

Vic Exco News Sheet

July 2023



New Victorian Exco executives



Sunday, 9th July, Victoria CLC held its Assembly, and new members were elected. The newly elected executives are Christine Power (President), Janine Hellard, Joanna Kim and Teresa Wulandari. We ask for your support and prayers so that the new executives can coordinate, respond and actively communicate with the moving spirit of the CLC community for the next two years.

Gratitude turns what we have into enough

A special thanks to James O'Brien, Teresa Wulandari, and Fr. Andrew Hamilton. We thank James O'Brien and Teresa Wulandari for efficiently managing the sound and systems technology to ensure a smooth election process for the Assembly. James prepared well to guide us through the spiritual discernment process and Fr. Andy provided thought provoking reflections and celebrated Mass for us.



Appreciate Fr. Andrew Hamilton, Christine Power, Teresa Wulandari, Christine Longman and Bill Nicholson. Thank you to all the members who supported us together. May the Lord bless you.

Responses to Members' Survey

Looking back over the past 2 years

Before the recent Vic Assembly, groups were asked to reflect on three questions, looking back over the past two years. It is difficult to summarise the varied and thoughtful responses received so we may add snippets to future newsletters. Here are a few initial extracts:

- CLC is an anchor in our lives of great value, warmth, support and sharing of our journey.
- For many the past two years have been difficult and a period of fragility.
- Several wider CLC events have been cancelled. Although many individuals don't often connect with the wider CLC due to time and distance, they reported that when they do they find it powerful and enriching.
- Anglesea Retreat is seen as an important event to bring people together.
- The Gooly book is a useful guide for groups.
- Some expressed a need for greater understanding of the stages of personal growth and this would be an opportunity for a future formation event.

Vic Exco is looking for any feedback from groups or members who have used the reflection sessions. Please email your comments to vic.exco@gmail.com

The process for new CLC enquirers

Sometimes CLC members meet others who are interested in joining CLC. They sense the individual would make a good addition to their CLC group. The first step is for them to either refer the person to make an email enquiry through the Vic CLC site (vic.exco@gmail.com) or they can speak to their group guide. The guide then would speak to the group about whether it is a good time for the group to invite an additional member. If the group agree, the guide would speak to the potential new member and check out whether the person is a good match for CLC and the group.

If the group is not in a position to accommodate the new member, then the guide would refer the new member to Janine Hellard, ('new enquirer contact person'). Janine has an initial chat with the new enquirer. Often enquirers come from an Ignatian spirituality course, a Jesuit retreat etc. The chat checks their CLC understanding and explains the opportunities for joining groups or attending wider CLC events, such as the Anglecrest retreat. Janine then tries to match the new contact with a guide where there is a group with a potential match for the new enquirer. The guide then checks with group members whether to proceed with an invite and a trial period.

Sometimes it is clear that it is time to start a new group. Other times it is good to initiate more than one new member into an established group at the one time. This can reduce risk of a person feeling an outsider to the group. If you would like more information about this process you can email Janine yourself through vic.exco@gmail.com and she will give you a call.

Call for Volunteers

We have a small team preparing for the National Gathering and Assembly to be held in July 2024. Please volunteer: vic.exco@gmail.com

Keep the Date - plan on coming to the Anglecrest Retreat week-end this year Fri 10- sun 12 Nov

Pray for our members attending the World ExCo

Anna Munari, Noreen Nicholson, James O'Brien and Iain Radvan SJ are attending the World Assembly representing Australia. Our next Newsletter will provide a link to their blog.

Announcement of engagement



Congratulations on James O'Brien and Teresa Wulandari's engagement.
"And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection." (Colossians 3:14)

R.I.P. Margaret Sheehan



A 'Pray-er,' 'a thinker,' an 'organiser' and a 'motivator'.
She cherished more than 30 years as a member of the CLC group and profoundly valued the thoughts and insights of others about God's Word. Margaret suffered from blindness and osteoporosis, and to support her, we met at her home a few years ago until Margaret suggested that we meet at the parish centre to be a more visible witness.

Rest in Peace good and faithful servant
Chris Power CLC Bairnsdale July 2023

Margaret is in the centre the front row

Happy St. Ignatius Feast Day!

31st of July