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**“Be Merciful just as the
Father is Merciful”**



President's Message

Hello again ladies- it is hard to believe it is Review time again and how the time flies when we are having fun! Yes the executive did have fun at our Ross meeting on Wednesday 13th March even though we were busy!

You will notice a change in your Review where executive names and addresses have always been. Late last year I had a nasty computer incident when my name had been used to send emails to several members and was very disturbing. I realised we had little security so we have now made the decision to only print names and phone numbers (which we can control) in the Review. Anyone needing email addresses can easily ask a member or phone the person in question.

World Day of Prayer has passed I know and several of us would have attended a special ecumenical service. I feel it is so meaningful to mix with those of other faiths.

Easter is fast approaching, and I am sure many of us will be involved in wonderful Parish Services. Once again it is so meaningful to be meeting up with our dear friends who may not often attend Mass and find it a great opportunity to make them very welcome.

May will be busy with [A.G.Ms](#) and our WUCWO Day will again be held at St. Johns, Richmond where it is so much easier for parking and moving around. Our choice will be Friday May 24th depending on the availability of Fr Terry. The same format will apply with 11.30 am Mass followed by our WUCWO Service and shared lunch plus annual meetings and reports from Richmond, Sorell and Lindisfarne (if available). Please keep the date free.

Also mark in your diary Wednesday 28th August for our mid-term annual meeting at Launceston Parish Centre (as before). Please organise your own travel arrangements and choose your branch representatives to vote at the meeting.

Our prayers are with our unwell members as usual, and I am sure you will enjoy reading your Review.

I noticed from our conversations at Ross that many members are still busy supporting their branches and friends in many ways. It is so pleasing to know that although our numbers are less, the passion for CWL is still in our hearts - how wonderful!

My prayers and thoughts are with you and your families at Easter and wish you all a most Holy and Blessed Easter Season.

Deirdre Reid, President

From the State Secretary

We had an executive meeting in Ross on 13 March 2019 discussing various issues and decided we should notify our Members of the following:

I would like you all to consider signing the following petition:

Ivan Dean MLC has sponsored an E-petition requested by the Tasmanian Coalition for Kids to send the *Justice and Related Legislation (Marriage Amendments) Bill 2018* to a Parliamentary Committee and a legal review due to the serious risk of consequences that will arise from the Bill. The Bill in essence seeks to re-engineer the nature of birth certificates in terms of sex and gender. The proposed changes have serious implications for child safety and women's rights – for example, public toilet facilities, prisons, and in women's sport. Furthermore in the last week, the Tasmanian Solicitor General has identified some major issues with the application of these laws concerning strip searching, pregnancy and abortion. An article from 27/3/19 edition of The Mercury is attached with the headline "*Hitch for Pregnant Men*". Some more information about this issue concerning men getting pregnant and accessing abortion is provided in the press release below.

If you would like to sign the E- petition please follow the instructions below:

Step 1: Click on this

link: <http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/EPetitions/Council/CurrentEPetition.aspx?PetNum=29&Index=-1>

Step 2: Click on the word "Yes" after the question "Do you wish to sign this E-Petition? (see below):

Step 3: Click the button labelled "Accept the conditions of use".

Step 4: Record this number and press the **Continue** button.

Step 5: Insert the number from the previous page and then fill in the form with you name, address and email address and then press the **Submit** button.

Thanks for your support.

Judith Gibbens



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NEWS 13

Warning of unintended consequences in gender law changes

Hitch for pregnant men

EMILY BAKER
 State Political Reporter

THE state Attorney-General has argued doctors performing abortions on transgender men could lose protections afforded under the state's reproductive laws if proposed gender reforms pass the Upper House.

Elise Archer waived legal professional privilege to share with MLCs the Solicitor-General's concerns about the possible implications of proposed

laws that would allow parents to choose whether their child's gender appeared on their birth certificate. The laws would also allow people to legally change their sex without reproductive surgery.

The proposed laws, put forward by Labor and the Greens with the support of Speaker Sue Hickey, passed the Lower House last year as amendments to government legislation.

