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DATES TO REMEMBER

Comitium Meeting 3rd
Monday of the month
7pm

Rosary Making 2nd
Saturday of the month
10am

**Annual One day
Retreat**
18th May 2019 St
Bernadette's Church
Glendalough 8.30 – 3.30

The **ALLOCUTIO** was given by Sr. Rosemary Bennett from All To Jesus Through Mary vol.3, no.52.

Humble Attitude

The Handbook frequently exhorts Legionaries to be humble in their bearing towards those whom they visit or meet in the course of their duties (e.g. Chapter 39 Part 19).

The same applies, of course, to any Christian. Humility is one of the most important qualities we need to have if we are to be true followers of Our Lord.

We must never think ourselves better than others. Even if someone has a fault which I do not have I must not be Smug about that. He may have good points I do not have either. And there may be excusing factors for his problem which I do not know about.

In any case we should be more intent on helping others than in scoring points from them. It is always a temptation to take pleasure in another's downfall as it can make us feel superior. This is not a helpful line to follow. Better if we realize that we are all in need of God's mercy – one way or another – and we ask for that mercy.

We have different sins, different areas of weakness; also different strengths. What is easy for one person is hard for another, and vice versa. We see all you others as our brothers and sisters; all in the same boat; all sinners needing to be saints.

We can reach this attitude when we pray. We can be humble sometimes but find it hard to be humble all the time. We need to

go deep here. To be humble with all people in all circumstances could only be possible with divine help.

We ask Our Lord Himself to give us a share in the humility which enabled Him to become one of us and be treated like a slave (Phil 2).

We ask Our Lady, the humble maiden who because of her humility was chosen for the honour of being Mother of the Lord; and whose humility enabled her to accept the role without any assertion of her own position. Whatever God wanted was good enough for her. We ask her to pray for us, particularly in our Legion identity, that we can deal with all other people in the same spirit; never thinking ourselves better; merely sharing, rather than imposing, the Good News of our faith.

Thus we achieve a greater unity, a strong bond of charity, and we can all make progress together – in humility as in other necessary virtues.

'Make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing put of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.' (Philippians 2, 2-4)

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Greetings Legionaries,

I would firstly like to extend to all Legionaries, Active and Auxilliary and their families all the blessings that the newly Risen Jesus will shower on you this Easter Season.

Please remember that the Divine Mercy Novena commences on Good Friday and the Chaplets are available in the Piety Shop.

I would like to thank everyone who has sort and received their Working with Children Clearance. The wonderful way in which each and everyone one of you has undertaken this task is very gratifying. I will keep you informed as to other requirements. I am at the moment following the directions of the Archdiocesan Safe Guarding Office and when I have attended their workshop I will be in a better position to know what is required of us Legionaries.

I must say a very big Thank You to all Councils for holding their ACIES in a timely fashion. Comitium's ACIES was held at Manning with a good turn out. Fr Thomas gave us a wonderfully inspiring Homily on the gentle love and care that Our Lady gives. I also thank Manning Praesidium for their hospitality, the wonderful music that Philip Goes and Thea Hanson provided. It is wonderful to be able to go and just relax and pray at a function such as this.

Our One Day Retreat will be held on the 18th May at St Bernadette's Church Jugan St Glendalough. There has been a slight change to our programme. We have been gifted with a talk given my Karl Brown, from the BioEthics Centre on the topic of "Euthanasia and what it means for us". Please invite anyone who wants to know anything about the church's stance on this topic to come along. Remember this issue will go before our State Parliament this year and if we don't put forward our wishes our elected in officers will not know what our thoughts are and the bill will probably pass.

We will commence with the Opening Prayers at 9am 1st Talk by Karl Brown 9.30 with questions. Morning tea at 10.30, 2nd talk by Francis Leong from the Australia Missions Office, Mass at 12.00, Lunch at 12.45, 3rd Talk at 1.30 given by Hannah on Save the Children Fund and Caritas from a young person's perspective, adoration with Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. We should be able to depart at 3.30

We will have priest through most of the day to hear Confessions. Lunch of soup and bread will be served and if you would like to contribute something you are more than welcome to do so. A donation of \$5 would be gratefully received to offset the costs of the day. This payment can be made when you register. **For safety reason I ask that all who attend sign in.**

Once again I wish you all, on behalf of the Comitium, a happy safe and blessed Easter.

