his busy weekend of Confirmations. He has consented to officially open the Conference on Friday evening, September 16 and will join us for lunch the following day”.

A conference is more than just listening to selected key-note speakers; it is a wonderful way to catch up with CWL friends; to focus on our objectives, offer support and care for one another and revitalise our commitment and direction as members of the Catholic Women's League. The Executive looks forward to seeing you at the Conference.

*Sandra Harvey*

**Reflection****June 2016**

## THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

It is most fitting that in this Jubilee Year of Mercy that we celebrate one of the most well-known of devotions in the Catholic Church. This feast can be traced back to the very early days of the Fathers of the Church and has been celebrated with great fervour in many different countries throughout the centuries. It was Pope Pius IX who established the feast for the whole Church.

What is the meaning of this special form of devotion to Jesus? We know that our heart is connected to our physical, emotional and moral life. In Jesus, the heart is a **symbol** of his love for us. This love is recalled and symbolically represented to us by his heart of flesh, although in images of the Sacred Heart we see a symbolic image not an anatomical one in the art form.

The Sacred Heart is often used to designate the person of Jesus who loves us unconditionally. This love of Jesus is sometimes rejected or ignored, but it is his gift to us. The mysteries of our faith, the Incarnation, the Passion and the Eucharist are all examples of his gifts given in love.

The love of God made man, the love of the Incarnate Word, is recalled in the hymn written for us by the late poet James McCauley:

*Jesus in your heart we find,  
Love of the Father and mankind.  
These two loves to us impart,  
Divine love in a human heart.*

Response: How have the celebrations of the Jubilee of Mercy reflected for us, the love of the Sacred Heart?

*Sister Pamela Davis OP*

*From The Treasurer*

"Membership Levies of \$25.00 are due also Diocesan members. Please renew your membership by the 30th May. Due to cost, reminders are not sent out.

Financial books close June 30th. Please send audited statements to me ASAP. We need time for the auditor and to print it in the Conference Book this year.

Scripture Diaries - numbers please to enable me to have them for Conference, \$10.00ea.

WUCWO collections that have been sent to me will be forwarded to the National Executive.

Thanks

*Jan Lawler.*

**Reflection**

July 2016

**ST MARY MAGDALENE**

The Feast celebrated on July 22 remembers the woman, who except for Mary the mother of Jesus, is more honoured in the Bible than any other woman.

***Who is Mary Magdalen? What do we know about her?*** Is she the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus as he dined at the house of the Pharisee and out of whom Jesus cast seven devils? This is a question debated by many scripture scholars. However this month we celebrate Mary called the Magdalene who was one of the many women who assisted Jesus out of their own means, as he travelled around on his mission. She stood at the foot of the cross with Mary his mother and St John the Apostle and most importantly she was the one chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection. She carried the news of the Resurrection to the other apostles and for this reason we know her as The Apostle to the Apostles.

We are familiar with the story of Mary as she went to the tomb early on the Sunday morning of Easter. She found the tomb where they had laid him, empty and was greatly distressed. However, she recognised the risen Lord as he approached her and called her by name. When he spoke her name, her great love expressed itself and bespoke a deeper relationship between them. It was a love based on faith.

Even if Mary had been the sinful woman who anointed his feet at the house of the Pharisee, she was a forgiven follower. We are all sinners in need of forgiveness just as that woman was. Our sins are forgiven by the same Lord, and we honour Jesus Christ of the Resurrection just as Mary did.

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Take a few moments of silence and recall the scene at the foot of the cross. Imagine that you are Mary at the tomb of Jesus and then meeting him as he calls your name. What would you say to him?

