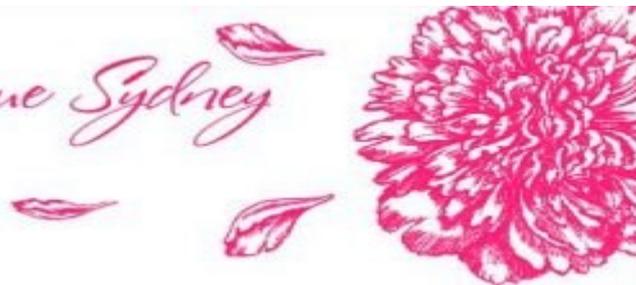


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## Moya's Message

Spectacular Friday! Was the message I received following our Centenary Mass and Luncheon

It certainly was spectacular! A day to remember! The celebration of the Eucharist at St. Mary's Cathedral with the bells peeling was a moving prayerful celebration where we acknowledged the many women of our history and celebrate being together united in our shared CWL journey. The presence of Her Excellency Prof. Marie Bashir AC CVO Governor of New South Wales indicated the important role CWL has played not only within the Church but also within the Sydney society for 100 years.

What a delight to have so many of our clergy join us and concelebrate with Bishop Terry Brady . It was testimony to the role you have all played within your parishes to have so many of our parish branch priests celebrate this most significant day. My thanks to all clergy and especially our Sydney Chaplin Fr. Ray Farrell for his ongoing support and for his beautiful homily and generous words detailing our CWL journey.

Mr Peter Kneeshaw and the choir led us in song of praise and the "Ave Maria" sung beautifully by Emily Potts reminded us of the presence of our Blessed Mother who we pray to for continued guidance. Helen Cook formulated the Mass liturgy with Fr. Ray and Fr. Don Richardson and the beautifully presented Mass booklets prepared by Frank Muscolino enhanced this memorable celebration.

I was delighted to welcome our Catholic Women's League Australia National President Mrs. Jean Tanzer OAM and CWLA-NSW Inc State President Mrs. Carolyn Metcalfe and members of the State Executive Past Sydney Archdioceses Presidents, members of Catholic Women's League from NSW dioceses, representatives from many Church agencies friends and family who all joined in joyful celebration of this Spectacular Friday!

Our Celebration Luncheon at State Parliament House was a great success . My thanks to The Hon. Greg Smith who welcomed us to State Parliament House and our MC Mrs Marita Winters who graciously kept everything running smoothly . I wish also to extend sincere thanks to all the members of the Archdiocesan Council and all members of CWL Sydney for supporting the Centenary events through the POY. It was an occasion to remember and I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did.

Thank you to so many who sent messages of congratulations following our Centenary Mass and Luncheon . Your kind words were much appreciated. Sally Fennell and I attended the ANZAC Eve memorial mass at St. Mary's Cathedral . It was a beautiful service of remembrance for all who fought in conflicts and lost their lives. We have so much to be grateful for to these brave men and women of our services. Denise McCaffery and Helen Cook represented me at the Blessing of the Statues of the Apostles in the reredos of the High Altar at St. Mary's Cathedral last Sunday . Our Centenary gift to St. Mary's Cathedral is the statue of St. Thomas. The Parish Branch Masses to celebrate the CWL Sydney Centenary continue with recent masses at Concord West and Denistone being well organised and well received by parishioners. I look forward to the future parish masses throughout 2013.

God Bless, Moya

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SYDNEY CENTENARY

# Branches Celebrate Sydney Centenary

Let the celebrations begin...

- Saturday 25th May Fairfield Branch Mass—6pm
- Sunday 2nd June Enfield Branch Mass—10.30am
- Sunday 16th June Summer Hill Branch Mass—10am
- Saturday 22nd June Ryde Branch Mass—6pm
- Sunday 30th June Drummoyne Branch Mass—9am
- Sunday 30th June Peakhurst Branch Mass—9.15am
- Sunday 7th July Kingsgrove Branch Mass—10am
- Sunday 11th August Five Dock Branch Mass—10am
- Saturday 24th August Oatley Branch Mass—5pm

When advertising your Branch Mass within your Parish please note it is the CWL Branch Parish Mass Celebrating the CWL Sydney Centenary.

## National News



Bookings are now open for the 46th National Biennial Conference. Jupiters, Townsville, 2nd-5th September 2013. Conference theme: 'Faithful to My Call'.

Program/Registration forms available—extra copies please request from Office.

## State News

State Pres. Carolyn Metcalfe and members of the State Executive join us today to celebrate WUCWO. We keep Carolyn and her team in our prayers as they prepare for the National Council Meeting.

Thank you

To everyone for your support and assistance in making our Centenary Mass & Luncheon such a success. It was a pleasure to share this wonderful occasion with you. Moya

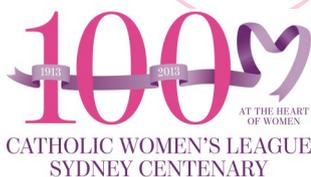
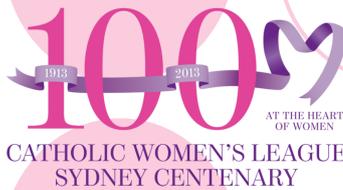
## Branch News

**Drummoyne:** Our sincerest congratulations to President, Moya—assisted by her ever enthusiastic and hard-working team—for the very successful launch of the Sydney C.W.L. Centenary Celebrations on 19th April. Fourteen Drummoyne members were fortunate enough to witness this most historic event which made us so proud to be members of the Sydney C.W.L.

