



THE LEGION OF MARY
BULLETIN
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Dates to remember

Death of: Alfie Lambe 21st January

Comitium ACIES: 2nd August 2020
3pm St Pius X

**EDC ACIES: 8th August 2020 ST
Frances Xavier Hilbert**

**Comitium 3rd Monday of month at
2pm.**

Annual Mass 7th November at St
Bernadette's in Glendalough
AGR 5th December

80th Anniversary – March 2021 Legion
of Mary in WA will be celebrating their
80th Anniversary

Allocution as given by Sr. Cynthia Gauci ex
to Jesus through Mary
“Holy Communion”

To receive Holy Communion is
the closest we can come to almighty God in
this life, so it is a goal to bring every person
to this point of union. All legionary efforts
are to bring ourselves and those who we
meet to the Eucharistic Banquet.

Barriers to this Sacrament could
be lack of faith, being in a state of sin, or
lack of opportunity to attend Mass. All of
these can be rectified and the solution to all
three are interconnected.

If we have more faith, we would
not commit so many sins. If we had more
faith and less sin in our whole society there
would be more vocation to the priesthood,
more churches built and more people in

them!

The Eucharist is among other things, a proclamation of the Sovereignty of Christ, a statement to the world that He is the answer to every question the fulfillment of every need.

He is made present on altars around the world every day but ignored by most of the world's population.

Nevertheless, in the same humility which he showed on the cross., He continues to make Himself available even if rejected by indifference and ingratitude.

Just as only a few stood by him on the cross and continued to love Him, so there is need for a faithful few who will recognize Him in the Eucharist.

The Legion members must be part of this faithful few, adoring and receiving him as often as possible, and as devoutly as possible.

The more love and faith we can express the more other effects will follow. The whole of human history had been a battle between acceptance and rejection of the one true God.

Like a giant tug of war sometimes one side is winning, sometimes the other. We are firmly on the ‘acceptance’ side. We contribute to the worldwide effort by simply loving, adoring and receiving Him in faith. This will make it more likely that others will follow, and the momentum will build.

It is largely ignorance and blindness that leads people to reject Our Lord. Anything we can do to shed some light will help the overall cause.

So that truly and finally all people (or at least a lot more than we have now) will come to the Eucharistic Communion, the closest thing to Heaven we can enjoy here.

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Dear Legionaries,

I am so glad that we have been able to put a bulletin together for you. Over the last 6 months much has happened but we as Legionaries have placed our trust in Jesus and his Mother Mary and have come through.

I would firstly like to thank everyone for their faithfulness during these very difficult times. It is pleasing to see that all Praesidia have recommenced their meetings and hopefully following the social distancing instructions. Our works will look a little different but that does not mean that we don't try and bring the face/voice of Jesus to those who need

encouragement and support. We are limited in our door to door work but a phone call, a letter or a toot of the car horn can be very supportive. Please check with your Parish Priest to find out if he needs assistance or if he is happy to resume home visitation. Please stay safe.

We were saddened by the death of three of our Legionaries during this time and saddened that we were unable to farewell them in the time-honoured tradition of the Legion.

Blossom d'Silva went to her eternal rest in March and was farewelled from the Manning Parish. The family gave us the privilege of a livestreamed attendance at her funeral and for that we thank them. Blossom had been a faithful member of both the Willetton and Manning Legion and had served out Blessed Mother faithfully.

Sylvia Meyer went to her eternal rest in May, on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Once again we were unable to gather in numbers for this lovely lady who had served out Blessed Mother for 26 years as a member of the Thornlie Praesidium. Sylvia's family invited a member of the Legion to attend her viewing where we were able to pray the full Legion prayers. We were also invited to be able to be at the funeral through a livestreaming the following day.

Agnes John went to her eternal rest in June. We were able to attend Agnes's funeral and Rosary. Agnes had been a faithful member of the Manning Praesidium and had been responsible for the making of many thousands of our Rosaries which she found great joy and love in making.