*Sister Pamela Davis OP*

*From the International Secretary:*

The WUCWO Executive decided that each year WUCWO will make a special prayer for one of the adopted resolutions. In this Year of Mercy, we ask you to pray for **the family**. On the first Friday of every month we invite you to unite in special prayer with millions of women across the world in praying this prayer:

**WUCWO 2016 prayer for the Family.**

*During this Holy Year of Mercy, Lord, we pray for all families of the world and seek to bring the Gospel of mercy to each person. Guard all newborns, guide the young and their vocations. Open our eyes to the beauty and future in our youth, give us the ears to listen to their stories. Keep them safe from all addictions and free the victims of human trafficking. With the loving patronage of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Holy Family of Nazareth, the WUCWO women of hope pray that the family be a sanctuary of peace, love and faith.*

**Amen**

*Prayer for Mercy: Lord Jesus, you, whose heart was pierced by those whom you died for, affirm our faith, our trust and our hope in you so that we may always have the strength of forgiveness that you have. Give us your heart so that it may make us merciful as you are merciful.*

**Amen.**

**International News: The European Parliament Rejects Euthanasia:**

In a report 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016 on the European Parliament website, the European Parliament **rejected** a written declaration on the dignity at the end of life: With ambiguous language this declaration sought to: allow European citizens “benefit from medical assistance so as to be able to end their live with dignity” The rejection of this declaration represents a step forward **in that public policies which are implemented should not jeopardise human life or be the object of political or dialogical conflicts**. This does not mean that States should not encourage good practices with regard to palliative care for terminal illnesses or that family and friends should not be given professional support in extreme cases. *From: Women’s*

*Voice March 2016*

*Mary Walsh*

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**Social Issues and Bioethics Convenor**

As a laity we need to support our Archbishop in his mission to strengthen the family.

This is his sermon for the Fifth Sunday of Easter:

<http://hobart.catholic.org.au/archbishop/homilies/joy-love-family-fifth-sunday-easter-c>

When people are asked about the key message of Christ, they are inevitably drawn to teaching which we find in the Gospel today: “I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another”. This teaching of the Lord is seen as capturing the defining quality of the Christian life. Indeed, the Lord adds that it is by this love that “everyone will know that you are my disciples”.

Christians down through the centuries have taken this teaching to heart. The Church is known for its constant dedication to reach out in love, particularly to those in need. It was the Church that was at the forefront in providing hospital care, education for the masses, and the alleviation of poverty. The Church’s history is dotted with examples of saints whose whole lives radiated this command of the Lord.

In his recent document on marriage, *The Joy of Love*, Pope Francis devotes an entire chapter to a reflection on the nature of love in marriage and family. He bases his reflection on the well-known passage of St Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians. We know it well: “Love is always patient and kind, it is never jealous, and so on”. It is invariably the choice of couples for the reading at their wedding. And rightly so for it speaks of what true Christian love should look like.

The Pope in the post synodal document takes each phrase of St Paul’s teaching and explores its meaning for marriage and family. In down-to-earth teaching he fleshes out how these qualities of love can be expressed in daily family life. He has some real gems that are worthy of a time for personal reflection.

For example in speaking of “love is always patient”, he says, “We encounter problems whenever we think that relationships or people ought to be perfect, or when we put ourselves at the centre and expect things to turn out our way”. He says, “then everything makes us impatient, everything makes us react aggressively”.

Now maybe I should make a comment here. This is not the time to think of my spouse and be saying quietly to myself, “I hope he/she is listening to this”. No, this is the time for each of us to consider our own attitudes and behaviours.

In speaking about love being never jealous, the Pope makes the insightful comment: “Envy is a form of sadness provoked by another’s prosperity; it shows that we are not concerned for the happiness of others but only with our own wellbeing”. Again, food for thought. He says that “true love values the other’s achievements”, and “frees us from the sour taste of envy”.

In speaking about love not being rude the Pope comments that love by its nature is gentle and thoughtful. He then mentions the virtue of courtesy. He says, “Courtesy is a school of sensitivity and disinterestedness which requires a person to develop his or her mind and feelings, to learn how to listen, to speak and, at certain times to keep quiet”. He goes on to comment, “to be open to a genuine encounter with others a kind look is essential”.

