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"PRAY AND ACT FOR CHANGE"

P r e s i d e n t ' s M e s s a g e

By the time this issue of the Review is published, printed and reaches your mailbox, several members will be in a period of mourning and bereavement after the loss a very close family member. The Pulitzer Prize finalist and author, Joan Didion, writing about her husband's death in her book, *The Year of Magical Thinking*, recalls the words of her priest "...despite our preparation, indeed despite our age, death dislodges things deep in us, sets off reactions that surprise us and that may cut free memories and feelings that we thought gone to ground long ago. We might, in that indeterminate period they call mourning be in a submarine, silent on the ocean's bed aware of the depth of change now near and far buffeting us with recollections."

Father Richard Leonard, an Australian Jesuit priest and director of the Australian Catholic Film Office, was unable to console or explain the tragedy that engulfed their family when his sister was left a quadriplegic in her early thirties. His mother upon hearing the news turned to her son and said "where the hell is God?" hence the title of Father Leonard's book that tackles the age-old question of death and suffering.

From my own experience, healing is not a fait accompli; there will always be pain in our lives after experiencing the loss of family, friends or colleagues. The pain is intermittent, it comes in waves but it is okay to stop and let your heartbreak.

On behalf of all members our condolences go out to:

- Judy Gibbens on the death of her husband David,
- Kath Pearce for the loss of her daughter, Barbara
- Maureen "Tot" Sulzberger for the loss of Stephen
- The family of Noreen Sheehan
- Bernadette Chatwin's husband
- Maree Triffett's mother-in-law
- Kath Thompson

To conclude, a personal thanks all members who donated books for distribution in Africa. And a special thank you to Marie, from the Ulverstone Branch, for hosting a wonderful morning tea in her home. It gave Deirdre and I the opportunity to meet and chat with Ulverstone and Devonport Members.

May God bless all of you during this season of Lent.

Reflection**April 2015****Invitation:** “Woman, whom do you seek”? John 20:15

In your imagination come to the tomb with Mary Magdalene. It is early morning—still dark.

Reading from John 20:1-2, 11-18

Now on the first day of the week Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him”.

Verse 11-18

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, “Woman why are you weeping?” “They have taken away my Lord,” she replied, “and I do not know where they have laid him.” Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, though she did not recognise him.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She knew him then and said in Hebrew, Rab-bo`ni !” (which means teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” Mary went and said to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord.”

Discussion

1. What words or images in this Gospel story capture your imagination or touch your heart afresh?
2. The angels ask Mary, “Why are you weeping”? But Jesus asks her two questions. What are they?
3. Stop a moment; answer Jesus as He asks you the same questions.
4. Reflect deeply on, “Whom do you seek?”
5. What is your response to the recognition scene as Jesus calls Mary by name, how do you respond?
6. Mary is commissioned, “Go to my brethren (followers) etc. She delivers the good news, “I have seen the Lord.”
7. You too are commissioned to bring Good News. In what way can you do this?
8. In the family, Parish, community, at CWL meetings.

In the joy of the Gospel Pope Francis says the Gospel/Good News is for all. No one is excluded. In what ways could you spread this Good News to “all.” *Clare Kieley-Hoye*

Reflection

May 2015

Invitation

Let us bring ourselves into the presence of our God. Be still.....Listen.

Isaiah says: "Then you shall call and God will answer; you shall cry and God will say Here I am." (Isaiah 58:9)

Reading from Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to God who is in Heaven.

Discussion

Imagine Jesus speaking these words to you personally, "You are the light of the world."

- a. How do you feel?
- b. What might you say to him?
- c. What might you ask him?

Imagine Jesus is speaking to the Catholic Women's League and he says, "Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to God."

What further response might the CWL be called to make in our Church communities and in the wider community today?

Here is an extract from a book, "What name shall I tell them?" by Verna A Holyhead SGS.----- The Hebrew imagery of God as light is beamed into the 'I AM' of Jesus who names himself as 'I AM the light of the world' (John 8:12) and whose followers will never walk in darkness but will companion one another in the same light of Christ (cf.1 John 1:6-7) This is what we celebrate at the Easter Vigil when we gather around and exult over the light from one single candle that leaps out of the darkness in memory of Christ, the light of the world, who leapt out of the darkness of death and grave. We gather around it to commit ourselves once more to becoming other than we are in Christ.

