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Dates to Remember

Oct 21st AGM at the Comitium meeting

**Nov 9th Annual Mass and fellowship
St Bernadette's Church Jugan St
Glendalough**

**Dec 14th AGR at the Venerable Edel
Quinn Centre commencing 2pm**

Allocution given by Fr. Doug Harris,
Spiritual Director

The Eucharist became the centre of
Edel Quinn's life. She rose very early
each morning and attended as many
masses as possible. Sunday mornings
was completely devoted to the mass "I
could assist at mass all day long she
used to say" .

During a period in a non Catholic
Hospital she was only able to receive
Communion once a week. Afterwards
she told a friend that the privation of
daily communion gave her an experience
of what hell must be like.

The Mass

At Mass the Sacrifice of Christ's crucifixion occurs. No longer in a bloody manner. No Blood is split as it was on Good Friday.

At Calvary and at every Mass a complete act takes place. Infinite Grace is given to all creation over all time and the Grace given at the moment of Christ's death on Calvary and at every Mass never diminishes in its power or in its merit.

One practical example; if you have a Mass offered for deceased relative – but the priest's next available time to have Mass offered is not until one month away, your relation may go to heaven today because of the grace of that Mass.

The Mass proper

The priest kisses the altar (of sacrifice) which contains a relic of a saint to signify it is a sacrifice together with the entire Church faithful – with those in Heaven and in Purgatory.

The entire church faithful coming together to Adore God.

Liturgy of the Word.

St Bernadette at Lourdes reminded a new Priest; remember the priest at the altar is always Jesus on the Cross.

We proclaim our redemption by the cross of Jesus Christ. The greatest event of human history – the crucifixion of the son of God became the greatest act of merciful love and divine power. Through the cross we are redeemed. No longer held in slavery to sin and to the evil one, but we are free as sons and daughters of God and heaven's doors are not open to us.

Satan is powerless before the cross of Jesus Christ.

We proclaim the Trinitarian faith into which we were baptized (In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit).

The cross is the means by which we are saved.

Gloria

Feast days and Solemnities. Its opening acclamation "Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people" comes from the song the Angels sang at Jesus' birth.

And the following lines echo the angels' praises from the Book of Revelation (esp. 15:3-4).

The Mass is very scripturally based.

The Liturgy of the Word.

Catholics who attend Mass daily hear the entire Bible read to them in the course of 3 years.

Scripture tell us "the Word of God" and Jesus is "the Word made flesh"

Therefore, accept to be healed in mind, body and soul.

Hence St. Jerome "Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ"

Gospel – 3 signs of the cross with the thumb.

Forehead – may the Lord be in my Mind

Lips - May the Lord be on my lips

Heart – May the Lord be in my Heart,

Homily

The Creed

Only on Solemnities (every Sunday is a Solemnity)

After the Homily we recite the creed. The Creed is our faith in a nutshell. We profess it with fervour.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist:

The Offertory.

Gift of bread and wine are offered to the Lord so that he will change them into His Body and Blood.

We too offer our lives to the Lord so that He will change us also into Himself, a living host.

The Priest then says the same words that are used at every Jewish Passover Feast (In Hebrew) “blessed are you Lord God of all creation”

The Priest puts a drop of water into the chalice of wine saying “By the mystery of this Water and Wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ Who humbled himself to share in our humanity”

The priest and the people conclude by praying “May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and Glory of His Name for our good and the good of all the Church”
The sacrifice is the Sacrifice of the Mass which is our Lord’s Crucifixion.

Introduction to Preface.

The Preface

Father all powerful and ever living God we do well and always to give you thanks (Rev. 4:1-7).

After the Preface we sing the Sanctus or Holy Holy. We sing the song the Angels and saints sing before heaven’s throne. (rev. 4:8, Is 5:2-3).

Eucharistic Prayer

Epiclesis

At the beginning of the Eucharistic prayer we ask the Holy Spirit to come upon these gifts to make the Holy so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
The Priest makes the sign of the Cross to bless the gifts.

