

## **CWO e-news September 2008 issue 9**

### **CWO Annual Gathering**

Saturday, 11 October 2008

Morning session

76 Church Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 3EB

10.30am Arrivals refreshments

11.00 am – 1.00pm CWO AGM

1.00pm – 2.00pm buffet lunch

Afternoon session

Lower Bebington Methodist Church Hall (5 minutes from 76 Church Road)

2.00pm Resources Exhibition on Conservation

2.30pm Main speaker – Martin Deane, activist and Green Party Candidate

Small group discussion and preparation of questions

Tea

3.30 panel of speakers

5.00pm finish

Directions M53 junc. 4

Follow signs to Bromborough

Turn left at traffic lights on to Church Road  
No 76 is 100 yards along on left next to local shop

Members in North West offer accommodation to some members for overnight stay

There is also a Travel inn at Bromborough

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### **Vigil on the Piazza outside Westminster Cathedral on 28 September .**

This has been organised by London CWO who are now linking their vigils to prominent Sundays in the year. This one is close to the feast of St Therese of Lisieux, who expressed the desire to become an ordained priest.

### **Greenbelt Festival**

Mary, Myra, Pat and Sue "womanned" a CWO stall at Green belt.

We met many interesting people and attracted much interest in our movement.

A full report in the CWO newsletter out shortly

Please contact me with items for next e-news.

Also let me know if you would like an electronic version of the AG flyer to send to people

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Here are some comments about the "contra legem" issue following the email requesting your views. Please email your views on this issue to [info@catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk](mailto:info@catholic-womens-ordination.org.uk)

*"Although I do understand the hurt experienced by women who feel that they have a priestly vocation, acting on this conviction by being 'ordained' at this stage is, I feel, likely to impede the gradual change, which would undoubtedly occur by working within the Church."*

*"There is a sense in which the RCWP women are excommunicating themselves, which, if I understand their position correctly, is just what they do not want to do."*

*"I believe that our cause: ordination of women in the Roman Catholic Church, will not be helped by CWO or other campaigning groups backing a movement which takes such a "contra legem" route."*

*"What disturbs me is the ordination of women who 'want to be priests' or 'feel they are called to be priests'. I truly believe that this is theologically unsound. The vocation to the ministry does not come from some inner conviction but from the 'call' of the Church to serve the community in the ministry."*

*"It would be too easy to label CWO...as a club of the " excommunicated "....and thus nothing to with the Church. This would undo a lot of hard earned credibility, within the Church."*

God bless our looking back  
And our stepping forward.  
God bless us, so that we hear  
not only the mighty rush,  
but also the soft rustle of the wind.  
God bless us that we do not only  
eat the bread of justice,  
but also the crumbs of injustice  
and that they feed us  
with hopes for justice  
and love and peace

*from prayermail*

Please pray for all our members and supporters.

Prayers are requested especially for

a woman who has suffered a stroke

a woman who is undergoing treatment for cancer

and a teenage girl whose mother has died.

Please visit our sister site from time to time as there is much of interest to us there. [www.womenpriests.org](http://www.womenpriests.org). You can sign up for their regular newsletter