God bless
Rosemary

REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

Northern Districts Curia
Regina Coeli, Cloverdale

Report of Praesidium to Comitium
February 2018 to February 2019
To Jesus Through Mary

Location of Meeting and Time: Notre Dame Parish Centre, Cloverdale on Thursday at 12 .45pm.

Name of Praesidium: Regina Coeli

Spiritual Director: Sr Margaret McCarthy

President: Sr Maria Howard

Vice President:

Secretary: Sr Sandra Robinson

Treasurer: Sr Jacquelyn Turner

Active Membership: 6

Auxiliary Membership: 43

Recruitment:

Membership Drive: Members continue to ask friends and parishioners to join the Legion of Mary.

Legion Works undertaken during the past twelve months:

Legionaries:

- 1) Continued to visit the housebound, sick and lonely people in our parish
- 2) Attended vigils and funeral Masses of deceased parishioners and legionaries.
- 3) Continued to visit seven nursing homes in the parish. Five on a weekly basis, organising prayer meetings, rosaries, and Holy Communion services. The other two on Special Ministry. We also organised and assisted at monthly Masses, and in Holy Communion with Anointing services. Also, a Christmas Vigil Mass at Marist Lodge.
- 4) Visited parishioners with Holy Communion.
- 5) Distributed ashes on Ash Wednesday to all nursing homes visited and some housebound parishioners.
- 6) Stations of the Cross were recited at some of the nursing homes during Lent and during Holy Week. Stations were recited on Good Friday at Marist Lodge Aged Care
- 7) Distributed Rosaries and Holy Cards to First Holy Communicants and Confirmation candidates at Notre Dame and St Maria Goretti Primary schools.
- 8) Arranged and hosted our Auxiliaries' Mass and morning tea where we displayed and distributed Legion of Mary material, Miraculous Medals and other spiritual goods
- 9) Continue to organise and help maintain a roster of adorers for our weekly Friday day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Also continue to host the First Friday Holy Hour.
- 10) Continue to maintain the Pilgrim Statue roster and transport the statue whenever needed.
- 11) Attended One Day Retreat, Memorial Mass and the AGR

Auxiliary: 200 (approximately)

Adjutorian: 1

Praetorian: 5

Two Praesidia have been visited and we received four Praesidia reports.

Events for the months of July to December 2018:

Through the combined efforts of Comitium and Curia, this year a bouquet of 17,000 rosaries for Mary's birthday was handed to Archbishop Tim Costelloe at Mass at St Joachim's, on September 8. Legionaries were also privileged to be present when the Centennial Statue of Fatima was also at St Joachim's on that day. Fr Eugene McGrath's Memorial Mass and Rosary was well attended by member of the Northern Districts Curia. Our Annual General Reunion was held on December 8th at the Venerable Edel Quinn Centre, with Comitium providing afternoon tea and musical entertainment. Legionaries were asked to bring in non-perishable items for those living it 'rough' on the streets. A good time was had by all. Unfortunately, our Congress has been postponed.

Extra Activities and good works:

Northern Districts Curia are still involved with the on-going Seniors Concert for disabled and visually impaired people every 3rd Sunday of the month, with some members giving transport to the blind and disabled and help in running the concert. Rosary Making is still ongoing – every second Saturday of the Month. Northern Districts Curia members still man the Venerable Edel Quinn Centre every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, and 5th Tuesday, where applicable.

Plan for this Year:

To still continue to encourage all Legionaries in recruiting more active and auxiliary members for their respective Praesidia and to do more door knocking and evangelisation