So Jesus says of himself, "I am the light of the World." (John 8:12) yet Matthew records Jesus saying to his followers, "**You** are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14)

1. What might be your response to Jesus words?
2. What are the implications for me as a baptized person?
3. How am I to be the light of the world?

Perhaps you would like to absorb more of Jesus light into your own life (From the book, "Show us the Father" by Magdalen Lawler SND) *Clare Kieley-Hoye*

From The State Secretary

The State Executive met in Ross on March 18 and discussed the following matters:

State Conference in 2014. Those present agreed that the venue was suitable and was cost free; the speakers were excellent; the catering left nothing to be desired, the Conference Mass was most inspiring and the dinner at Hadleys Hotel was excellent, although some members felt it was expensive, even though the League subsidized each person by \$4.50. After all accounts were paid, we were left with a short-fall of \$125.64. The State Raffle raised \$1323. Donations of \$100 each were paid to three speakers to assist them in their work.

Treasurer's Report. The credit balance in the State's account is \$1434, completely separate from the Conference account. \$2260 was paid for the website. Miss Patricia Leamey has offered to run another raffle to assist with State funds.

Anima Women's Network. A luncheon for L'Arche was held at the home of the State President and raised approximately \$450.

CWL Tasmania Website. Members are encouraged to submit articles and/or photographs (suitably inscribed with details) to the State President for inclusion on the website.

Donation of Books. There has been a very good response to this request. The cost of transport is not the responsibility of CWL Tasmania.

Visits to Branches. The State President and the Southern V/P have visited Oatlands, Lindisfarne/Risdon Vale, Richmond and Ulverstone and Devonport Branches as part of a "getting to know the members" campaign.

National Conference. This will be held at the Novotel Hotel in Sydney from September 22-24. More details later. Branches are asked to submit motions to the State Secretary to be sent to CWLA no later than April 30.

WUCWO Day Services. Dates and venues were discussed and details will appear elsewhere in this issue.

AGM: The date of the State AGM has yet to be decided, but will be held in Launceston. *Lillian Deane*

State Office News

At the State meeting held on 18th March it was decided to hold a raffle to augment our funds. This will begin mid-May and Patricia Leamey kindly offered to organise it. The first request from Patricia is a plea to anyone who may be able to donate a prize. If so, please contact Patricia by email, plpansy46@gmail.com or phone her on 0466 016 019. Patricia said she would be most grateful.

Catholic Women's League congratulate Father Terry Rush OAM who received the award in the Honours list this year. Well deserved Father. Sorell branch tell us they are very grateful for your involvement in their parish.

From The State Treasurer

Levies of \$25 are due to be paid at the Annual Meetings in May.

Branch Treasurers – Please remind members to have their money ready on or before the AGM so that a cheque for the total amount, together with members names and addresses, phone numbers and email address on the form provided, is sent to me as soon as possible after the AGM. (Contact me if you do not have a form)

All branch financial books are to be closed on June 30th and audited as soon as possible after the receipt of the June bank statement, so now is the time to contact your auditor to make sure he is available. The audited statements are then sent to me **no later than AUGUST 1st**. Your co-operation in adhering to this date would be very much appreciated. You may not realise the work involved after I receive your statements, I have to collate them into one, send that to State auditor, he then has to complete his audit in time for our AGM usually held in September which is according to the Incorporation Body, consequently if just one branch is late sending their audited statement, our State Auditor cannot begin his audit. *Jan Lawler*

From the North-West Vice-President

The WUCWO celebrations and AGM of Devonport and Ulverstone branches will be held on Friday May 8th at Ulverstone meeting rooms. The day will begin with mass at 9.30am followed by the WUCWO service, after which a cup of tea will be served, we will then hold our AGM's and finish the day with a light lunch

The two branches were pleased to welcome the State President Sandra and Southern Vice-President Deidre at Ulverstone for a meet and greet in March.