We extend to the families and friends of these wonderful Legionaries our deepest condolences and ensure them our prayers and thoughts.

so that - the battle of life over - our Legion may reassemble, without the loss of any one, in the kingdom of Your love and glory. May the souls of our departed legionaries and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

This month sees us gathering for our Comitium meeting at the new time of 2pm on the 3rd Monday of the month. I was pleased with the positive acceptance of this time and the fact that many who have found an evening meeting very difficult have said that they can now come to our meeting. At this time we will not have fellowship following the meeting due to the Covid 19 restrictions but hopefully this will soon be over.

I also thank all those who took the time to read my emails and comment on them or follow through with requests that were made. Your participation encouraged me to continue with this format.

At this time let us keep in mind those in Victoria who have once again been confronted with this Pandemic. Let us offer a silent prayer from deep within our hearts that this virus may soon have a cure and that those who have been affected either in the loss of a loved one, job, faith may find healing in the knowledge that they can find love in the hearts of Jesus and His Mother Mary.

Finally, I congratulate our spiritual Director Fr. Doug Harris, on his 20th Anniversary of His ordination to the Priesthood and thank him for his ongoing support of the Legion of Mary

God Bless and Mary protect you.

Rosemary

Rosary repairs
Please note any Legionary who has given us a set of Rosaries for repair.
Please see Mignonne to pick them up.

REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF June

Mary Immaculate, Queens Park
EDC
Regina Coeli, Cloverdale

Report to Comitium from Mary Help of Christians – Eastern Districts
To Comitium

To Jesus through Mary

Name of Curia: Mary Help of Christians
Location: Edel Quinn Centre, Windsor St, Perth
Spiritual Director: Fr Michael Rowe
President: Sr Betty Flynn **Vice President:** Sr Roseanne Quinn
Secretary: Sr Christyne Williams **Treasurer:** Sr Angela Fragoemi
No. of Praesidia: 9
Active Membership: 69 plus 4 probationers **Praetorian:** 2

Auxiliary Membership: 195 (Up by 15)
Juniors: 10 juniors plus 5 probationary juniors

Adjutorian: 0

Reporting period: August 2019 – March 2020

Extension:

- Most Praesidia do their best to recruit more members. Constant reminders at Curia meetings towards this is ongoing.
- Still hoping to re-establish in Guildford and Midland. There remains a small matter that needs to be resolved.

Works undertaken during the past six months (only Legion Work):

In addition to previous reports, the following has been or is being accomplished.

- Pilgrimage to Bullsbrook – Took place on the 3rd November 2019, 4 Praesidia took part and parishioners from Maida Vale with their Parish Priest.
- Armadale Praesidia held their Walk for Mary, walking from the parish church to the Schoenstatt Shrine. 31 people in attendance.
- Armadale Praesidia also secured a Legion Mass on Tuesday nights at 7pm.
- Armadale is holding a Legion Retreat day with date to be confirmed. Their Parish Priest has suggested a talk after Mass on a Sunday by Curia to parishioners about the Legion and its works. This will be done on a date suitable to the parish.
- The 48 Hr Rosary Bouquet was undertaken by most Praesidia.

Most Praesidia visit Nursing Homes, the home-bound and sick in their homes.

- Some Legionnaires teach Religious instructions in their parishes.
- All Praesidia attempt to recruit more members and promote attendance at all Legion functions.
- Manning the Edel Quinn Centre on a roster basis is done by some Praesidia, visiting Auxiliaries, circulating Our Lady's Pilgrim Statue and praying the Rosary in homes we're invited to do so.
- One Praesidia organises and manages a Junior Legion at their meetings, Our Lady of Good, Shepherd Kelmscott.
- Three Praesidia manage the parish piety shops.
- Some Praesidia recite the Rosary at funeral and provide transport to Mass on Sundays.
- On the first Friday of each month, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Maida Vale Parish, gather to pray the Rosary for the Beatification of the Servant of God and pray for those specially on the Prayer list of the Legion for healing. Everyone is welcome at this prayer gathering. (This group will now be taken over by Our Lady Queen of peace, Armadale as of May 2020).
- Rosary at Lake Monger and Legion Annual Retreat events were well attended by EDC Praesidia.
- Most Praesidia are involved in the World Day of Prayer 2020.
- At least 4 Praesidia assist residents to mass on a weekly basis.

