



THE LEGION OF MARY  
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**Dates to remember**

**21<sup>st</sup> Jan** Death of: Alfie Lambe

**7<sup>th</sup> Feb** Lake Monger Procession:

**15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Feb** Melbourne Summer

School:

**22<sup>nd</sup> Feb** Talk on Our Blessed  
Mother by Fr Elias 2pm – 4pm

VECQ

**22<sup>nd</sup> Mar** Comitium ACIES: 2pm at  
St Pius X Manning

**21<sup>st</sup> Mar** EDC ACIES: St Francis  
Xavier Armadale (Hilbert)

**16<sup>th</sup> May** Annual One Day Retreat

**6<sup>th</sup> June** 80<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the  
Legion of Mary in WA

**Nov 2019 Allocution** given by Sr. Rosemary Bennett from *The Spirit of Home Visitation* by Frank Duff, pp.1-3.

***Vital Importance of the Home***

*Whoever holds the home holds the mastery. It is imperative that Religion understand the full force of this. Of course religious education is a vital ingredient, but to believe that it alone makes the position safe.*

*So I voice two ideas: First, religion taught in a cold, official way has no higher place in the children's minds than any other school subject. Second, even religion admirably taught in school has too much to contend within the world to be able to stand unaided. And so I talk to you about Home, the fortress of society any the privilege you have of being able to enter it.*

*Though the Legion did not start on this world it swung to it almost immediately. Therefore both tradition and first principle bid us to attend to it everywhere. In some places the conception of the home is different to ours. In Africa, for instance, they live together in closer groups than families would. You must penetrate into those communities and carry on your work such is the insistence of the Legion.*

***Typical Legionary Contact Work***

*Our works being multitudinous, it follows that any legionaries are not visiting the homes. This does not mean that what I am going to say has no bearing for you. Really*

*every word will apply equally to those who are engaged on the other works. As visitation concerns the dealing with people on a faintly intimate footing, it is typical of all legionary contacts. If we acquire the art of visiting properly we can employ that art in all circumstances whatsoever. This is all the more the case because people are less approachable in their homes than anywhere else. This is not commonly realised. Some people have the notion that going to the homes is quite a simple business, easier than other kinds of work. I assure them to the contrary. That inaccessibility would proceed from various causes, all of which must be taken account of: "My home is my castle and my privacy must not be violated." There is the possibility of interfering with the duties of the home which have to be attended to and the desire to be at ease in one's own home; there is television; you go into a home and you may sit among the family but not to talk! All those things represent formidable barriers. But there is another one which exceeds all of them put together, It is the fact that people do not want to talk religion, nor to have religion talked to them. That is not only the biggest but the most disconcerting difficulty, because it shows that the roots of religion are weak there. People are irresistibly moved to talk about the things that they are interested in. If they do not want to discuss religion, it is a reasonable indication that they are not much interested in it. Interest naturally expands into the expression of it. The golfer, the footballer, the horse-addict, are always talking about their hobby: and so forth.*

*That condition of religious deaf-mutedness must be jolted and educated out of itself. Those who do not want to talk religion must have religion talked to them. This is the contrary idea to that argument which is so often astoundingly put forward; that people do not want to be approached on the subject of religion and, therefore, they should not be approached. If yielded to, the argument would mean the abandonment of all apostleship and the ultimate destruction of religion. For who are the people who initially want to have religion talked to them? So we must get in and do that very thing. We must overcome their reluctance and sweetly manage to get them to receive us and to listen to the unpopular thing that we represent.*

**Dec 2019 Allocution** given by Sr. Rosemary Bennett from *All to Jesus through Mary Vol2*  
*St Nicholas*

*St. Nicholas lived in the early fourth century. It is his name which has been modified to become Santa Claus, the secular symbol of Christmas.*

*The story goes that as a young man Nicholas performed an act of generosity in throwing bags of gold into a house – to enable the daughter of – of the house to be married and so escape a life of poverty and disgrace.*

*This was what today might be called a “random act of kindness” – an act of kindness to one who may be a complete stranger, motivated simply by goodwill*

*(We have acts of violence and vandalism, which are also random. It is refreshing that the opposite can also happen).*

*To be generous to others, to have goodwill towards them, is what is termed the Christmas spirit.*

*One can have this spirit without being specifically religious but if we do possess the gift of faith we’re more likely to be motivated to generosity, and also we will have more to give.*

*In our case it is not bags of gold we can throw about but we can say with St Peter: silver and gold have I none, but such as I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.(Acts3.6)*

*We can offer the gift of faith, the word of life. We can offer people hope that there is something better than life as it usually operates here on earth.*

*St. Nicholas was able to do as he did because God had loved him first, when we experience kindness we are moved to extend that kindness to others.*

*We have experienced the love of God – creating us, forgiving us, guiding us through this life. We would have hearts of stone if we did not have some desire to pass this love onto others. The work of the Legion is one way we do this*

*We offer everything we do as a gift we do not expect thanks or reward. We give for the pleasure of giving. As St Paul once said his greatest privilege was to offer the Gospel free of charge (1Cor 9.18). If he had been paid it would have impeded the fullness of his giving.*

*May Mary, first in gratitude at the coming of her Son, help us to receive Him and to make Him known.*

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Dear Legionaries,

I wish all Legionaries and their families. Active and Auxiliary a very blessed, happy and prosperous New Year and I hope that your Christmas was filled with joy and blessings.

