

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF ENGLAND & WALES CIO
SEND LOYAL GREETINGS AND PRAYERS TO
THEIR MAJESTIES ON THEIR CORONATION**



NEWSLETTER MAY 2023

Message from the National President

They say that as one door closes, another opens and I'm hoping that the legacy of our recently closed Our Lady's Catechists committee will live on in the various courses that we might offer to members later in the year. OLC started one hundred years ago and has offered hundreds of people, including children who weren't attending Catholic schools and also prisoners, the opportunity to understand more about our faith. The committee decided that it was time to close and held their last meeting on 26th April – an emotional moment for those who had served us with incredible dedication for so long. I'm hoping that their knowledge and skills won't be lost and we can offer you online programmes in the near future.

Many thanks to all who have sent Cross in Pockets to Jean. Margaret Von Speyr is coordinating the project and has sent around 400 to prison chaplains so far. We're now ready to introduce the prison backpack initiative and you'll see more details in the attached sheet. PACT have asked us to produce twenty backpacks per month for men leaving prison. Some people have nothing to take with them on their release, so the idea is to provide them with basic items. The project won't be without its logistical challenges, but we will ensure that your backpacks get to the people who need them. Also, just to let you know that, in time honoured tradition, Jean has sent a letter to the palace on our behalf to King Charles and Queen Camilla on the occasion of their coronation. I hope that those of you involved in street parties and celebrations have a wonderful time and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in Birmingham on 10th June. *Siobhan*

Summer Event on Saturday 10th June is getting closer.

For those members travelling to Birmingham:

- * If you have not yet sent the payment (£15) or names to Jean, then please do so by the very latest 20th May
- * A sandwich lunch will be provided, so if you have any allergies then please let Jean know
- * CWL website creators, Steve and Alex, will also be at the Priory Rooms taking photographs and filming members – we would love to get some of you not only smiling at the camera but speaking too, to provide little cameos of interest to prospective members. PLEASE LET JEAN OR SIOBHAN KNOW IF YOU PREFER NOT TO BE ON CAMERA AT ALL.
- * The website will be officially launched on the day.
- * Just in case you have mislaid the address: The Priory Rooms Bull Street Birmingham B4 6AF
- * There are quite a few exits from New St Railway Station. You need to take the Stephenson St exit where you will see the tram stop to Bull Street (2 stops). If you intend to do the short 7 minute walk then use this exit also
- * Please remember to wear your name badge

CWL Magazine Issue 10 will be with all paid-up members at the end of June.

Do send in articles as soon as you can, please.

From the Treasurer

Thank you for all capitations received. If any Section has any outstanding monies, would you please send them to me as soon as you can.

Data forms - will all Sections please ensure they have completed the data form and sent it to Jean, so that she can update her records. Only the names of your members and the contact details of your Officers are needed. *Christine*

There will be no zoom sessions with Fr Marcin in May.