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### Newsletter of the Wellington Christian Life Community

July 2019

Dear CLC MEMBERS

As we move from Pentecost and the great feasts of the Holy Trinity and the Body and Blood of Christ into Ordinary time in the Liturgical calendar, we can perhaps consider in what way this time is 'ordinary'. It does not mean ordinary in the everyday sense of the word. Rather, as it comes from the Latin word *ordinalis*, which means ordered or numbered - we have the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday and so on. This is not so much a time of penance as in the Lenten season or rejoicing, as at Christmas time, but a time in which, 'as we wait in joyful hope', we can in our Ignatian way continue to seek God in all things.

### A NOTABLE EVENT

On June 30 our Ecclesial Assistant Denis O'Hagan sm celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination with a Mass at St. Anne's Church, Newtown. He also joined with other Jubilarians at a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Patrick's Church in Kilbirnie on July 4. In addition CLC members attended a Pot Luck dinner for Denis at on Sunday July 7 at his residence. All members take this opportunity to thank Fr. Denis and to pray in gratitude for his guidance and counsel as our EA and offer congratulations on his attaining this milestone in a life of dedicated service in many parts of the Lord's vineyard.



*Denis O'Hagan sm*



*CLC members with Fr Denis after the Jubilee, with Patricia Kane centre.*



*Members at Pot Luck dinner for Fr. Denis.*

## **FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **ST. IGNATIUS DAY**

Our Patron Saint's day will be marked with a gathering at Pa Maria 78 Hobson St. Thorndon on Saturday 27 July from 10.30am to 3.30 pm.

Please bring some food for a pot-luck lunch. There will be time for both celebration and formation. Maureen McKillop will speak and show photos of her pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The AGM will be held at Pa Maria, 78 Hobson St. Thorndon, from 11 am to 3.30 pm on 14 September.

The formal meeting section in the morning will be followed by time for reflection and sharing on the topic on 'CLC and our changing Church'.

Please bring food for a shared lunch.

The current members of the Executive, elected last year are as follows:

**Gary Finlay** - Chairperson for two years

**Michelle Hogan** - Treasurer for two years

**Leo Brett Kelly** - Secretary for two years

**Sarah Dench** – 1st member for one year (having resigned as Treasurer)

**Christine Walkerdine** - 2nd Member for one year

**Maureen McKillop** - 3rd Member for one year

## **RECENT EVENTS**

### **FIRST SPIRITUAL EXERCISES (FSE) RETREAT**

During May Christian Life Community Wellington held an Ignatian Retreat in Daily Life - *The First Spiritual Exercises: Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus*. The venue was St. Anne's Church, Newtown and we are grateful for the hospitality provided by Joe Green the Pastoral Leader.



The retreat was ably led by Michelle Hogan and Maureen McKillop and attended by about 20 people the majority of whom were CLC members.



*Lovely altar piece for the FSE 2019 created by Felicity Nettles*

## **AROUND THE GROUPS**

- Upper Hutt group has resumed regular meetings and is going well.
- Hiruharama group suspended meetings while members attended the FSE Retreat. Meetings have now resumed praying with Leaflet 13.
- Northland group are meeting as Huntleigh Rest Home with **Patricia Kane**.
- Gypsy group has reduced in size temporarily again as some of the 'gypsies' are travelling overseas.
- The Otaki group is having a bit of a break at the moment.

- Kohanga group is working on the Examen and planning their next moves.

## OUR PEOPLE

- **Patricia Kane** is presently in Huntleigh Home in Karori, and would welcome visitors. We were delighted her family was able to bring her to Fr Denis's Jubilee Mass.
- **Michelle Hogan** and **Travina Oh** have spent the past month in Feldenkrais training in Auckland. Congratulations to you both on completing the requirements to become Feldenkrais practitioners. We ask for blessings for you as you answer God's call in this way.

## COMING EVENTS

### RETREATS

#### **Ignatian Spirituality NZ Retreats for 2019:**

Venue: Mary McKillop Centre Mission Bay Auckland

**'A New Heart'**- 7pm, July 21 - 9am, July 30 An 8-day silent individually guided retreat in the dynamic of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. Cost: \$887.00

Register Now: [www.ignatianspirituality.nz/retreats](http://www.ignatianspirituality.nz/retreats)

**'Attending to Holy Mystery'** - 7pm, September 20 - 9am, September 27

A 6 day silent individually guided retreat in the dynamic of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. Cost: \$687.00

Register Now: [www.ignatianspirituality.nz/retreats](http://www.ignatianspirituality.nz/retreats) 'Attending to Holy Mystery'

### REFLECTION

At the CLC World Assembly in Buenos Aires participants were given the following to reflect on:

**During his investiture, Nelson Mandela delivered in his speech this text from Marianne Williamson.**

“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.  
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.  
It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.

We ask ourselves, ‘Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?’ Actually, who are you *not* to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won’t feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do.

We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It’s not just in some of us. It’s in everyone.

And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.

As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.”



**Members of the World Executive Council 2018 – 2023 [left to right]**

<b>Alwin Macalalad</b>	<b>(Philippines)</b>	<b>Executive Secretary (appointed)</b>
<b>Rojean Macalalad</b>	<b>(Philippines)</b>	<b>Resource Executive (appointed)</b>
<b>Diego Pereira</b>	<b>(Uruguay)</b>	<b>Consultor</b>
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