On behalf of the Perth Homeless Group I thank all those who donated items to our collection at the AGR. All gifts were picked up following the meeting last month and the volunteers were very generous in their thanks and appreciation.

I also thank the Praesidia and Curia that sent in Christmas cards and greetings. It is only through your help and prayers that we are able to undertake the tasks assigned to us. I ask Our Blessed Mother and the members to remember us in prayer and thoughts as we continue to do work for the Legion of Mary in WA

As we begin 2020 I thank you all for all that you have done in our Blessed Mother's name and encourage you to continue in this wonderful work. We have a busy year ahead with several extra events being included and I hope that you will endeavour to support us by your attendance.

1. Our first function is the Lake Monger Rosary Procession in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes. This will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 7pm. Notifications, posters etc. have gone out to the parishes via the email. Please ask your Parish Priest or Clerical Officer to put the poster up in the church.
2. During the month of February Fr Elias, a Franciscan Priest, is visiting Perth. We have asked Father to give a 2hr reflection on Our Lady. This will take place at the Venerable Edel Quinn Centre on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February between 2pm – 4pm. I encourage all to make an effort to attend.
3. The Comitium ACIES will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March at St Pius X church Manning commencing 2pm. Eastern Districts Curia will hold their ACIES on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at St Francis Xavier Armadale (Hilbert). I will advise of other places as soon as I have them.
4. The Annual One Day Retreat will be held at St Bernadette's Glendalough. Our theme is "A Life of Love serving God's People"
5. This year we celebrate 80 years of the Legion of Mary in WA. On 6<sup>th</sup> June we will celebrate this great occasion with Mass and afternoon tea. When all arrangements have been put in place we will advertise through the webpage and bulletin. If you know of any past members that would like to attend please forward their names to us and invitations will be sent to them.

We will advise of the second half of the year in a later bulletin.

I would encourage you to think about attending the Senatus of Melbourne Summer School. This is a wonderful gathering of Legionaries from all over Australia and the Pacific Islands. If you would like to attend please contact me and I will forward the information on to you. I

have gone in past years and have made wonderful friendships as well have learned a lot and strengthen my faith and knowledge of it.

During this time of terrible fires and loss of life and property I ask all Legionaries to keep those affected in your prayers and where possible assist in helping to restore earthly possessions to them. If your parish or community are doing fundraising, please be an active part of it. I would also take this opportunity to remind you that the Legion does not offer monetary assistance.

Alf has completed the major work in the carpark and almost completed the grotto. The gardens have been reticulated and mulch has been spread. The grounds are still a little messy but will soon be completely cleared. On your behalf I thank Alf and Tim for the wonderful work they have done.

Once again, I encourage you to continue in your wonderful works and look forward to seeing you at the monthly meeting and at functions

God bless and Mary protect you throughout 2020.

Rosemary

### **SPECIAL PRAYERS**

#### ***Prayers for the Sick:***

(For all who have been on previous lists) Sr. Marjorie McBroom, Fr. Blasco, Eugene Stuart, Eugene Joseph, Betty Flynn, Agnes Johns, Collette

***Rest of the Souls:*** Dorothy Choong, Matthew Williams, Sr. Lena Anderson. Zoe Hoskings

***Special Intentions:*** Paul and Celestine wedding ann. Tony and Filippa wedding. Victims of the bush fires in Australia, and Volcano in NZ. Thea Hanson and Family

**LEGION OF MARY**  
**ANNUAL REPORT OF PRAESIDIA TO COMITIUM**  
**TO JESUS THROUGH MARY**

**Report from 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 to 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**Name of Praesidium**      **Our Lady of the Missions**

**Location**                      **Willetton**

**Meeting place**              **Sts John and Paul Parish Centre**

**Time**                              **2pm Fridays**

**Spiritual director**        **Fr. Thai Vu**

**Officership vacant** **nil**

**Active membership**      **14**

**Auxiliary members**      **42 Probationary**              **nil**

**Praetorian**                      **nil Adjutorian**              **nil**

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Members pay regular visits to Nursing Homes, House visits to the elderly, sick and Lonely and every 2 – 3 months to the auxiliary members.

One member mans the ST Vincent De Paul piety stall before and after mass on Sundays.

One member teaches Catechism every Tuesday during the school term.

Two members are rostered weekly to be at attendance during the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Jude's Parish.

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Members help with the preparing and serving morning tea after the 7.30am mass  
In the month of October legionaries joined the rosary procession in the Riverton community park. and the immaculate Heart of Mary group celebrations.  
Office bearers take turns to attend the monthly Comitium meetings.  
Legionaries and Auxiliaries members attended the Annual Mass for the deceased Legionaries on the 20<sup>th</sup> November,  
Most members attend the Major functions held by the Comitium (ie the Annual Mass, the AGR, the torchlight procession, the one day retreat, ACIES and the 48 Hour rosary ouquet in honour of Our Ladies Birthday)

### **Plans for the next year.**

- 1 to continue the recruitment drive
- 2 visiting parishioners in their homes, nursing homes
- 3 showing appreciation to the auxiliary members by organising get togethers
4. promoting the Rosary devotion in homes and as part of the repose of the souls
- 5 Mass for deceased Legionaries
- 6 Enthronement of the Sacred Heart
- 7 Rosary making
- 8 being involved in visiting other Praesidia.