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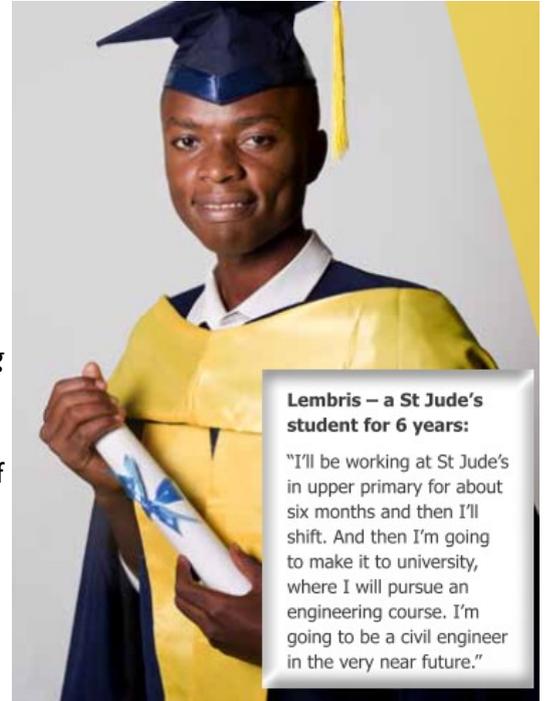
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Update on our support for St Jude's

Catholic Women's League Sydney recently donated \$1440 to the School of St Jude as part of our on-going sponsorship of Valeria and Manyara A, her boarding room. This donation is an important part in helping Valeria's education, as it contributes to funding for classroom studies, sporting, musical and artistic activities, daily nutritious meals, and transport. Our donation ensures Valeria receives a free education in one of the poorest parts of the world, as their school motto "Fighting poverty through education" suggests.



Proof that St Jude's is providing quality education is through the recent graduation of their 6th form (year 12) students. As St Jude's only opened their doors in 2002, this 6th form class is the first to graduate under this program. Many have ambitions to study at university to become doctors, teachers, engineers, and much more. These young people now have a bright future ahead of them, and we very much hope for the same for Valeria!



Lembris – a St Jude's student for 6 years:

"I'll be working at St Jude's in upper primary for about six months and then I'll shift. And then I'm going to make it to university, where I will pursue an engineering course. I'm going to be a civil engineer in the very near future."

If you would like to read more, we have a Class of 2015 "special edition" School of St Jude's newsletter available in the office

Catholic Women's League, Archdiocese of Sydney invite you to join us in celebrating our
Annual Mass and Luncheon

Theme: "Commemorating 100 years of ANZAC"

August 11, 2015

Mass at 10.30am Chapel of Our Lady Level 6

Polding Centre

Afterwards we will host a catered lunch on Level 8

Luncheon cost—\$20pp

Please **RSVP by July 28** at the latest with payment to the Sydney office.

Sydney office number: 9307 8383 | Email: cwlsydney@sydneycatholic.org

National News

Speakers for CWLA National Conference confirmed:

The Hon Prudence Goward MP, Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, will be the Keynote Speaker on Wednesday 23 September. Other speakers on that day will be **Sr Hilda Scott**, osb, Benedictine Sister from Jamberoo Abbey, NSW and **Pat McDermott**, Journalist and Author of “Family Matters” which is a monthly article in the Australian Women’s Weekly. **Chris Field** from the Catholic Development Fund will also speak in the afternoon. On Thursday 24 September, **Jennifer Burn**, Associate Professor Faculty of Law, will speak to us on Human Trafficking and **Ken Smith**, Historian, will speak on the History of Parramatta.

State News

National Council meeting is to be held in August with State delegates attending. Motions in conjunction with the National Conference have been distributed (see branch folders for copy). Please review and direct any feedback to State Secretary Denise McCaffery by the 15th of August. A copy of the State President’s Circular for May 2015 is also in each branch folder.

Sydney News

Reflection Day

On a cold Tuesday June 9, over 50 of our members made their way to Marian Court to join together in a Branch Reflection Day.

We were all warmly welcomed and it proved to be a beautiful, spiritual and up-lifting day. We all left feeling a little brighter and energised by the Holy Spirit. The power of this day was amazing.

