



THE LEGION OF MARY
BULLETIN

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Dates top remember

Death of: Alfie Lambe 21st January
Summer School: 15th & 17th February
2020

Saturday- 22 Feb 2020 - Fr. Elias is
giving a talk from 2pm -4pm at VEQ
Centre

Comitium ACIES: 22nd March 2020

EDC ACIES: 21st March

NDC ACIES 29th March

O.D.R Saturday - 16 May 2020- One
day retreat at St. Bernadette's
Glendalough

80th Anniversary - 6 June 2020 Legion of
Mary in WA will be celebrating their 80th
Anniversary

Allocution as given by Fr. Doug Harris
on '*Inspirational Legionaries.*'
Part One-The Legion Of Mary

*The very first Legion meeting was held at
8pm on the eve of Our Lady's Nativity, 7
September 1921. Frank Duff, Fr. Toher
and 15 other ladies were present. As at
all meetings the rosary was prayed and
the Legion was placed into Our Lady's
Hands. From that meeting the Legion
meeting was held in 178 countries by
2005.*

*Here are some Legionaries who have
been inspirational.*

*Fr. Aeden Mc Grath an Irish
Columban Priest in China in the 1940's
extended the Legion in China. For doing
so, he spent about 3 years in Chinese
prisons.*

*Edel Quin was 28 when she
was sent to spread the Legion in east and
central Africa. She died there 9 years
later in 1944.*

*Alfie Lambe was 22 when he was sent to South America. He died there 6 years
later in 1959/
From Australia they were no less inspirational.*

In 1950, Agnes Ortebar was sent to Japan where she spent 9 years in Japan and Taiwan.

In 1954 Charles Kenney, only 24 went from Sydney to New Guinea, New Britain and the Solomon Islands. He was joined two years later by Sylvester Carley, who extended the Legion further into Fiji, the Gilbert islands and Nauru. He died there after 22 years.

Part Two-The Legion and Our Lady

In the ‘Spirit of the Legion’ Chpt 3 of the Legion Handbook Frank Duff wrote: “The spirit of the Legion of Mary is that of Mary herself”.

Teresa Liu, a woman who spent 20 years imprisoned in Guangzhou China for being a faithful Catholic and a legionary, now 86 lives in Sydney. From 1957 to 1977 she was never given trial but spent some of her sentence in solitary confinement. She told CNS that she could only pray the rosary secretly once lying in bed and felt only secure knowing she can only turn to Jesus and depend only on Him!

Liu’s crime was being a member of a Catholic lay organisation, the Legion of Mary which was considered “anti revolutionary” The other crime was not to be part of the state run Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association.

After her release Teresa Liu migrated to Australia in 1980 with her husband, John Bosco Liu who had also been imprisoned for 22 years. Liu expressed that she has forgiven her captors, victims of the Communist system as they were just doing their duty and their job. Liu was only 25, engaged to her future husband when she was arrested. They were married in 1979 after his release. Their marriage lasted 10 years as John Bosco Liu died of a heart attack immediately after receiving Holy Communion during Mass. Liu was at his side and expressed that she is very grateful to God that he died peacefully especially after receiving Holy communion.

Liu also lost her eldest brother Paul to the Communist regime. After serving a 15year sentence in prison Paul died leaving behind a wife and eight children. Teresa Liu requested continued prayers for China.

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Dear Legionaries,



Friday 7th February saw us once again gathered to give honour to Our Blessed Mother on her feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Approximately 250 gathered at Lake Monger and walked the 3.5 km around the reserve praying the Rosary. A small group gathered at



the Gazebo and joined together in prayer. Thanks must be given to Fr Doug Harris and Fr Alphonis who lead us through the 5 decades. Special thanks must be extended to Philip Goes who organised the sound system and the vehicle in which we transported the statue to the Lake. Without his help we would not be

able to undertake this task. Also, a thanks to Linda Westwood who led the singing, Leo Gonsalves for once again led the procession and to the men who carefully assisted in the pushing of the trolley carrying Mother Mary. To all who attended without your presence our procession just would not have the impact that it has. Several people stopped and ask us what it was about and one lady joined us in the walk. We look forward to



holding the procession again in 2021 and seeing you all there.