My thanks to Marie Byrne for opening her home for this purpose. I was unable to be present but I believe those who were there enjoyed meeting the two State Officers.
Kath Pearce

Sympathy

We offer deepest sympathy to Maureen Early who lost her son in an accident in NSW.

Maureen was a member of Deloraine branch and has won many awards in Handcraft Exhibitions

Maureen and Len had two sons, sadly Maureen had lost both her husband and eldest son and now her youngest son who was on holiday in NSW, and was riding his motor bike with two friends when a goat strayed on to the roadway in front of him.

Two branches have suffered the loss of members since the last issue of Review.

Devonport branch lost member Noreen Sheehan who died suddenly on 28th January.

Lilydale/ Karoola branch lost member Tot Sulzger.

Oatlands member Judy Gibbens lost her husband recently, we offer her our deepest sympathy and prayers.

May they rest in peace.

Northern Vice-President

Every day I thank God that we live in Tasmania ... this place, which is so beautiful and safe, where we can live with freedom and without fear. I read almost daily, of the horrors of war, terrorism, cruelty and abhorrent treatment of fellow human beings and feel sickened by all of this evil in our world. Many of my friends and acquaintances are so ready to condemn the perpetrators but I believe they need our prayers – prayers that they might change their beliefs, their thoughts and their actions. Please pray for them all with me.

Since our last Review was published, I sadly report that Mrs. Theresa (“Tot”) Sulzberger passed away on February 14th. Tot was a foundation member of the Lilydale Branch when it opened in April, 1953 and continued her membership when the Karoola Branch amalgamated with Lilydale in 1956. Tot was a staunch member until the end.

I have fond memories of this special, wonderful lady as she attended C.W.L. and parish functions with the combined George Town, Lilydale and Karoola Parish communities.

GEORGE TOWN BRANCH has started the year with a small attendance at the first meeting, but hopefully will increase as the year progresses. A number of our members are unwell at present, so I ask that you remember them in meeting prayers, please.

Several members attended the World Day of Prayer service on 6th March, hosted by the Riverlinks Anglican community and attended by members from all the other local Churches. This was truly an ecumenical gathering here in George Town and as always, was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with other Church friends at the fellowship morning tea following the service.

The George Town Branch has changed its meeting date, now meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 2.00 pm. but still in the Convent Chapel in Goulburn Street.

José Verhoeven, **ST. LEONARDS BRANCH** reports that they have changed their meeting date also, to the 2nd Monday of the month at 1.30pm. They still meet at the home of Stephanie Fedyk.

LAUNCESTON BRANCH was very sorry to hear the tragic news of the death of Kath Pearce’s daughter. A sympathy card for Kath was signed by all those present at the March meeting.

The Launceston members decided to have occasional social activities, commencing with a BBQ in the Punch Bowl reserve at the end of January. The weather wasn’t very kind, but they enjoyed themselves despite the cold wind. After Lent, they’ll decide on their next outing. At the February meeting they welcomed Jenny Smith, who has moved here from George Town. Unfortunately Jenny has just had an operation, and it is hoped she will have a speedy recovery. Meetings are now held in the new Parish Centre, (the former Deanery), which is very pleasant. They will hold their AGM on Wednesday 13th May by attending mass at 12 noon and lunching afterwards at Hogs Breath café after which they will adjourn to their meeting room for the AGM. Preparations are now being made for the Divine Mercy Feast Day, on Sunday, 12th April.

LILYDALE –KARoola BRANCH held a Mass for the repose of Tot Sulzberger’s soul, the celebration of her life and for her family was held on Sunday 23 February.

The Northern Branches offer their condolences to the Sulzberger families and to Kath Pearce. *Wendy Fittler*

From the Southern Vice-President

Hello members. I wonder how things are progressing now the year is under way.

It is always good to meet up again after the long break and pool our ideas for activities in the coming year.

President Sandra, held a shared luncheon at her home to encourage young women to join a junior form of CWL known as "Anima". It was wonderful to see these younger women present, some with babies, of course older women too were present and we all enjoyed chatting together.

Sandra invited a guest speaker, Jane McKeown from L'Arch to address us. L'Arch is a group caring for mentally challenged adults in shared group homes in Hobart. Her talk was most interesting and afterwards a collection was taken up to help them with their wonderful work.

