



Fr Ray's Reflection

Feast of Saints Peter & Paul

Peter and Paul—the two outstanding pillars of the infant Church are, great saints both of them, yet certainly not saints of the plaster-cast variety. They were, first of all, human beings—being human is not a drawback to holiness; on the contrary, being true to the nature God has given us is the first essential ingredient in becoming holy. Being human, Peter and Paul had their weaknesses: they sometimes got scared, argued, took offence, were impatient and cowardly—just as we so often are.

And yet they were chosen by Jesus to be his chief instruments in the spreading of the Gospel to the whole world: Paul as the greatest evangelist of all time: and Peter as the first leader of the Church. Jesus took both of them as they were, with their strengths and weaknesses. And in the end both of them laid down their lives for him and for the Gospel. Despite “wobbles” in their following of Jesus, they were both committed to him, never losing sight of the fact that they were sinners—but loved sinners.

As we honour them ought we not to take heart at the thought that the Lord accepts us and uses us as he did them, just as we are—a funny old mixture of the good and the not-so-good, of great strengths and surprising weaknesses? It seemed to work out wonderfully in the case of Peter and Paul. And isn't Jesus perhaps assuring us that, if we trust him, it can work out wonderfully well for us too?

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State News *Catholic Women's League Australia—New South Wales Inc Triennial Conference* will be held on 9 & 10 September 2014 at Novotel Coffs Harbour Pacific Bay Resort, Coffs Harbour.

Conference theme: **Peace & Justice. Trading Table** Requests have been made for items for the Trading Table. Please supply new goods, hand made items are always popular. Please also price your goods and send them to your Diocesan President or bring to the Conference. **Raffle Books** Please return all tickets sold and unsold, with payment, to CWL Sydney by 8th July, 2014 as all raffle tickets must be returned to the State Treasurer by 11th August, 2014.

Lismore Diocesan President, Teresa McKinnon and the branch members of the diocese are preparing to welcome all to Coffs Harbour in this the 40th Anniversary year of Catholic Women's League in the diocese. Let's celebrate and share our CWL journey together.

Sydney News *Congratulations to Alison and Blythe Potts on the birth of Alexander Louis on Friday, 20th June. Our love and best wishes on your new son and little brother.*

Annual Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on Sunday, 13th July at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, at 10.30 am. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Bishop Peter Comensoli. Couples who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year or who have been married in the last 12 months are invited to register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9390 5290 or lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org, so they may receive a special acknowledgment at the Mass. Registered couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th, or 65th wedding anniversaries will also receive a special certificate from Bishop Comensoli.

Proclaim Conference 21—23 August 2014: Thank you to Sally Fennell, Kay Owens and Anne-Maree Cantrall for attending on behalf of Sydney Archdiocese. *Ushers are required, so if you can give 2 hrs of your time, please contact the office.*

Branch News Peakhurst: Our ladies attended Uniting Church Peakhurst “Mission Day” plus Scripture Board Fundraiser at Lugarno Uniting in June. In July we will support our Parish Cake Stall / Raffle to help build a Church in East Timor. Our ladies will also attend Oatley CWL Luncheon.

Ryde: Our Branch will hold a ‘Body Shop Party’ on Saturday, 18th October at 1.00pm. Venue: Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Hall, Cnr Westminster St and Victoria Rd, Gladesville. Afternoon Tea, Raffle, Games, Prizes. Admission \$10. Bookings/Inquiries: Beth 9807 4334’



WUCWO Report—June News

Pope Francis speaks many times about the value of Human Life. As organised Catholic women we want to assume the serious commitment to respect and care for creation, to pay attention to every person, no matter what their circumstances. Below is a prayer by St Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

LIFE by Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
Life is beauty, admire it.
Life is bliss, taste it.
Life is a dream, realize it.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is costly, care for it.
Life is wealth, keep it.
Life is love, enjoy it.
Life is mystery, know it.
Life is a promise, fulfil it.
Life is sorrow, overcome it.
Life is a song, sing it.
Life is a struggle, accept it.
Life is tragedy, confront it.
Life is an adventure, dare it.
Life is luck, make it.
Life is too precious, do not destroy it.



Don't forget Chain of Masses. Also pray for the success of the General Assembly to be held in Fatima in October.

God bless, Margaret Burke

CWL Sydney ANNUAL MASS & LUNCHEON TUESDAY AUGUST 12

Our day begins with 10.30am Mass in Our Lady's Chapel, Level 6 Polding Centre. Afterwards lunch will be served at Macchiato Cafe, 338 Pitt Street (cnr Liverpool & Pitt) at noon till 1.30pm. Members and friends are most welcome. Cost is \$50 per person for a delicious lunch but the cafe require payment and numbers a fortnight in advance. All bookings and money must be received in the office by Tuesday July 29 at the very latest. It promises to be a wonderful day – our Annual Mass & Luncheon is always special!

Note: Any dietary requirements must be made by July 29.

Diary Dates

August 12: Annual Mass at 10.30am in Our Lady's Chapel, Polding Centre followed by Luncheon at Macchiato Cafe at 12noon till 1.30pm.

September 9—10: CWLA-NSW Inc Triennial Conference, Coffs Harbour

Please Note: No Branch Gathering in September

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