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Newsletter of the Wellington Christian Life Community

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Dear CLC MEMBERS

As we begin a new calendar year and perhaps settle in to our usual work, life and CLC meeting routines let us resolve to keep seeking 'God in all things'.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

**MISSION EXPO** - 14 March 2020, Viard College, Porirua



We will have a presence at this meeting. It is a follow-up to the 2017 Synod, and it will showcase the activities of various groups in the Archdiocese, as the ADW website says: *Organisations in the Archdiocese will have booths to show how they practise mission. One of the synod objectives was to look for new leaders - this will give adventurous, creative people with initiative an opportunity to step into leadership roles.*

*As Pope Francis says, we are all a mission. "I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptised man and woman is a mission. People in love never stand still -they are drawn out of themselves. They are attracted and attract others in turn. They give themselves to others and build life-giving relationships. As far as God's love is concerned, no one is useless or insignificant. Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love."*

**This event gives CLC an opportunity to share our charism and gifts with the wider community.** Please consider becoming involved in our preparations and/or the day itself. We'll send out an email with a call-out to join in soon.

## FIRST SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT - Inner Peace in Darkness and Light

Once again we offer an annual retreat in daily life, again with a CLC flavour. The First Spiritual Exercises is a programme developed from the book by Australian Jesuit, Fr Michael Hanson

SJ. Participants meet weekly, under the guidance of trained guides, to pray and share in small groups their experience of prayer.

The First Spiritual Exercises retreat is open to all and will be held at the church of St Peter and Paul's Johnsonville, Wellington, over five Sunday afternoons – May 17, 24, 31 and June 7 and 14 from 2:00 to 4 pm.

The retreat cost is \$50, plus the book is \$25, but sponsorship is available if the cost would prevent you from attending. To register or for further information contact Sarah Dench on 9733 501; or 021 0814 4424; or [sarahdench@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahdench@yahoo.com). Please talk about the retreat with family and friends and encourage others to attend.

## RECENT EVENTS

### WELEXCO Mission and Vision Evaluation Meeting

Recently your Executive Committee gathered at Pa Maria to evaluate our past year in the light of our Mission and Vision Statements. This was a productive meeting which showed that we are meeting our goals, and helped us in discerning where God is calling us in 2020.



### Barbecue

The BBQ on 1<sup>st</sup> February at Maureen's home was well attended by members, partners and friends on a warm but pleasantly overcast day, lots of good food, good wine and good company.



## AROUND THE GROUPS

- Upper Hutt group has six members and has been following the *Spirituality of Service* programme compiled by Elisabeth Julian RSM for the Archdiocese and finding it of benefit.
- Hiruharama group now has 8 members as Jenny has now rejoined.
- Northland group has 4 members.

- Gypsy group has 6 members.
- The Otaki group has 4 members.
- Kohanga group has 5 members.
- The Introductory group may yield 2 more members.

### **REFLECTION**

'...the emphasis in Ignatian spirituality is discovering and responding to the presence and action of God in the circumstances of everyday life. Prayer obviously is necessary for this, but the amount and kind of prayer each one undertakes is a matter of personal choice, with as much guidance as is needed or available, and the essential movement is towards the integration of prayer and the rest of life. One of the main considerations in our choices about times and styles of prayer is for each of us to determine the pattern of life that is realistically possible for us in the actual circumstances in which we live. God does not set us goals and programmes which we cannot actually achieve. God comes to us and we live out our Christian discipleship in and through the real circumstances of every day, and it is within and through those same circumstances that God makes us holy.'

From *EYES TO SEE, EARS TO HEAR* David Lonsdale S. J.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please remember to pray for CLC in New Zealand and the world, and especially for our friends in Australia and the Asia Pacific region.

We remember all those who have asked for our prayers; those who are unwell, especially our Patron and Founder, Patricia Kane; and ask God's blessings on our families, our CLC communities and on the missions we have been called to.

### **WEBSITE**

Don't forget to check out the NZ CLC website.

It can be accessed at [www.clc.org.nz](http://www.clc.org.nz)