**Five Dock:** Members attended the memorable Centenary Mass and enjoyed the celebrations including the luncheon and the friendship. Together with Fr Robert Hayes and parishioners of All Hallows Five Dock, we wish to extend congratulations to President Moya Potts and CWL Sydney on their Centenary. We have been busy preparing hampers and selling tickets for our Mother's Day raffle.

**Kingsgrove:** A very successful cake stall was held after all Masses on 4—5 May, with thanks to the generosity of parishioners and friends over \$1,000 was raised.

**Oatley:** Our branch has started a new Silver Circle with good support from Parishioners. Six ladies and our Parish Priest, Fr John Doherty, attended the Centenary Celebrations, and wish to congratulate Moya and her councillors for a very successful and enjoyable day.



# WUCWO Report

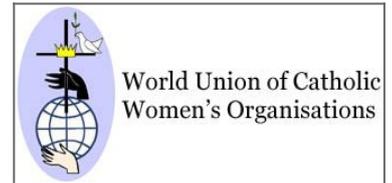
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This month, dedicated to the Holy Virgin Mary, is also the month during which we celebrate WUCWO Day.

We reflect on our commitment to promote the presence, participation and co-responsibility of Catholic women in society and in the church, in order to enable them to fulfil their mission of evangelization and to work for human development.

This year the main goal of WUCWO's work is peace. Building peace today means to work for justice, respect, freedom, reach for truth and often people are persecuted for these reasons. Please remember to pray for the success of WUCWO's work throughout the world. Remember the Chain of Prayers—please pray these each month at your Branch Meeting.

Best Wishes, Loretta Chester.



## The Archdiocese of Sydney and the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuses

For accurate information visit Archdiocese of Sydney website: [www.sydneycatholic.org](http://www.sydneycatholic.org)

Click "Royal Commission" on the homepage to view stories, Justice & Healing Council, prayers and facts which will be regularly updated.

*As Catholic Women's League Sydney Archdiocese we ask our members to be aware to obtain accurate information. We pray that the Royal Commission is genuinely successful. We cannot change the past - now the first priority is to be sensitive, acknowledge guilt and bring healing and help. We have enclosed an A4 double-sided sheet with Inform. We pray for all involved.*

## Catholic Youth Services

CYS is hosting an event **Pentecost Catechesis on Why Faith Matters with Cardinal Pell**. His Eminence invites all young people of the Archdiocese to this year's Pentecost Catechesis to be held on Friday May 17, 2013 in the grounds of St John's College within the University of Sydney. RSVP by Wednesday May 8 to [pentecost@cys.org.au](mailto:pentecost@cys.org.au) or call CYS on 9764 4357.

## Vatican II Conference

**The Great Grace: Receiving Vatican II Today.** Conference, Sydney, Australia 20—23 May 2013 Australian Technology Park, Redfern [www.thegreatgrace.org.au](http://www.thegreatgrace.org.au)

In commemorating the 50th anniversary of the commencement of the Second Vatican Council in October last year, to celebrate this historic event in the Church's history, the holy Father called for a 'Year of Faith' for the Universal Church from 11 October 2012 to 24 November 2013. Among the various events to celebrate this significant occasion, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is hosting a major national conference—The Great Grace: Receiving Vatican II Today. President Moya has been sponsored to attend the conference by Catholic Development Fund.



## Centenary Photos

Photos from the Centenary celebrations are now available on our website [www.cwlsydney.org.au](http://www.cwlsydney.org.au) and Facebook page. Enjoy a sample of these pictures in your folders.



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## Small Price To Support Catholic Missions



You can help Catholic Missions raise money in the following ways:

For **\$7** you can purchase a laying hen which will help an orphanage in Peru by providing meals for the children, training on how to raise hens and income from selling the eggs.

For **\$16** you can provide two primary school children living in squatter's areas of the Philippines, with fundamental textbooks so they can attend school and have a brighter future.

For **\$26** you will provide one nourishing daily meal for ten girls living in an orphanage in Peru.

For **\$28** you will provide two weeks supply of medication to combat life-threatening diseases, such as malaria and tuberculosis, to a local clinic in Zambia that serves a community of over 200 people.

For **\$57** you will provide one seminarian with vital education and formation by covering the annual cost of lecturers, administration and library access.

For **\$58** you will provide a class of twenty visually impaired students in India with one mathematics Braille slate each, enabling them to pass their exams and complete high school.

For **\$80** you will provide the dressing, bandages and much needed care for one leprosy patient in the South of India for a whole year.

For **\$93** you will enable nuns, priests and other church leaders to cover the cost of 100 litres of fuel that they use to reach out and give life to remote villages in Peru.

*All this for under \$100 – if you are interested in these for many other wonderful projects, please contact **Catholic Missions**. Toll Free 1800 257 296 – It is in giving that we receive.*

## World Congress of Families

**The World Congress of Families 7** takes place in Sydney at the Australian Technology Park from 15th—18th May, 2013. Catholic Women's League Australia—New South Wales Inc is a supporter of the Congress and has been part of the local organising committee for this event. This a great opportunity for families to be able to attend such a gathering.

Information on the Congress and the Conference Programme can be accessed on the website: [www.wcfsydney2013.org.au](http://www.wcfsydney2013.org.au)

CWL Sydney Archdiocese is sponsoring a young mother to attend a session of the WCF Congress.

## Centenary Year Diary Dates

**Tuesday June 11:** Branch Gathering 10.30am.

**Tuesday July 9:** Branch Gathering 10.30am—Bookings essential for a French Luncheon—will you wear your beret?

**August 13: Mass 10.00am** in Chapel, Polding Centre followed by **High Tea 11am—2pm** at Rydges, World Square, Pitt St Sydney