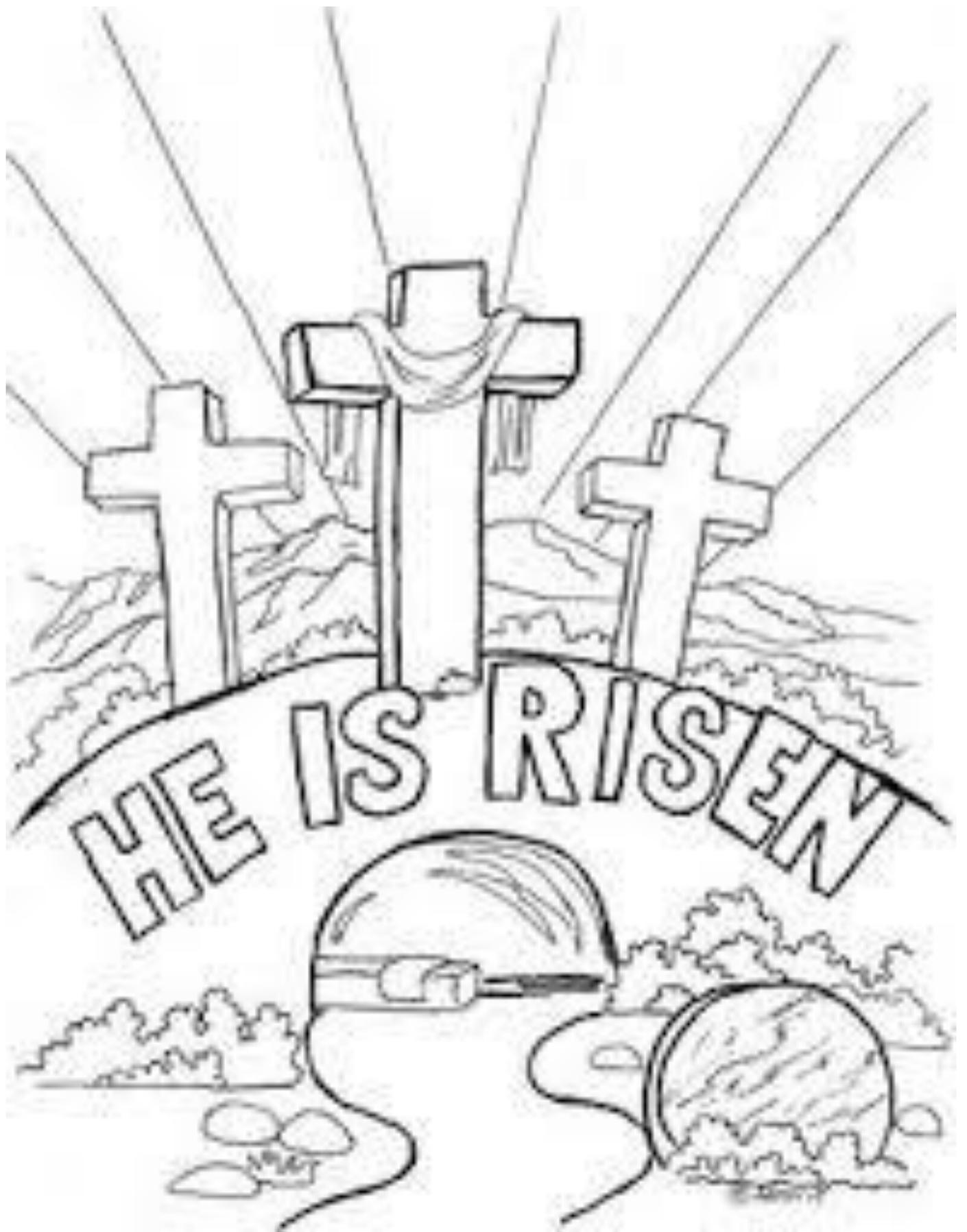
SPECIAL PRAYERS

Prayers for the Sick:

(For all who have been on previous lists), Gwen Harry, Brian Hookeres, Lonnarie Ociela, Sr. Blossom D'Silva, Mary Wilson, Leonora Crasto.

Rest of the Souls: Mons. McCrann, Fr. Croake, Julian Collins, Joan Jempleman, Nicholas Heldt, Else Barizza, Nick Salventarin, Chilean Benjamin.

Special Intentions: For those killed in the Mosque attacks in Christchurch, New Zealand. For those who died in the plane disaster in Ethiopia. For justice to be done for both Cardinal Pell and his accusers. For all who have been affected by the inappropriate actions of abusers of children and the vulnerable in our committee.





**LEGION OF MARY
ANNUAL ONE DAY RETREAT**

18th May 2019

THEME:
The Year of the Poor

Speakers:
Karl Brown (Euthenasia)
Francis Leong (Australian Catholic Missions)
**Hannah Woodward (Save the Children Fund and Caritas
from the Youth aspect)**

VENUE:
St Bernadette's Church
Jugan St
GLEN DALOUGH

TIME:
8.30AM: REGISTRATION
9.00AM: ROSARY
3.30PM: CONCLUSION

CONFESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE

**MORNING TEA AND A LIGHT SOUP LUNCH WILL BE
AVAILABLE**

**THE SECRET BAG WILL BE AVAILABLE AT
REGISTRATION TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF THE DAY**