This “kind look”, he says, builds bonds and cultivates relationships. This attitude then enables a person to speak words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement.

When speaking about love not being irritable, Pope Francis speaks about the experience of hidden irritation that, he says, “sets us on edge where others are concerned, as if they are troublesome or threatening and thus to be avoided”. Such interior hostility he says “helps no one”.

Quoting from several other Scripture passages, the Pope says that our first reaction when we are annoyed should be one of heartfelt blessing, “asking God to bless, free and heal that person”. He comments, “My advice is never to let the day end without making peace in the family”.

There is so much more that could be explored in this deeply human reflection on how to make love real in day to day life.

But I would like to mention one final point from the Pope’s teaching. This is the one which says that love is always ready to forgive. In speaking of the important of forgiveness in family life the Pope says, “There is no family that does not know how selfishness, discord, tension and conflict violently attack and at times mortally wound its own communion”. He comments that “when we have been offended or let down, forgiveness is possible and desirable, but no one can say it is easy”. He then adds, “The truth is that family communion can only be preserved and perfected through a great spirit of sacrifice. It requires, in fact, a ready and generous openness to each and all to understanding, to forbearance, to pardon, to reconciliation”.

Forgiveness is a key to the preservation of a loving environment in the family.

So we return to the teaching of the Lord in today’s Gospel: love one another. This is to be the distinguishing quality of his disciples. For all of us the first place where this is to be expressed is in the family.

Pope Francis says that love in marriage and in the family is “the icon of God’s love for us”.

Today we think about our own families. We think about the quality of relationships within our families. We examine ourselves as to how effectively we can be instruments of love within our own families. In a prayer that ends the document Pope Francis prays,

<i>Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	<i>Holy Family of Nazareth</i>
<i>In you we contemplate</i>	<i>Grant that our own families too</i>
<i>The splendour of true love.</i>	<i>May be places of communion and Prayer</i>
<i>To you we turn in trust</i>	<i>And small domestic churches.</i>

*Archbishop Julian Porteous 23 April 2016*

The National Social Issues Convenor, Helen Freidman's topic for February was the plight of refugees. The Australian government is doing their best to pass the problem on to other countries, yet we have the capacity to help so many more. She also mentions the publication from the most recent Australian Catholic Bishops Conference 'For Those Who've Come Across the Seas: Justice for Refugees and Asylum Seekers Social Justice Statement 2015-16', (<http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/files/SJSandresources/2015-SJS-Statement.pdf>) which contains a list (page 17) of what we, as 'ordinary citizens' can do to advance the Church's position in support of dignity and justice for asylum seekers and refugees.

My sons decisions to become a priest has been a wonderful and very eventful journey for our family. Because Fr Stefan felt he was called to study at St Vianney College Seminary in Wagga Wagga, we had the opportunity to meet a whole new catholic community in Wagga and the Lismore diocese. He has now been assigned as assistant priest in Ballina. He calls himself a 'nappy priest' and is revelling in being able to fully perform his priestly duties without the added administrative responsibilities. Through Fr Stefan, have met many seminarians and have been able to be part of their journey to the priesthood. Their faith and dedication to Jesus in the catholic faith has been very reassuring; that their enthusiasm will bring many people back to the faith.

Please keep them in your prayers and continue to pray for more vocations.

The best effect on me personally has been the deepening level of my prayer life. It's fantastic - try it! Encourage your children and grandchildren to think about the priesthood or other religious vocations.

*Anna Matuszek*

*From the Southern Vice-President*

We have all been very busy in the south preparing for WUCWO day on 6<sup>th</sup> May when the combined annual meeting of Lindisfarne-Risdon Vale, Sorell and Richmond branches was also held. Richmond hosted the day again as last year's trial was very well received.