On the home front Sandra and I visited Lindisfarne/Risdon Vale Branch on their meeting day in February. We were both so impressed by the depth of knowledge of these long-time members. Thank you ladies for an enjoyable lunch and conversation. I feel sharing food is a lovely way to get to know each other.

In March, we attended a delicious morning tea and get together with members of Ulverstone and Devonport Branches. Thank you Marie Byrne for opening your home for us all to enjoy your hospitality and the meaningful discussion and social time.

As May comes round and all the Annual General Meetings will be in progress, we will be keen to meet more wonderful members. I don't think it is necessary to hold these meetings in a rigid form but a casual cuppa is most welcome.

World Day of Prayer was celebrated by many of us on 6th March. I discovered there was a good representation of the Catholic community at the various churches involved. How wonderful to see the ecumenical spirit alive and well as we all gain so much from participating and worshipping together.

Archbishop Porteus invited various groups to participate in a prayer and reconciliation day at the Cathedral on 14th March, the designated hour for CWL was midday to 1.00 pm. This was a meaningful time for those who were able to attend.

May is the time for our Annual General Meetings. WUCWO Feast Day is also celebrated in May. The venue for Eastern Shore Branches this year is Richmond. The Branches coming together that day are Sorell, Lindisfarne/Risdon Vale, and Richmond. I issue a warm invitation to all our valued Southern members to join us to help us celebrate the day.

Richmond is also the venue for the WUCWO service for the south, therefore the branch decided to hold both celebrations on the same day. More information is included in this Review. The date is Friday 1st May beginning with mass at 11.30 am in St. John's Church, the WUCWO service will follow after which we adjourn to our meeting room for a shared lunch, a much needed cuppa and a chat. We will then hold our AGM's, although they may have to be abbreviated.

For those of you, like me when I first joined CWL, who do not know what WUCWO stands for, it is World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations.

We have all been saddened by the loss of loved ones of two CWL stalwarts in March. Dear Kath Pearce lost her darling daughter suddenly. State Executive, past and present, attended her requiem.

Oatlands member Judy Gibbens lost her cherished husband, David, after Judy cared for him for many months, State Executive and several CWL members were present at his funeral at Pontville.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to both Kath and Judy and their grieving families.

Wishing you all continuing success in your ventures during the coming months. *Deidre Reid*

WUCWO DAY

WUCWO Feast Day is 13th May and we usually celebrate as near to that date as possible.

SOUTH

In the South of the State there is going to be one celebration for all southern Branches. Southern Vice, Deidre, issues a warm invitation to all southern members. The venue will be Richmond and the date is Friday May 1st beginning with mass at 11.30 am. (Please read the Southern V/P's report for more details)

NORTH

The Feast Day will be observed in Launceston on Wednesday May 13th beginning with mass at 12 noon. All Northern members are warmly invited to attend.(Please refer to the Northern V/P's report for further details).

NORTH-WEST

This will be held on Friday May 8th beginning with mass at 9.30 am (More details in the N/W V/P's report.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**SOUTH**

Richmond is the venue for the AGM for Eastern Shore Branches. The day will begin with mass at 11.30am followed by the WUCWO service. They will then adjourn to their meeting room for a shared lunch, a much needed cuppa and a chat. The AGM of the three branches of Sorell, Lindisfarne/Risdon Vale, and Richmond will follow.

HOBART

Hobart will combine with the Centre and are pleased to have Kingborough join them. They are fortunate to have mass at 10.30am and this will be followed by the AGM's then lunch. All branches are invited.

NORTH

Launceston will hold their AGM on Wednesday May 13th starting with mass at 12 noon, they will then lunch at Hogs Breath café and adjourn to their meeting room for their AGM.

NORTH-WEST

Devonport and Ulverstone will combine on Friday May 8th. Their day will start with mass at 9.30am followed by morning tea, the AGM's will then be held and the day will finish with a light lunch.