Our next gathering will be this **Saturday, 22nd February with Fr Elias**, a Franciscan Friar, speaking on Our Blessed Mother. This is a great opportunity for us to learn more on Our Lady. The talk will follow the Northern Districts Curia meeting with a shared lunch. You are invited to join the lunch but Father will begin his talk at 1pm. There will be a break for afternoon tea. Opportunities such as this do not come along very often and so I encourage you to join us on this occasion.



We will once again gather for our annually dedication to Our Lady at our ACIES ceremonies.

Eastern Districts will hold their ceremony on
 Saturday 21st March 2020
 St Francis Xavier church
 Forrest Rd
 Herbet
 Left of Tonkin Hwy

Comitium will hold theirs on
 Sunday 22nd March 2020
 St Pius X Catholic Church
 Patterson Rd
 Manning
 2.30pm

Northern Districts will hold theirs on
 Sunday 29th March 2020
 Holy Spirit Church
 Keaney Cl
 City Beach
 2pm

Please make real effort to attend the ACIES as this is the one occasion when we publicly consecrate ourselves and our work to Mary. I am sure that fellowship will follow all ceremonies so please bring a plate of food to share.

I am delighted to inform you that His Grace Archbishop Costelloe will be the main celebrant for the 80th Anniversary of the Legion of Mary Mass on the 6th June 2020 at 12noon. We will have the Mass celebrated at St Francis Xavier Church in Windsor St followed by fellowship in the Venerable Edel Quinn Centre. Our carpark etc is almost completed, just need to do the final cleanup and our Statue for the Gotto has been ordered. Let us pray that we can get it shipped to us, from Sydney soon. Please put this very important date in your diary. Should you know of any retired Legionaries who would like to attend please let us know and we will send them an invitation. Please make a note of their name, current address and the praesidium they belonged to and send or give it to us at the Office.

We have been talking about having a busy bee to tidy up Our Lady's house, so before our celebration we would like to give the centre a thorough cleaning. For this to happen we need help. Many jobs need to be undertaken, windows – inside and out, kitchen, toilets, offices and meeting room all need a really, really good clean. It has been many years since this was undertaken and although our people who do rostered duty clean weekly a thorough cleaning has not been done. Each praesidium should feel some responsibility for the maintenance of the building and surroundings therefore I ask that ALL contribute to this busy bee in some way and not leave to the usual few. I will give a couple of dates when these tasks can be done and really hope that I am flooded with volunteers to assist.

I am aware that my term of office is not up until July 2021 but please look around your members and see if there is someone, who is willing to take up the position. Ask them and I will work them through what is needed. Each person brings their own style so invite them to put their ideas forward. The only requirement is a love of Mother Mary and her Legion. Assistance is always just a word away.

During this time of the Coronavirus please place all who are affected by it on your prayer list and keep them in your prayers. There is much we need to place at the feet of Mary and her Son, Jesus. The world is either burning, flooding, facing war or virus and only through intercession to Jesus and Mary does the world have any chance. Please pray for our world.

Rosemary

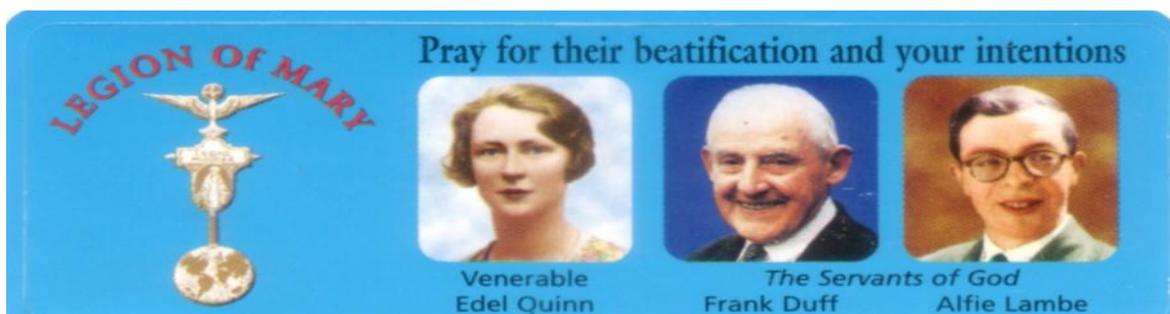
SPECIAL PRAYERS

Prayers for the Sick:

(For all who have been on previous lists), Br Michael's sis in law, Carol, Collette, Nguyen Nhu Quynh(young and paralysed girl), Linda Meyer

Repose of the Souls: Fr. Tim Foster, Doreen Stevens, Josie Trinca, Cora Constantino, George d'Castro. young man in Melbourne, Philomena Izzo, John Frances, Len Harders, All fire fighters dying at work

Special Intentions: For all bushfire victims and their families, fire fighters and their families, Michael Kiran to secure a good job.



REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF January

Northern Districts Curia

Our Lady of the Way, Manning

To Jesus Through Mary

Name of Curia	Our Lady Assumed into Heaven, Northern Districts Curia
Place of Meeting	Venerable Edel Quin Centre, 36 Windsor St, East Perth
Time of Meeting	4 th Saturday of the month at 10.30 am
No of Praesidia	7
Active Members	43
Auxiliary Members	200 {approximately}
Praetorian Members	6
Probationary	
Adjutorian Members	2
Number of Officers	22
Number of Vacant Officerships	2
Spiritual Director	Fr Demitri Roh
President	Sr Carol Farber(Aug 2019)
Vice-President	Sr Linda Westwood (Aug 2019)
Secretary	Sr Celia Joan Salinas
Treasurer	Sr Wilhemina Hedzik
Asst. Treasurer	
Report period	June2019 -Dec 2019

Curia has seven Praesidia

Spouse of the Holy Spirit City Beach	(550)
Our Lady of All Nations, Glendalough	(1085)
Sorrowful Mother, Joondana	(3130)
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Mirrabooka	(2528)
Our Lady of Grace North Beach	(2602)
Our Lady of the Mission, Whitfords	(1873)
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Balcatta	(349)

Visitation of four Praesidia including Geraldton was carried out.

Three Praesidia reports were received.

Members of Spouse of the Holy Spirit reported visits made to families of the newly baptized distributing to them prayer books and encouraging them in participating in interchurch Advent service.

Our Lady of the Mission members continue with their God Start program, sending God Start cards on their birthday (for children until four years of age.) Members also conducted catechism and prayed the Rosary on every last Thursday of the month during the school term.

Our Lady of Grace Praesidium prays the Rosary every month in public in front of their church.

Rosary making is still ongoing every second Saturday of the month.

Members are still involved with the Seniors Concert for disabled and visually impaired every third Sunday of the month. Two members are responsible for coordinating the whole program

Other members provide transport and help in the running of the concert and providing the refreshment.

Legion functions ACIES – attended by active and auxiliary members include the 48h rosary bouquet Mass, annual Mass and AGR.

Members still man the Venerable Edel Quinn Centre every 1st, 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, and 5th Tuesday when applicable.

To Jesus Through Mary

Name of Praesidium :	Our Lady of the Way
Location (Suburb):	St. Pius X Church, 23 Patterson Street Manning
Meeting Place and Time:	Church centre at 7 pm on Tuesdays

Spiritual Director:	vacant		Vice President:	Tony Pitchford
President:	Mignonne Goes		Treasurer:	Lina DaSilva
Secretary:	Ha Nguyen		Asst Secretary	NA
Active Membership:	9		Praetorian:	3
Auxiliary Membership:			Adjutorian:	
Probationary	0			
Report from	February 2019	to	January 2020	

Members assist Fr. Pat at Mass at 3 nursing homes every month.
 One member takes Holy communion to Gracewood nursing Home once a month.
 Another takes Holy Communion on request to the housebound.
 Two members organize and deliver the Pilgrim Statue to parishioners each week.
 Rosary making is still on going every second Saturday of the month at VEQ Centre.
 Two members make wire rosaries at home. Another two make one decade rosaries at home One member has made 5000 rosaries at home.
 Members are involved with the 1st Friday Mass for the sick and adoration after Mass from 8.30 am – 9.30am.
 Members also man the Parish piety stall at all weekend Masses and assist with Parish information distributing Bulletins etc.
 Members present handmade rosaries, holy cards and little gifts to every child being confirmed or receiving 1st Holy Communion.
 Individual members take turns to provide transport for 3 students and 1 housebound.
 Most members attend funeral and Rosary prayers held for deceased parishioners. They also assist with with a ‘cuppa’ after Mass.
Legion functions: The Lake Monga procession, ACIES, the 48h rosary bouquet Mass, annual Mass and AGR are attended by active and auxiliary members.
 Two members serve as special ministers. One assists the Blind Concert once a month. .

REPORTING in FEBRUARY
 Regina Coeli, Cloverdale
 Mary Immaculate, Queens Park