The day began with mass in St. John's celebrated by Father Terry at 11.30 am, this was followed by the WUCWO service held in the church. Congratulations to Mary Walsh for her work in re-arranging the service so that as many readers as possible could participate. This was most impressive. The collection amounted to \$112. We then adjourned for a lovely shared lunch and social time.

Approximately 23 ladies were present. We were pleased to welcome State Secretary Lillian Deane, State Treasurer Jan Lawler, past President Lola Phillips, past Vice-President Eris Smythe and President of Hobart branch Mary Excell. It was disappointing that State President Sandra Harvey was unable to attend.

The annual meetings, chaired by Lindisfarne President Audrey White followed the luncheon. The annual reports were well received and it was interesting to hear all branches had been so active in the parish as well as caring for needy people.

All branches enjoy shared lunches before meetings and social activity. Average attendances are dwindling but financial members are constant and keep in touch via the Review.

Richmond branch especially thank Kath Pearce for her work in printing Review. Election of office bearers remain the same as all are working together smoothly.

Mary Excell spoke about the floods experienced by Fiji several months ago. Her daughter Leonie and son-in-law Colin were able to help these devastated people. They carried many gifts donated by Tasmanian friends to be distributed. We were all so interested to hear this heartfelt story.

A hamper of quality goods was raffled and won by Lillian Deane, Pam Clark won second prize and Joan Macaleese won third prize. A trade table was also held. A large part of the proceeds will be given to the State Treasurer to augment funds.

I wish the especially thank Richmond President Marj White for organising the day and a big thank you to all helpers. It was a great combined effort.

The AGM for Hobart and Oatlands are in the next few weeks, Hobart on 17th May and Oatlands on 8th June. I look forward to attending both days with other Executive members.

Congratulations to Lindisfarne branch who will celebrate their 50th year this year. What a marvellous achievement!!!

We now look forward to Spring and September 16th when we will all catch up again in Launceston at conference. In the meantime keep well, happy and warm.

*Deirdre Reid*

*State Secretary*

**Annual General Meetings and WUCWO.** May is usually regarded as the month for AGM's and I find these always give rise to optimism. It amazes me how much work is done by our members, which usually goes un-acknowledged and the Annual Meetings shine a light on that. On May 6 we enjoyed a very full day at Richmond celebrating the WUCWO service and the AGM's of three Eastern Shore branches – Sorell, Lindisfarne/Risdon Vale and Richmond. The day started with the celebration of Mass by Fr. Rush, then the WUCWO service, after which we enjoyed a fabulous lunch – (my! how those ladies can cook), then we listened to the Annual Reports of the three branches. There was a trade table of goodies and a raffle. Guess who won the first prize of a basket and a carton of delectables? I don't usually have much luck with raffles and my three children were glad to share the proceeds with me.

The Hobart Branch and Craft Shop had their Annual Meetings on May 17 and Oatlands on June 1. More about those in the next issue of "Review". Unfortunately it isn't always convenient to travel further afield for the Annual Meetings, which is disappointing, but the Vice-Presidents keep the State President well informed.

**State Conference.** Plans are underway for the State Conference in Launceston from September 16-18. The good news is that Archbishop Porteous will Officially Open the Conference on Friday evening and have lunch with us on Saturday. He has a busy weekend that weekend with Confirmations and cannot celebrate the Conference Mass or Dinner with us, so we are still trying to arrange the Mass. Wendy Fittler has been very busy finding a suitable venue for the Conference Dinner and it has been decided to hold this at "Cataract on Paterson".

The Conference Committee will meet shortly to arrange the Registration costs, but I imagine these will be similar to the last Conference. We are conscious of the costs and will watch this carefully.

The Handcraft Secretary has been unwell lately, but she will soon be on top of all things Handcraft, so Needlework ladies please keep busy!

Please remember our late Chaplain, Fr. Terry Southerwood, in your prayers. I was unable to attend his Mass of Christian Burial (but my brother who went to school at St. Pat's with him, did) and I believe it was a magnificent tribute to a great man. May he rest in peace.