Trivia

A young curate was taking his wife to task for breaking her promise not to buy a new dress. "It must have been the devil's fault," she murmured. "He tempted me" "you could have said, get thee behind me Satan" said her husband. "I did" she replied, "but he whispered over my shoulder, it fits you beautifully at the back"

**MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS, PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA
PATRONESS OF CWL TASMANIA**

PATRONESS OF WORLD UNION OF CATHOLIC ORGANISATIONS

The Feast Day of Mary, Help of Christians, usually on May 24th, has this year been transferred to Monday, 25th May. Let us attend Holy Mass if possible and pray for our country and the whole world.

PRAYER TO MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts our love for Mary, Help of Christians. Through her prayers and under her protection, may the Light of Christ shine over our land. May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. Grant all wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Bless especially the men and women of the Australian Defence Forces and their families. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

Vale

Kathleen Patricia Thompson

Many members of Catholic Women's League attended the beautiful farewell for Kath Thompson in St. Mary's Cathedral on 18th March, conducted by Father Brian Nichols. Father spoke of Kath's devotion and love of her faith and her fidelity to St. Mary's where she attended Mass for over sixty years.

Kath lived a long and happy life – she attained the wonderful age of ninety two retaining her legendary elegance and style to the end. Her husband, Harry, predeceased her but her two daughters were outstanding in their devotion and support.

She was a long time member of the Mt. Stuart Branch of CWL (and following amalgamations of the Hobart Branch). Mt. Stuart Branch contributed in an outstanding way to church and community and Kath was an active and hard worker in all the activities undertaken. Calvary Hospital, Missionary Sisters of Service, Caroline House were among the many charities helped as well as St. Vincent de Paul, Caritas, Catholic Missions. The branch supplied two National Presidents (Betty Picot and Mary Campbell) and was particularly active when Tasmania hosted National Executive – I remember Rose Gill, Pauline McCann and Alisha Nally as social hostesses – and Kath as well.

Kath and Mary Campbell were renowned assistants at the CWL Centre in Hobart – every Monday they served morning teas and luncheons of delicious fare beautifully dressed with high heels and frilly aprons. Kath had a great gift for friendship and was successful "recruiter" for CWL.

She will be missed by her family and friends – many of whom she will meet in heaven.

May she rest in peace and may God be glorified in all we do.

Vale Theresa “Tot” Sulzberger

Passed away on February 14, 2015

“Tot” was well known and well loved in the Lilydale and Karoola communities. She was one of 7 children in the Kincade family. Tot married Les Sulzberger, and they had five children. Many years were spent working hard on their farm in the Lilydale area but she still found time to be a dedicated, loving, caring mother and wife and a staunch member of her Church, the League and her local community.

Tot joined the Lilydale Catholic Women’s League as a very young foundation member in April 1943. In 1956 Lilydale joined with Karoola (formed in 1947) and became Lilydale/Karoola Catholic Women’s League of which she remained a member until her death.

On 27 July, 1997, Tot received Branch Honorary Life Membership as a mark of appreciation and recognition of service to the League. In 1998, Tot was elected President of the Lilydale/Karoola Branch (a position she held until her death) and in spite of her failing health and eyesight, regularly attended meetings, which were held at St Anne’s Church Hall until early in 2011. Then, when she was no longer able to attend because of her health, the monthly meetings went to Tot, (who by this time was living with her daughter, Annie) so she could still attend and take part.

Tot was a loving and sincere friend to all and saw good in everybody. At peace now with her loving husband Les. Tot is survived by her 5 children, 11 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren

It has been an honor and a pleasure to have had Tot with us for so many years. We offer our sincere condolences to her family.

Vale Noreen Sheehan

Devonport Branch members were saddened by the sudden death of member Noreen Sheehan who passed away in January. Noreen joined us in 2011 and could always be depended on to clean up after meetings. She was an avid photographer and very generous in giving everyone a photo which may interest them. She had a lovely garden and never failed to bring a bunch of flowers to somebody. She knitted nonstop for the shop, we know the shop will greatly miss her contributions.

Vale Pauline Taylor

Devonport also mourns the loss of Pauline Taylor who died in August 2014. She joined the branch in July 2010 and took a great interest in CWL, was elected Vice-President in 2012. She was a great worker for St. Vincent de Paul yet found time to knit stuffed animals which she sent to the shop. On one occasion she donated a knitted crib to the shop for which they received a very good price.