- One prays the Rosary with nursing home residents weekly, visits them on their birthdays and assists them to weekly mass.
- All Praesidia have been informed of the 80th anniversary and asked to submit names of Ex Active members who will be invited by Comitium.

Future plans:

- Curia plans to follow up extension work in Midland, Bayswater and Guildford Praesidia.
- Continuous reminders are sent out for new recruits at every EDC meeting for Active and Auxiliary members and to hand out “Can you lend a hand” leaflets in their Parishes.
- Continue to promote and support all Legion functions and Parish activities.

Other relevant Information:

- We have members actively involved in other groups and activities, Personal Advocacy Group, St Vincent De Paul and Church cleaning rosters, Catechisms, and Music ministries.
- 1 Praesidia is involved in Florys Demayo in the Parish.
- Three Praesidia have already completed their reports to Curia for this period and been visited by Curia for their current year.
- Australia Needs Fatima Rosary in the Park was held by 4 Praesidia.
- A Lenten Program is conducted by Armadale Praesidia in JE Murray Nursing Home, Armadale and a retreat day is being organised at the Schoenstatt Shrine with Sr Lisette for this year.
- Numbers attending Curia are good.
- This report couldn't go without a note of thanks to our Spiritual Director, Fr Michael Rowe, who already has a very busy schedule, and never fails to provide us with an Allocutio full of Spiritual nourishment and guidance, even when he is unavailable to attend.
- Last but not least, grateful thanks to retiring officers Sr Norma Van Hocken , Vic President, Sr Liz De'Leno, Secretary and Br Jeezan Frank for filling in for their support.

**Treasurers report:
Statement attached**

**President: Sr Betty Flynn
Dated:**

Treasurer:

Report of Praesidium to Comitium

February 2019 to January 2020 inclusive

To Jesus Through Mary

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

Name of Praesidium: Regina Coeli

Spiritual Director :	Sr Margaret McCarthy
President:	Sr Sandra Robinson
Vice President:	
Secretary:	Sr Maria Howard
Treasurer:	Sr Jacquelyn Turner
Active Membership	7
Auxiliary Memberhip :	37

Recruitment :

Membership Drive : Members continue to ask friends and parishioners to join the Legion of Mary. Our meeting time is listed in the weekly bulletin.

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) Now visiting eight nursing homes in the parish and one in a neighbouring parish. All on a weekly basis, organising prayer meetings, rosaries, and Holy Communion services and special ministry. The total number of visits is 13. We also organise and assist at monthly Masses, and in Holy Communion with Anointing services. Also Easter Sunday Mass and Christmas Vigil Masses at Marist Lodge (Catholic Homes.).
- 4) Visited parishioners with Holy Communion.
- 5) Distributed ashes on Ash Wednesday to all nursing homes visited and some housebound parishioners.
- 6) Assisted in distributing palms on Palm Sunday to nursing homes

- 7) 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
- 8) Supplied Rosaries to First Holy Communicants candidates at Notre Dame and St Maria Goretti Primary schools..
- 9) Distributed copies of the Consecration to the Sacred Heart in June.
- 10) Arranged and hosted our Auxiliaries' Mass and morning tea where we displayed and distributed Legion of Mary material, Miraculous Medals and other spiritual goods
- 11) 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.
- 12) Distributed Miraculous Medals around the Feast of the Miraculous Medal
- 13) Continue to maintain the Pilgrim Statue roster and transport the statue whenever needed.
- 14) Attended One Day Retreat, Memorial Mass and the AGR
- 15) Assist in leading the pre-Saturday 8.30am Mass Rosary

Intentions for 2020:

Continue to seek new members.

Continue to visit the sick and housebound and to expand our visiting base

Continue to visit the nursing homes.