*Lillian Deane*

### Prayer Campaign

A suggestion by Maree Triffett and supported by the State Executive that we run a prayer campaign asking St. Joseph's intercession, (as he is protector of the Holy Family) for politicians with family values to be elected.

Maree's reasons – As you are aware this election is crucial to maintaining family values and has the potential to affect our church in Australia, our children, grand- children and great grandchildren.

Several years ago there was a 30 day prayer campaign to St. Joseph to protect Tasmania from euthanasia and the bill was dismissed.

### Prayer

*St. Joseph, as protector of the Holy Family and protector of the church we ask for your earnest intercession. We specifically ask that politicians with Christian values are elected in the upcoming Australian Federal election. Take this important matter under your particular protection as we pray.*

*O glorious St. Joseph, you, who have power to render possible things that are for us impossible, come to our aid in our present trouble and distress.*

*Take this important and difficult affair under your particular protection that it may end happily.*

*Oh dear St. Joseph, all our confidence is in you.*

*Let it not be said that we would invoke you in vain since you are so powerful with Jesus and Mary, show that your goodness equals your power. Amen.*

## INVITATION

An invitation is extended to all members of CWL, retired or otherwise, to join us for a luncheon at the Wrest Point Coffee Shop on 28<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lindisfarne-Risdon Vale Branch.

Our actual anniversary was 6<sup>th</sup> May but as that was the date of our AGM we decided to celebrate at a later date. Please come and join us.

RSVP by 21<sup>st</sup> June to Mary Walsh 6246 7277

*From the Northern Vice-President*

We are truly approaching winter; as I sit to write my report, the wind is howling and the rain is beating against the windows. We need the rain and God has provided, as He does for those who believe and this makes me thankful!

We are in A.G.M. mode in the North. I have just attended the Launceston A.G.M. and once again, I can only praise the wonderful members who give so much to bring glory to God in all they are continuing to do in their community. Their busy schedule of visits to nursing home residents is a wonderful ministry that is so valued by those they visit. Tuppy McCann is "Knitting Queen" in the Launceston branch, having knitted many baby clothes, blankets and dozens of slippers for those in need in the winter months.

Launceston has added three new members to their ranks – Mona Martin, Victoria Rainsford and Mandy Visser. Welcome to you, ladies.

Mrs. Fran Henderson, President of the Launceston Chapter of Australian Church Women was welcomed to address the meeting about the work of ACW and fund raising events to be held later in May.

The George Town and Lilydale-Karoola A.G.M will also have been held by the time this edition of the Review is in your hands. Again, I praise and thank the ladies in these two branches for their community involvement in their respective parishes.

Nearly two hundred little "hearts of hope" have been sewn for the Gibson Unit of Calvary St John Hospital in Hobart by the George Town members and another fifty or so distributed to Launceston members to sew. There will be another batch ready to send south by the end of May.

Thank you to members who have agreed to give of your time and talents and take on executive positions in branches.

Many of the Northern Branch members were able to farewell our State Chaplain, Fr Terry Southerwood, at a moving service at Church of Apostles. We await the appointment of a new Chaplain.

There is an "Emily's Voice" fundraiser dinner at the Tailrace Centre, Riverside, on 18<sup>th</sup> of June. If you are interested in attending, please contact President, Sandra for booking details.

George Town branch sadly farewelled past member, Maria D'Orazio recently. Maria had been a member of George Town for many years and only recently resigned her membership due to her health and inability to get to meetings. She is sadly missed. Sympathy is extended to her children, Roberto and Silvia and their families.

*Wendy Fittler*

## **FROM THE HANDCRAFT DESK**

Hello Friends,

It's that time again to be thinking about the conference and handcraft exhibition. I hope you are making items for the Guilford Young Award, 4 items of different types of work, ie: knitting, crochet, embroidery or sewing, making sure all ends are hidden and buttons are sewn on with wool.