May they both rest in peace.

From the Social Issues and Bioethics Convenor

There is some good news - St. Francis Xavier church doors are open nearly everyday for mass. On week days, except Thursday, there is morning mass at 8.30. Saturday mass is at 9 am, and Sunday it is the usual 8.30 am.

Francis Xavier has a new Parish Priest, Father Samuel. He is also the UTas chaplain and that is where morning mass will be on Thursdays.

He and his wife are here from Romania and it is a pleasure to know them. Since Father has been saying Mass everyday it has enabled me to attend Mass easily most days over Lent.

Australian Christian Lobby (ACL) are a wonderful group of people who work very hard on many fronts:

Leading the fight for marriage not to be redefined.

Exposing The Safe School Coalition anti-bullying program's hidden agenda.

Abortion and many others.

If you have time it is well worth catching up with their newsletter
<http://www.acl.org.au/>

Also another good read is <http://www.mercatornet.com/articles/view/hearts-parts-and-minds-the-truth-comes-out>

An article by Doug Mainwaring, a gay man who through reasoning and examining his life was able to acknowledge the natural law and came back to his wife, and then the Church.

Anna Matuszecz

In a Church Bulletin...

Ladies don't forget the rummage sale, it is a chance to get rid of those things around the house not worth keeping. Bring your husbands.

This evening at 7.00pm there will be hymn singing in the Church, please come prepared to sin.

WUCWO INTERNATIONAL DAY**May 13, 2015****Prepared by North America Region**

FAITH is “NOW”! **HOPE** looks to the future! **LOVE** binds it all together!

JOY AND PEACE to all!

FAITH is the confidence that what we hope for will happen. Pope Benedict XVI stated “faith is for the sake of hope”.

HOPE in a Christian sense is always hope for others as well. We can always continue to hope, despite all failures, held firm by the great power of love

LOVE blesses the one who receives it and it blesses you, the giver. Love is the key that opens the gate to peace and joy.

PEACE ever new is a JOY which is shared! The Joy of the Gospel is our gift shared by Pope Francis!

Dear sisters, united in God’s great love for us all, we offer our prayers this WUCWO International Day. We come to You, Lord, as members of your great family, as a gathered community in our corner of your earth. In faith and with love, we bring you our hopes and fears, our joys and sorrows. We take time to give thanks for the blessings we share, for loving friends and supportive family.

“He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned” (Mk. 16:16). Recite the Apostles Creed.

“Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer” (Romans 13:13).

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you should also love one another. This is how you will know that you are my disciples, is how you have loved one another” (John 13:34-35).

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Romans 15:13).

Women's Creed

Leader: Women of Faith, what can we bring to the world?

All: We can bring the belief in the goodness and value of women; our strength; our capacity to support each other, instead of being rivals; our capacity to cope with the demands and the burdens of life; our spirituality and our earthiness, flowing with life, birth and death. We can bring a deep respect for our planet earth, because the earth is the source of our food, water, shelter, and clothing.

Holy Spirit, guide us as we seek to nurture the earth and all its creatures, to live in the midst of creation, and to love one another as family. Amen

Leader: Women of Hope, what can we bring to the world?

All: We can bring a future of hope, working for the day when we and our sisters are free to use all our gifts and to share in all the benefits of human life and work. We can look forward to a day when all persons are free to accomplish the mission for which they were created. We can look forward to the age of peace, when violence is no more, where women and men are able to love and be loved, and the wealth of our world is justly shared. Jesus, from a young age, followed the will of His Father, preaching and leading people to Him. Our hope is that our youth and young adults have the knowledge, courage and willingness to be the disciples of today, to share God's message, to know, to love and to serve with youthful zeal. Holy Spirit, bind us all as one, transcending class, colour, culture, religion, race, age and gender.

Leader: Women of Love, what can we bring to the world?

All: We can bring love for all life. It is God who gives life, and respects and loves human life, especially the vulnerable, the old and those in the mother's womb. "All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, and are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect". (Pope Francis) Holy Spirit, lead us to love God's people so all may live in dignity.