Ms Archer wrote to MLCs

last week to say that she had waived legal privilege because of the "exceptional circumstances" presented by the proposed reforms.

"It is the Solicitor-General's advice that the effect of a number of the proposed amendments (if passed) will bring a risk of serious and unintended legal consequences," Ms Archer said. "He has indicated they will affect the interpretation of all Tasmanian legislation that has, as a criterion for its appli-

cation, the sex or gender of a person."

According to Ms Archer's letter, affected laws included: **STATUTES** that meant strip searches must be conducted by a person of the same sex.

THE law that allows human embryos to be removed from the body of a woman.

ABORTION laws, which state that terminations are performed on women.

On the latter concern, Ms Archer wrote: "It is not difficult

to imagine circumstances in which a person with the physical attributes of a female, but whose gender is registered as something other than female, may require a termination."

Ms Archer said the Solicitor-General's advice did not reflect the merits of the reforms' intent "nor is it the government's intention to reflect on what I am sure are well motivated amendments".

She urged the Upper House to refer the amendments to the

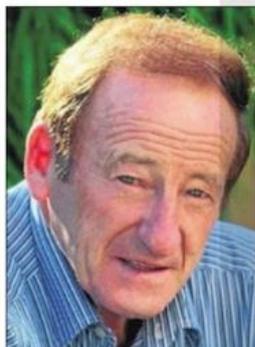
Tasmanian Law Reform Institute. MLCs last week instead voted to debate the amendments when the Legislative Council sits again next month.

Tasmanian Coalition for Kids spokesman Ben Smith said it was concerning.

"They're set on fixing everything up later but we don't know how big that project is and whether it will require an overhaul of the legislation to address all these unknown consequences," Mr Smith said.

I would like to bring to your attention to the fact that Elise Archer waived legal professional privilege to share with the MLCs the Solicitor General's concerns about the proposed laws which have been rushed through the lower house by Labor and the Greens with the support of Speaker Sue Hickey.

In addition, there have been efforts to avoid bringing attention to the above mentioned petition with reference to the petition found in the Sunday Telegraph in Sydney (below) but no mention in the Mercury to date.



Windermere independent
 MLC Ivan Dean

Move to defer gender debate

A PETITION has been launched to defer debate in the Legislative Council next week on an omnibus bill dealing with same-sex marriage and birth registration.

Tasmanian Coalition For Kids is behind the petition which has been sponsored by Windermere independent MLC Ivan Dean who recently tried to have the bill sent to a committee.

This move was blocked by Labor and four independent members who argued it was their legislative duty to deal with the bill on the floor of the house.

The petition states the bill has "extremely serious consequences" and the upper house is moving with "undue haste" on the legislation which will change the way gender is recorded on birth certificates and remove surgical requirements for gender change.

It has asked debate be adjourned and the bill sent to a parliamentary inquiry or the Tasmanian Law Reform Institute for examination.

The petition had 124 signatures on Friday afternoon and will close on April 4.

— MATT MALONEY

Anna Matuszek

From the Southern Vice President

It seems no time since we were in the season of Advent preparing for Christmas and now here we are in Lent preparing for the beautiful celebrations of Easter.

How blessed are we to be able to participate in the rituals of this wonderful season. From the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday of Holy Week to the beautiful Vigil celebration on Holy Saturday evening - we experience the full glory of the Resurrection of Christ most cherished in our faith.

With all the controversy surrounding our Church at present, we must be strong in our connection with Christ Himself, in whom we put our trust. Many other hurdles have pursued the Church in the last 2000 years but God finds a way to keep bringing us back to Him.

On a lighter note, what a joy it was recently to be present at the State Executive meeting in Ross. A most productive day was had in regard to many issues of CWL. As I am experiencing my membership to the Executive with tiny steps I cannot cease to be amazed at the dedication and hard work put in over many years by the leaders of our Tasmanian League.

May God be Glorified in all we do.

Pam Clark.