As a Lenten activity, legionaries will 1) assist in the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday to residents in the nursing homes and to some housebound parishioners. 2) Distribute palms on Palm Sunday to nursing home residents.

3) Recite the Stations of the Cross in most of the nursing homes.

Continue to expand our activities in these homes.

The praesidium would like to thank our Spiritual Director, Sr Margaret McCarthy for her spiritual and temporal support, our Parish Priest Fr Michael Quynh Do for his support and encouragement and members of the Comitium for their support and advice.

Signed : Parish Priest: _____ Fr Michael Quynh Do

President _____ Sr Sandra Robinson

Mary Immaculate Praesidium Queens Park

Report to Comitium for period December 2018 to February 2020

We have 4 members attending the meetings. Regretfully,
1 on sick leave at the moment. Agnes Shinn Pls pray for her.

Meetings are held in the St Joseph's Priory Chapter room Tuesday 10am
or in a member's home if not available.

Due our Location we quite often have The Norbertine Brothers attend the Opening
prayers and more recently Father Stephen has attended and given the Spiritual
Blessing and sometimes an Allocutio.

The Brothers are very helpful and set up the Altar for us and put away the Legion
Box which is kept on a very high shelf in the Priory Storeroom.
Brother John on a recent return to Malaysia obtained a beautiful cover for Our
Ladies Statue.

2 officerships are vacant, The President and the Secretary.
All members assist with the vacant position's duties.
1 member is an adjutorian,
We have no Spiritual Director.

Duties include visitation of the sick and elderly in the Parish and to Bentley Hospital.
Occasionally visiting outside the parish if parishioners are in other hospitals.
Funerals and rosaries are attended of deceased parishioners.
1 member is a special Minister and organises the Pilgrim Statue for parishioners.
Due Members Family and work commitments We no longer have Prayer groups ran
by members.
1 member orders and stocks the St Joseph's parish piety stall. All members man the
Piety stall at the Sat and Sunday Masses.

Legion Functions

The Acies ceremony in Manning March was attended by 4 members and 4
auxilaries

The Frank Duff Mass and AGR was attended At St Bernadette's in Glendalough. A
Very hot day! 2 members were very pleased to attend the AGM High Tea At the
Edel Quinn Centre lovely event and happy to help the Homeless.
Mass for departed Legionaries was held in November.

This period of reporting year we were sad to lose 2 former members Giovanna Moriana and Pauline Cornelius. It was pleasing to see the Legionaries say the rosary at funerals held in their church prior to the Mass.

Sister Rosemary kindly Lead the rosary at the Funeral Home in Maylands for Sr Pauline.

Of Note:

Sr Bernadette Carvalho who we still had on our Attendance roster has now gone to The Little Sisters of the Poor in Glendalough. She turned 93 yesterday 16th.

3 Members attended the Mass for this occasion in the Chapel and the Lunch held afterwards.

We pray through the intercession of Frank Duff for More members but find little interest in our parish despite putting notices in the Parish bulletin.

This year we will put effort into building up our Auxilaries list as sadly this membership has been depleted mainly due deceased and sickness of members.

We pray for other Praesidums and ask for ours to be on the prayer list.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Prayers for the Sick:

(For all who have been on previous lists) Dolores Forst, Ann Allen, Fr. Lionel Henry, Ros Cozens, Jeevan Frank, Paul, Jim, Amber David, Phyllis Fulk, Geoff Robinson, Allan Stoddart, Keith Mummy, Jeremy Farrugia, Linda Westwood, William Wakeman

Repose of the Souls: Sylvia Meyer, Agnes John, Jim Gorman, Blossom DSilva, Beau Darch, Elenor and Aubrey Highland, Kevin Dear, Michael Bruce, Emric Fundrca, Richard Pinto, Carmel Edwards, Phyllis Greene, Babsy Fransenan, Richard Townsend, Peter Corena, Sr. Frances, all those who have died as a result of Covid 19

Special Intentions: Menan Gauci safe Pregnancy, Filipa Gauci, Nora Gorman and family, Pauline Cauldwell, Ruth Gemmy, Anthony Zaknich (b/d)