Leader: Women of Peace and Joy, what can we bring to the world?

All: We can bring others joy through the works of justice and mercy. At times this means working to change political systems and, at other times, doing small, good deeds that bring joy. Holy Spirit, symbol of peace and joy, give us the desire and courage to spread that peace and joy to all we meet.

Leader: Heavenly Father, teach us your ways of peace and love. Teach us tolerance, gratitude, forgiveness, and the power of justice. Holy Spirit of Love, we ask for peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, peace within our countries. Bring an end to violence, terrorism, racism, oppression and abuse. Melt our hearts and remove all resentment, greed, vindictiveness and bitterness. Spirit of God, teach us your ways of peace. (Sister Agnes Springer)

All: "Make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy." Amen

Mass Crusade

April: Richmond

Prayer Intentions:

Universal: That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift from God.

Evangelization: That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church

May: Kingborough

Payer Intentions:

Universal: That rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbours who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.

Evangelization: That Mary’s intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.

June: Oatlands

Prayer Intentions:

Universal: That Immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.

Evangelization: That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.

Kid’s in Church

3-year old Reese: “Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen”

POPE FRANCIS AND DIVINE MERCY

Mercy has been the fundamental theme of Pope Francis' papacy. He chose as his papal motto that which has been his motto throughout his priestly life, "Miserando atque eligendo".

The motto is based on a passage from a homily by Venerable Bede, about the mercy shown to Matthew the tax collector. Vidit ergo Jesus publicanum, et quia miserando atque eligendo vidit, ait illi, 'Sequere me'. [Jesus therefore sees the tax collector, and since he sees by having mercy and by choosing, he says to him, 'follow me'.]

During his first Sunday Mass and then Angelus Message on March 17 2013, he proclaimed the beauty of God's undying mercy as not only Jesus' most powerful message but the Church's most powerful continued message to the world: "Jesus has this message for us: mercy. I think – and I say it with humility – that this is the Lord's most powerful message: mercy. ... The Lord never tires of forgiving: never! It is we who tire of asking his forgiveness. Let us ask for the grace not to tire of asking forgiveness, because he never tires of forgiving."

"In today's Gospel, the Apostle Thomas personally experiences this mercy of God. ... Thomas does not believe it when the other Apostles tell him: "We have seen the Lord." ... And how does Jesus react? With patience: Jesus does not abandon Thomas in his stubborn unbelief ... He does not close the door, He waits. And Thomas acknowledges his own poverty, his little faith. "My Lord and my God!": with this simple yet faith-filled invocation, he responds to Jesus' patience. He lets himself be enveloped by Divine Mercy; he sees it before his eyes, in the wounds of Christ's hands and feet and in His open side, and he discovers trust....

... remember Peter: three times he denied Jesus, precisely when he should have been closest to him; and when he hits bottom he meets the gaze of Jesus who patiently, wordlessly, says to him: "Peter, don't be afraid of your weakness, trust in Me." Peter understands, he feels the loving gaze of Jesus and he weeps. How beautiful is this gaze of Jesus — how much tenderness is there! Brothers and sisters, let us never lose trust in the patience and mercy of God!"— Homily on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2013

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on April 12th around Tasmania as follows:

Sacred Heart Church, Alexandra Road, Ulverstone – 9.00am Mass followed by Divine Mercy devotions. (The Divine Mercy Novena starting on Good Friday will be prayed daily in Devonport at 6.30pm at Emmaus House and at 10.00 am in the Sacred Heart Church at Ulverstone). Enquiries: Bruce (03) 64210607.

The Church of the Apostles, Margaret Street, Launceston – 2pm with Divine Mercy Chaplet, Reconciliation and Benediction, 3 o'clock prayer. Afternoon tea in new parish centre to follow. Enquiries: Bernice (03) 6344 1799.

St. Mary's Cathedral, Harrington Street, Hobart – 2.00pm to 3.00pm Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation, Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3.00pm Benediction; 3.15pm Mass with Archbishop Julian Porteous as main celebrant. Enquiries: Maree (03) 6228 7108.

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