We will have space for a couple of quilts if anyone is interested.

Now for the Trade Table, everything is to be new and handmade, small gift items, cards, jewellery, household items, baby clothes, fancy beanies, book marks, small pictures, dolls clothes, tea cosies. Any items left over will go into the craft shop to be sold, unless you indicate to me otherwise.

If everyone entering work for display could make 4 - 6 items then I feel we will have a great Trade Table.

**The entry forms for the award will be available from me on request**

Please think about helping with setting up and manning the trade table.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions,  
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*Patricia Leamey* – Handcraft Chairperson

## **MEMORIAL FOR BABIES LOST THROUGH ABORTION**

### **SPECIAL PROJECT FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE TASMANIA INC.**

The CWL Tasmania Social Issues Committee has long been committed to promoting the anguish of babies lost through abortion. Many articles have appeared in the "Review" on this subject and every opportunity is taken to speak about it in the public arena.

A further step in focusing on the distress this causes and to help mothers in their recovery process, is the development of a quiet area for prayer and contemplation, highlighted with a sculpture and plaque with appropriate wording. Fr. Rush has provided suitable space in the Richmond Cemetery, for which we are very grateful.

The cost of this Memorial will be considerable and it is planned to conduct a major fund-raising appeal throughout the State to finance it. It is hoped that donations will be received from within the League and from businesses and other organisations.

The cost is as yet unknown – much planning has to be done, but with "God by our side, who can go against us".

You will be kept informed with each development.

*State President*

**Mass Crusade**

**June: Oatlands**

Prayer Intention:

Universal: Human Solidarity

That the aged, marginalised, and those who have no one, may find-even within the huge cities of the world- opportunities for encounter and solidarity.

Evangelization: Seminarians and Novices

That seminarians and men entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.

**July: Sorell**

Prayer Intention

Universal: Indigenous Peoples

That Indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect.

Evangelisation: Latin America and the Caribbean

That the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean, by means of her mission to the continent, may announce the gospel with renewed vigour and enthusiasm.

**August: Lindisfarne/Risdon Vale**

Prayer Intention

Universal: Sports

That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

Evangelisation: Living the gospel.

That Christians may live the gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty and love of neighbour.

**Vale Beverley Joan Ryan**

Bev. Ryan, a member of the Yolla Branch, was born on 10<sup>th</sup> July 1933 and passed to her eternal reward on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at Yaraandoo Aged Care facility Somerset.

She had been a resident there since January 2013. Her funeral was held in St. Brigid's church Wynyard on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Bev and her late husband Reg were married in St. Brigid's in 1956. Soon after their marriage they moved to Elliott where they farmed throughout their life. Bev was a passionate gardener and their garden was often opened to visiting groups who enjoyed morning teas, and lunches, also flowers, cuttings and produce from the garden.

Music remained a constant in Bev's life, playing piano in orchestras at country dances from an early age and continuing to play after marrying Reg who then joined her playing the drums at numerous dances and functions.

A Branch of CWL was formed at Yolla in the early 1960's and Bev was a very committed member, holding office, attending State Conferences as a delegate and contributing articles to Review over many years. She looked forward to receiving her copy of Review especially while at Yaraandoo. The importance of caring for her family and compassion for others was a fundamental feature of her character. She was devout in her faith, an organist at St. Joseph's church Yolla for many years and was a core member of the church's small committee. Also with Reg, through numerous working bees they were able to build a function room attached to the church 20 years ago allowing for numerous social/fundraising functions which were held for the church and parish.

Bev is survived by sons Donald and Malcolm and daughters Cecily, Mardy and Sarah. Two sons predeceased her, baby Paul only lived for a short time and Patrick died aged 15 in a tractor accident. She was so proud of her 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

A faithful and faith filled lady who will be missed by many families and friends.

A wonderful life, well lived. May she now rest in peace.

Maureen Gale

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