

International Women's Day, 2018

Come and join us on March 8th as we celebrate International Women's Day at St Mary's Parish

"So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27)

The Council for Australian Catholic Women, which is an office under The Australian Catholic Bishops' Commission, encourages Catholic communities to consider gender equality. The following prayers have been offered us, recognising gender equality exists in all aspects of life, including the Church.

- We pray for men and women who hold positions of leadership and power within the Church and society; that their work will create just structures and enable equal access to resources for women.
- We pray that the gospel vision of justice will inspire us to overturn deep seated gender inequalities for women's rights, equality and justice.
- We pray for women and men in our Church, that we might highlight the needs of rural women and work relentlessly for justice and equality.

For more information visit:

www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2018/announcer-iwd-2018-theme

www.unwomen.org.au/campaign/international-womens-day-2018

www.caritas.org.au/learn/global/-poverty-issues/women-and-development

Jesus came to show us how to love and in doing so he treated women and others who were considered less than men, with love and respect. Some of his closest friends and followers were women. As Christians, we are called to treat women with the same respect and dignity with which we treat men. Jesus came to raise up those who were bowed down. Misogyny, which is the hatred of, contempt for or prejudice against women or girls, is sinful. Women have contributed in so many positive ways in our parish, the wider Church, in families, local communities, workplaces and on the world stage. Let's come together to honour that and to honour our dream for a just and loving world, where the lives and the potential of women and men is honoured equally.

Come and join us at morning Mass

next Thursday at 9.15

and for morning tea afterwards.

