

Reflection on Wellington Dove Meeting Saturday 17 September 2011

A wonderfully blessed meeting was held at our regular venue, Connolly Hall at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street Wellington. More than fifty women came along to hear our guest speaker Duncan Graham from Christchurch.

Duncan had ministered to our Wellington Dove gathering in 2010 and said he was delighted to be invited to return (and we were delighted to have him back!). The theme of his talk centred on an acrostic for the 'world cup', this capturing the attention of so many in our land at this time. In continuing the thread of our day of refreshment, Come to the Father's Heart, Duncan suggested each of us is God's much loved trophy as He made us to love and be loved.

Duncan's WORLD CUP acrostic was simple yet powerful, encouraging us to be open to knowing the Father's heart for ourselves and taking that knowledge to others. The main ideas were:

- **Worship** God first in our lives, through praise and service
- **Overcoming faith** because greater is He that is in you than he who is in the world
- **Relationships** built on love and include the Father
- **Love** God with all your heart and your neighbour as yourself
- **Devotion** in love of God, so we can love others as He does
- **Christ** in you, the hope of glory (Col 1:27)
- **Unconditional love** is given not earned, we can't make God love us any more than he already does
- **Perseverance** in all the above, so don't give up, there is a reward beyond this world!

Time slipped away on us but not before all present had the opportunity for prayer. The anointing of Holy Spirit was tenderly ministered by Duncan, with peace and healing clearly evident as many women rested in the Spirit.