

Quarterly Newsletter of CWL Otari Branch April 2025

Feb. Two members joined CWL Levin for their pilgrimage to Jerusalem. A pause in Whanganui on the way allowed us time to catch up with member Adriann Smith who has recently moved there.

We made 60 posies for the Marriage Celebration Sunday at St Teresa's

Later in the month most of the Branch members (and a couple of friends) visited the Home of Compassion at Island Bay. We had a liturgy in the Chapel (prepared by Christine our Chaplain) and visited the tomb of Suzanne Aubert where some of us left petitions. We were able to take a group photo for Otari Parish Celebration of Volunteers at St Teresa's Church March 9th.

March Three members went to Levin for the Archdiocesan Conference, and were very interested to hear how the two Sisters of Compassion came to be living and working in Levin.

Late in the month (27th) had a committee meeting to set the programme for the next few months. In **April** members will be encouraged to go to the Day of Reflection in Plimmerton; in **May** we expect to make posies for Mother's Day and to celebrate WUCWO. (The script has come and focuses on the family, given the small size of Otari Branch joining with others could be attractive.) Meeting in **June and July** will be in the morning. Plan to hold a raffle (Winter Warmers) to raise funds for the "At Home" Appeal and to ask the Parishioners for gifts of warm clothes, and items to cheer mothers and families forced to seek shelter with Women's Refuge.

National Conference Auckland July 15th -18th Registration forms available from the Branch Secretary.

Mission Received a cutting from former member Cecily Wheeler about the men in Nabala Parish cutting cane to raise funds to repair the Church which Otari learned about when the locals asked us for funds some ears ago. Cutting has been forwarded to Archdiocesan Mission Secretary.

Next Events

April 12th leading the Stations of the Cross at St Teresa's Church.

April 22nd Day of Reflection at St Theresas Plimmerton starting at 10.00 a.m. Leader is Chris Duthie-Yung of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Ministry. Bring something for the shared lunch and funds for raffle tickets. **The Day is Open to all, please invite please invite friends and fellow parishioners.**