From Bernice McKenna (Northern Member)

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS – PATRONESS OF CWL TAS. AND CWLA

Of recent years the Feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians, seems to have lost its significance. As far as the League is concerned, I remember when all members were encouraged to attend Holy Mass to pray for Australia and the League. Most Branches had a luncheon afterwards. At that time, WUCWO Day was 13th May. Then that was changed to 24th May, the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians. The Mass was offered for the two intentions, but then WUCWO changed to a day of Prayer, instead of Mass, and further on I think the date itself underwent change. This may have caused Our Lady Help of Christians to be overlooked somewhat.

Whatever about that, our world is now in a terrible state and I would urge members to attend Holy Mass on 24th May to pray for the protection of Our Lady Help of Christians for the Catholic Women's League, for Australia and for the whole world.

From the Northern Vice President

Hope everyone is enjoying our cooler autumn weather and keeping well.

Members and friends from Launceston, Perth and George Town enjoyed a social luncheon at Victoria's restaurant in January and George Town is planning a get together after Easter.

George Town branch celebrated World Day of Prayer at the Uniting Church in George Town this year.

Our branches have been gathering Children's clothes, toys and school supplies to send to Children in Cambodia. We are sourcing ways to send these cheaply as our member who was to deliver these had to cancel her trip.

Wishing you a Holy and prayerful Lent and Easter Blessings.

Jenny Smith

Prayer included from our member Pat Cameron, from The Examiner 1982

'Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.'

From the Treasurer

Reminder that **Membership fees are due in May**. Please pay at your branch meeting.

Diocesan members and Review only members can send direct to me at 65 Main Road Sorell, 7172, it makes it easy for me to calculate numbers for insurance purposes and for our review to be sent out to the proper address.

Jan Lawler

From the CWL Craft Shop

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In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following dear past members:

Mrs Jane Cooke

Mrs Betty Rue

Mrs Pat Thomas

Mrs Terri Bryce

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for April and May

April: Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones

For Doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

May: The Church in Africa – a seed of unity

That the church in Africa, through the commitment of its members may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

Dates to Remember

CWL Mid Term AGM – 27th August 2019

National CWL Conference – 9th to 12th September 2019 – Bunbury WA.

Notices from the Editor

- Apologies to any family members who have received copies of the Review sent to deceased CWL members. It would be appreciated if I could be advised by Branches of any members who have passed away.
- Could Branch Secretaries please notify Judy Gibbens of your AGM dates.

REFLECTION 1

Lent

By Fr Jaison

It was the coldest winter ever and many animals died because of the cold.

The hedgehogs, realizing the situation, decided to group together to keep warm. This way they covered and protected themselves, but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions. After a while, they decided to distance themselves from each other but they soon began to die – alone and frozen.

So they had to make a choice – either accept the quills of their companions, or disappear from the earth. Wisely, they decided to go back to being together.

They learned to live with the little wounds caused by the close relationship with their companions in order to receive the warmth that came from the others. This way they were able to survive.

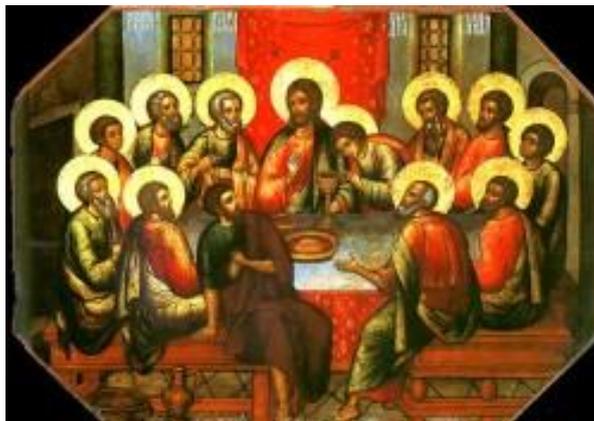
Lent is a special time the church gives us see how close we stand with God and with each other. If we let the quills of our sins grow it may cause wounds to people who are close to us and to God.

