

BULLETIN



Message from the President

Dear CLCer,

Welcome back CLC Bulletin! I think you will all agree that we missed this monthly updating to what is happening in CLC over the past eight months or so. This issue is intended to fill you in with all that has happened in CLC over this time. I hope that now we have organised ourselves such that the Bulletin would become a monthly contact link between us all. This, I hope, would also result in a reduction in the volume of emails you receive from us.

In a few days time we shall be celebrating Easter, the greatest feast in our Christian calendar. One way Christ is alive, as St. Paul tells us, is that we clothe ourselves with Him. This means, concretely, that we live the values of the Gospel, becoming Christ-like in every aspect of our life. This is why the Leadership Community is inviting us all to become more vocal in our witness of the risen Christ – this may mean taking a stand with the Jesuits in favour of tolerance, responding with the local Church to the many needs of the modern family or writing in the newspaper or participating on Fastlane in relation to ethics or some other social concern. This coming year we hope to focus our efforts more on our response to these needs and to our calling as Christians in our world today.

I take the opportunity to wish you and your families a very blessed Easter.

John Busuttil

Formation

- The Chaplaincy and Centre for Faith & Justice are planning to organise three reflections on Fridays 28th April, 5th May and the 12th May at Dar Manwel Magri sj on the **Social Teachings of the Church** for all young people. So please include these in your formation programme for your voluntary work initiatives.
- Rekindle your experience of the [Retreat in Daily Life](#)
- The encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI is [Deus Caritas Est](#)
- [Daily prayer](#) for your MP3 player

Annual General Meeting

The reports should help bring you up to date with what has been happening these last months. The AGM was held on Sunday 19th March 2006 at Dar Manwel Magri. It was very well attended. During the AGM, after reading and approving the minutes of EGM (June 2005), we heard the President's report ([click here to read](#)) and the Financial statement. Appendix II of the statute was discussed and the complete statute was approved ([click here to view the approved statute](#)).

The following reports were also distributed during the AGM:

- Young Communities Team report ([click here to read](#))
- Formation Team Report ([click here to read](#))
- Formation Team Brief ([click here to read](#))
- CLC Guide mentoring exercise ([click here to read](#))
- Report on Eurolink Meeting in Limburg - October 2005 ([click here to read](#))
- Secretariat Report

Key Information from Leadership Community (LC)

- Alison Vella (Stepping Stones) is vice-president of CLC (Malta)
- Andrew Mercieca (Collage) had to resign from LC due to family commitments
- The new Formation Team members are Alison Vella (Stepping Stones), Alfred Micallef sj (RODS & National Ecclesiastical Assistant), Carlo Calleja Mercieca (Magis), Christine Sammut (Fuego), Clare Camilleri (RODS), Doreen Balzan (Nazareth), Elizabet Farrugia (Jubilate), John Valenzia (Fuego), Joseanne Peregin (Exiles), Saviour Borg (RODS & link with LC), Simone Vella Lenicker (Tarag). Their brief was also formulated and was distributed during the AGM – [read brief](#)
- The monthly bulletin is back and will be sent via bulletin@clcmalta.org. If you want any information to appear in the bulletin please send us an email to bulletin@clcmalta.org
- Urgent CLC e-mails and information will be sent out by e-mail as usual. Presently the email address info@clcmalta.org is temporarily down so please use bulletin@clcmalta.org until further notice - we apologise for the inconvenience
- Our website www.clcmalta.org is continuously being updated thanks to Mark Xerri (Jubilate) and Sean Sciberras (Fuego)
- Maria Blanco (Magis) has taken over from Julienne Musu (Fuego) in sending and receiving all CLC emails
- Magis have taken over the Secretariat
- Alex Mamo (RODS and LC Head of Secretariat) has taken over the role of treasurer from Sean Sciberras (Fuego)
- Noel Vella (Stepping Stones) has taken over the role of CLC representative on the Church's bodies for Lay Movements from Sandro Rossi (Bethel)
- Exiles have accepted to take time to reflect upon their experience as members of couples, partners, family makers and child raisers. They shall formalise their experience, in a way that may be used as a witness pack for others, within CLC, the Church and society
- CLC will collaborate with the Jesuits at Chaplaincy to organise Cana courses for couples preparing to get married
- John Busuttil (Fuego & CLC President) is representing CLC on INYGO
- Amar y Servir Team has been re-appointed – members are Carmen Sammut (RODS), Fr Alfred Micallef sj (RODS & National Ecclesiastical Assistant). Another member is to be appointed.
- Following the arson attack on the cars at St Aloysius, CLC issued the attached press release - this was partly published in the Times (Friday 17/03) and referred to in the Independent (Thursday 16/03). ([click here to read press release](#)). Fr Paul Chetcuti thanked CLC for their support ([click here to see letter](#))
- After the World CLC Day mass (Sunday 19th March) a number of persevering CLCers boarded a coach which was waiting to drive off to Mellieha. Alex Mamo brought his barbeque set and we shared hotdogs and other food. We played a few games and the children enjoyed making footprints in the clear sand and also built sand castles. We then went to have a coffee until it was time for the bus to take us back home. Although the weather wasn't ideal, the company was great and it turned out to be a very enjoyable afternoon.