There were many people responsible for ensuring this was a memorable day – none more so than Helen Cook and Fr Ray. A huge big thank you to all who helped but especially to Helen and Fr Ray – we are so fortunate to have these two remarkable people leading us spiritually!

—Chris McKirdy

Branch News

Concord West: We are holding a ‘*Get Together*’ on Monday, 27th July at Marian Court, 18a Margaret St Strathfield, and invite you to join us. The program is 10.30am Mass, 11.15am Morning Tea (provided), 11.45am Guest Speaker, 12.30pm Luncheon (provided) Cost \$15. Please ring Helen Cook 9747 6647 or June Clarke 9746 8951 to let us know if you are able to join us (for catering purposes).

Five Dock: A new round of Silver Circle starts the first weekend in July. Bingo continues every first Friday of the month. St Maria Goretti Feast Day will be celebrated on the 7th July at 11.00am at All Hallows, 2 Halley St. Five Dock, followed by lunch at Canada Bay Club Family Bistro. All welcome. Cancer caps and wraps being knitted. Guest speaker Frances Tilly on Ignatian Spiritual Exercises on Friday 17th July, 11.00am in Parish hall. All welcome! Gold coin appreciated. Working towards raising funds for Rose Gallagher Project, more info coming soon!

Peakhurst: We will attend Oatley CWL ‘Christmas in July’ Mass & Luncheon on 23rd July. On the 12th August we will host a lunch and entertainment with guests from Our Lady of Consolation Retirement Village, Rooty Hill.

Ryde: Nora Edwards, long time member of the Ryde CWL Afternoon Group, died 4th May, aged 99 years 10 months. Preparations were underway for her 100 years birthday in July. She was our CWL representative for the Jean Arnot Award Dinner. We will be having a *Spring Fashion Parade*, on Saturday, 31st October at 1 pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Hall, Cnr. Westminster and Victoria Road, Gladesville.



We pray for the repose of the soul of
Dawn Williams former member Drummoyne Branch, **Marion Annison** former member Meadowbank Branch, **Clare Day** Peakhurst Branch member, **Nora Edwards** former member

Ryde Branch

WUCWO Report

During the conference held in Rome at the end of May, about the challenges in the Millennium Development Goals (Post-2015 Agenda), we dealt with the many difficulties, troubles and sufferings of a number of people, especially the weakest and the defenceless of the world. Many suggestions and proposals were offered.

As WUCWO we feel committed in carrying out those goals which focus on the respect and enhancement of the dignity of the human being. But where can we root such an engagement? Surely in our faith and our closeness to the Lord. We need to look for God to find Him, and once we have found Him, we have to go on in our searching of Him. But we can't get tired of announcing the Good News. Pope Francis in his address to the General Assembly of the Italian Bishop Conference last May said "The joy of the Gospel, at this historic moment in which we are often hemmed in by disheartening news, by local and international situations that cause us to feel distress and tribulation — in this scenario of scant comfort — our Christian ... vocation is to go against the current: in other words, to be joyful witnesses to the Risen Christ in order to pass joy and hope on to others." But this strength doesn't come by itself we need to go to the spring of the joy, hoping to be His witnesses we need to know Him, to contemplate Him.

In Women's Voice there have been excellent articles. President General Ruggieri wrote "We need to practice the art of listening which is more than simply hearing. Listening in communication is an openness of heart. Listening helps us to find the right gesture and word which shows that we are more than simply bystanders. Pope Francis has written recently about climate change and the necessity for all to do their bit. In Nigeria they have a project to plant a green wall of trees across Africa at the southern edge of the Sahara Desert. Let us pray that other countries look to the future and embrace change.

God Bless,

—Margaret Burke

DID YOU KNOW?



The Department of Human Services has Grandparent Advisors who can help grandparents with full-time caring responsibility for their grandchildren access payments and services. Contact a Grandparent Advisor by calling 1800 245 965 or go to www.humanservices.gov.au.

PLEASE NOTE

THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE OF NUMBER AT THE SYDNEY OFFICE
The new phone number is 9307 8383

Diary Dates

Tuesday August 11 — Annual Mass and Luncheon. 10.30AM for Mass, followed by catered lunch. \$20 per person.



*Congratulations for 50 years
of Marian Court*