We may have started this Lent with so much expectation, enthusiasm and with beaming spirits. Suddenly we realise that it are only weeks until Easter. Some of us may need to resurrect our efforts. One person who can help us in this Lenten journey is our Blessed mother. She trained and formed Jesus for 30 years; she can form us and train us to be like Jesus. Let us be honest about ourselves!!!

The quills cause disharmony, how can we be more compassionate to understand each other's differences?

REFLECTION 2

Holy Thursday – By Scott Hahn



The Mass of the early Christians was a familiar and intimate thing. It was, for the Fathers as for the Apostles, the defining action of Christian life. Through the times of persecution, daily communion was fairly commonplace.

Christians were “at home” with the Mass. And yet their reverence was profound. In the third century, Origen noted that when his hearers “receive the Body of the Lord, you guard it with all care and reverence lest any small part should fall from it, lest any piece of the consecrated gift be lost.” In the fourth century, Cyril of Jerusalem exhorted his people. “Tell me, if anyone gave you grains of gold, would you not hold them with utmost care, on guard against losing any? Will you not take greater care not to lose a crumb of what is more precious than gold or jewels?”

That reverence extended to the liturgical vessels as well, which were always made of the finest materials the local Church could afford. Origen’s African contemporary Tertullian described chalices richly decorated with images of Christ. And in the midst of the last persecution, in 303, a Roman court in North Africa recorded that the following items had been confiscated from a church: two golden chalices, six silver chalices, six silver dishes, a silver bowl, seven silver lamps, two torches, seven short bronze lampstands with their lamps, and eleven bronze lamps on chains.

In the following century, St. Jerome would write of the need “to instruct by the authority of Scripture ignorant people in all the churches concerning the reverence with which they must handle holy things and minister at Christ’s altar; and to impress upon them that the sacred chalices, veils and other accessories used in the celebration of the Lord’s passion are not mere lifeless and senseless

objects devoid of holiness, but that rather, from their association with the Body and Blood of the Lord, they are to be venerated with the same awe as the Body and the Blood themselves.”

This care for liturgical detail followed from the Church’s belief in the Real Presence. “For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body,” wrote St. Paul, “eats and drinks judgment upon himself” ([1 Cor 11:29](#)). Indeed, St. Ignatius of Antioch (writing in 107 A.D.) said that the distinguishing mark of heretics was their denial of the Real Presence: “They abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer, because they do not confess the Eucharist to be the flesh of our Saviour Jesus Christ.” St. Justin Martyr, four decades later, wrote that “the food blessed by the prayer of his word ... is the flesh and blood of Jesus who was made flesh.” Q.E.D.

This presence was abiding, not something that vanished at the conclusion of Mass. St. Justin described deacons taking Communion to the sick and homebound. Tertullian described Christians, in time of persecution, reserving the sacrament at home for daily communion. And Hippolytus, in third-century Rome, urged Christians to tabernacle the sacrament where no mouse could nibble at it. “For it is the body of Christ ... and not to be treated lightly.”

The Church held to this understanding from the start, and it is especially evident in her language of prayer. The theological vocabulary developed more gradually, often in response to abuses and heresies. When some tee totalling African clergy began celebrating Mass without wine, St. Cyprian urged them to return to the traditional practice. For the heretics were taking away many things, he said: a divinely appointed image of the blood of Christ and a beautiful symbol (in the mixed cup of wine and water) of the union of the people with Christ. A generation earlier, Irenaeus (writing around 180 A.D.) had pointed out that the mixed cup was also a symbol of the union of Christ’s divine and human natures. So liturgical abuses, even if they sprang from good intentions, could have serious doctrinal consequences.

For the Eucharist is a test and measure of Christian faith. Irenaeus’s words still ring true today: “Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking.”

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Catholic Women's League Prayer

Grant I ask you Lord, a blessing on the works performed by the members of the Catholic Women's League. I prayer that by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and the intercession of Mary, Help of Christians, more women will become participating members of the Catholic Women's League. Through Christ our Lord Amen.