

Vic Exco News Sheet

March 2023



World CLC day

26 MARCH 2023
FABER HOUSE (LOYOLA INSTITUTE)
175 ROYAL PARADE, PARKVILLE

**DISCERNING PATHS FOR HOPE:
THE THEME OF THE WORLD ASSEMBLY**

Agenda
9.30 am for 10 am start
10:00 Welcome
10:10: Speaker: **James O'Brien** with our World Assembly delegates, **Noreen Nicholson** and **Anna Munari**.
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10.40: Reflection time / Morning tea
11.10: Sharing time - in groups
12.00: Mass with Fr Andy Hamilton SJ
12.30: Lunch
Morning tea provided by Exco, BYO Lunch.
\$10 donation on arrival is encouraged.
We will provide a zoom connection for those unable to attend in person.
All CLC members and friends welcome!

Please RSVP whether you'll attend in-person or via zoom by 20 March 2023 to vic.exco@gmail.com

This is our chance to support our Delegates to World Assembly - Iain Radvan, Anna Munari, Noreen Nicholson, (James O'Brien attending as World CLC rep) and to become involved with CLC's commitment to action. WEXCO 18th General Assembly August 2023, Amiens in France.

Projects 178: 'A Journey from Amazement to Witness – Discerning Paths for Hope' explains how we can be an important part of this preparation for the next World General Assembly.

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Face to face
Or Via Zoom

World Assembly Group Reflections



Jenny Gardner and Debbie dela Paz (on behalf of NEXCO) have produced for CLC groups to prepare for the World Assembly. You are invited to participate in preparation for the World Assembly and utilize the themes for your own growth in faith and action. Sorry about the lengthy link-

https://mcusercontent.com/9013afe726fc58505d0fe44b5/files/88229908-bbc0-989c-435d-95d56a5b9f10/2023_World_Assembly_Group_Reflections.pdf

PALM SUNDAY Walk for Justice

2nd April

Melbourne - 1.30pm State Library

Contact: Gabrielle 0425 866 569

Ballarat - 2pm View Point Lake Wendouree

(Council approval pending)

Contact: Margaret 0402 498 644

Bairnsdale - 10.30am St Mary's Church

Contact: Chris Power 0418 148 657



A group of CLC members has traditionally taken part in the Melbourne, Ballarat, and Bairnsdale Rallies to show of support for some of our most disadvantaged members of society.

This year's walk will call for **Justice for Refugees: *Permanent Visas for all, Fair Processes and income support for people who are seeking recognition as refugees.*** While the change of government at the federal election last year has brought hope for more compassionate polices, thousands of refugees and people seeking asylum are still in limbo waiting for certainty about their future.

Time: 1:00pm for a group reflection and prayer led by **Fr Andy Hamilton SJ**, with official Walk for Justice music and speeches starting around **1:30pm.**

Where: meeting at the far-right side of the State Library of Victoria (near the Joan of Arc statue and next to Little Lonsdale St – look for the CLC banner near a large 'CAPSA', 'Jesuit Social Services' or 'Xavier Social Justice Network' banner).

PLEASE SHARE WITH MEMBERS AND THROUGH YOUR NETWORKS.



We thank Gerard Winch for his work on Exco and send our best wishes for a speedy recovery from his hip operation. Gerard has recently resigned as his work commitments and now sick leave have made his continuing difficult.

We are very pleased to welcome Teresa Wulanderi as a co-opted Exco member until July. Teresa is interested in youth involvement and has already demonstrated she is very adept at organising Exco file storage etc.



Sharing Ideas

Vic Exco is currently completing the Catholic Earthcare Audit which will be compiled together with responses from all Australian CLC regions into a national document. This will then demonstrate what CLC is currently doing nationally to align and put our National Priorities and Laudato Si goals into practice as well as our plans for the future.

- *Care for Creation*
- *Work for peace, justice, and reconciliation*
- *Developing lay leadership*

Please let Exco know of **any** outreach or action being done in your sphere so we can share ideas

Preparing for the Victorian Region Assembly 2023

On Sunday July 9th, CLC Victoria will hold its bi-annual Assembly when we reflect on our CLC journey of the past two years, discern movement of the Spirit, and elect our new Region/Victorian Executive Council (EXCO).

We will all receive an email inviting us to discern with our group, any CLC members they consider could ably serve the Victorian CLC community for the next two years on Vic Exco.

This important role helps communication with guides, groups and CLC members and overseeing events occur smoothly. It is a most rewarding way to take on a leadership position within our community.

Could guides please ensure all group members have received this letter.

Some Upcoming Events:

Fr Patrick O'Sullivan SJ, Memorial Service of Thanksgiving

Friday May 12th, 2023 at 6.30pm AEST.

Victorian Region Bi-Annual Assembly 2023

Sunday July 9th, at 130 Power St Hawthorn

Keystones of CLC Program and an online

National Guide Formation Program: further details will be happening soon regarding these most formative and valuable programs.