Announcements

- Matthew Saliba (former member of Coracle) was post-humously nominated by CLC for **Premju Zaghzugh tas-Sena** organised by Kerygma
- Fastlane – the **CLC radio programme** is in its third trimester - it can be heard on RTK (FM 103) every Saturday at 13.00. Your feedback is appreciated – pl send any comments/suggestions to fastlane@clcmalta.org
- Are you interested in a **CLC holiday in Wales** in August? [see flyer for details](#)
- The chaplaincy have various activities – [see flyer](#)
- The chaplaincy would like to invite you for this year's **Lenten reflections** for University Staff and other professionals. This year Fr. John McDade S.J. will be guiding the **three Lenten reflections with the theme 'Rediscovering our Roots: the Character of Catholicism' on the 10th, 11th, 12th April, at the University Chapel - St Thomas More at 7. 30 p.m.** Child minding services will be provided again during the reflections. – [see flyer](#)
- Maundy Thursday 13th April 2006 – Way of the Cross at University after the 19.00 function at University Chapel organized by Young CLC
- **Fundraising in support of the Jesuits following the recent arson attacks:-**
 - (i) Lm133 were collected during World CLC Day Mass in support of the Jesuits. Thank you for your generosity. Anyone wishing to make a donation can send a cheque payable to *Maltese Jesuit Province to Rev Fr Rector, St Aloysius College Old Railway Road, B'kara BKR 10*
 - (ii) Solidarity Activities were successfully held on Sunday 2nd April & Sunday 9th [April 2006](#)
- **Jesuit Centenary celebrations**
 - (i) Jesuit Collaborator's Day (Saturday 22nd April 2006). This is another event organised through Jesuit – CLC collaboration. Details to be announced later.
 - (ii) The choir led by Tony Vella (Nazareth) will be singing for the CD recording of the St. Louis Jesuits in Maltese as part of the Ignatian Jubilee year celebrations. This choir will also be singing (led by Joe Cachia – Fuego) for Easter functions at University. Rehearsals on Tuesdays and Fridays at 6.30pm at the University Chapel/Dar Manwel Magri. A special appeal to the adult communities who grew up with the St. Louis Jesuit songs (found in Iktus song book) - please join in! For more info contact Chaplaincy on 23402341.

New CLC Members & Communities

Welcome to you all

Roles within CLC

We take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped out and/or have accepted to help out in specific roles. In this bulletin we tried to mention the recently appointed roles and hope we have not left out anybody.

Births

To all those of you who have had children – congratulations to the new parents

Deaths

To all those of you who have lost someone dear to them we offer our prayers and condolences

Engagements/Marriages

To all of you who got engaged or married – congratulations and best wishes for the future

Other Information

- [calendar of events](#)
- [CIS programme](#)
- [Projects 130](#)

CLC Seminar 2006

Adult Seminar & Children's Seminar

*17th - 19th November
Mt. St. Joseph*

Keep these dates free so you can join us