Consecration

Example of Hamish

He was 6 months old when at the moment of Consecration; he was completely focused on what had happened on the altar. His father said he had a Joy which was above a human joy.

The Host is elevated

All those present at the mass are now at Calvary. At the foot of the Cross.

Look up and contemplate Him

We could repeat the prayer of St. Thomas “My Lord and My God

Now tell him how much you love Him or ask Him for one intention.

Doxology

Through him with him and in him. The entire church faithful living and the dead, now gives praise to God, 'through' Jesus 'with' Jesus and 'in' Jesus. We now love God with the Heart of Jesus on the Cross. We now love and praise God together with our Lord on the Cross. God receives perfect praise from us, he receives all that is his due because the praise he receives is not only human, limited and temporal but is now divine, unlimited and eternal.

Holy Communion

Our Lord replaced the Jewish sacrifice of a Lamb. St. John the Baptist called Jesus: "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" In the Book of Leviticus 6;26 God said the Lamb "must be eaten" otherwise the Passover Sacrifice would not be valid. As our Lord was the new Lamb of Sacrifice, he would need to fulfill that condition. In Holy Communion God expresses His Love, by giving us Himself as food. A Cardinal recently stated "One Communion received with the best disposition is enough to make a saint"

Through Holy Communion we become living hosts.

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Dear Legionaries,

Once again thank you for all the effort you put into place for the Rosary Bouquet to Our Blessed Mother. We were able to present the scroll and pledges to Fr Conor Steadman who celebrated the Mass of the Nativity of Our Blessed Lady. Unfortunately, many parishes either did not receive for did not open the email with the necessary information. Next year we will put other plans in place. We were delighted to have pledges from several of our Senatus Praesidia/Curia, from people in the United Kingdom and Asia.

On behalf of the Comitium and all Legionaries I thank Fr Conor for celebrating the Mass and leading us in the Consecration of ourselves and our country to Our Blessed Mother. Thank you must also be extended to Jacinta and the Cantor for the beautiful music and to the Reader and Acolytes. I would also like to express my gratitude to the students of Matthew Gibney Catholic Primary School who attended the Mass and to the 2 students who presented the gifts on our behalf. Also thank you to Margaret Bowen and Helen Laurisen who presented the scroll.

As our year winds down, I ask you to put the Annual Mass into your calendar and make every effort to attend. This is the one occasion when all Legionaries across Perth should try and gather as one group to give Thanks for the Life and work of our founder Frank Duff and to celebrate all that we have done in the past year.

The work on the repair of the carpark is almost completed. Alf and Tim have done an amazing job. You are welcome to park your car on the brick paving but we ask that you park neatly into the fence. Please do not park under the old carport. On the side closest to the fence we have put a ramp in please be careful you do not park to far over this area. Just a little request, if you know you have a car that leaks oil can you park on the bitumen area please The front garden will be landscaped and beautified over the next couple of months and look beautiful for our 80th celebrations next year.

We offer our condolences to Veronica Zeh whose husband, Arnold, passed away, suddenly on Monday 19th August, 2019. Please keep Veronica and boys in your prayers. Thank you to all Legionaries who attended Arnold's funeral

We also offer our condolences to Linda Westwood on the passing of her mother Concetta. Linda has returned to the Philipines to attend her mother's funeral.

Rosemary





Report of Curia to Comitium
To Jesus through Mary

Name of Curia	Mary Help of Christians EDC
Location	Edel Quinn Centre, Windsor St. Perth
Spiritual Director	Fr. Michael Rowe
President: Sr. Betty Flynn	Vice President Sr. Norma Van Hoek
Secretary: Sr. Liz D'Leno	Treasurer Vacant
No of Praesidia	9
Active membership:	70 plus 16 juniors Praetorian 1
Auxiliary Membership	125 Adjutorian: nil
Report from;	February 2019 to August 2019

Extension:

None. Most Praesidia doing their best to recruit more members. Constant reminder at Curia Meetings towards this is ongoing.

Our Lady of Good Health Vailankani, Embleton Parish, regrettably is not functional at the moment.

Guildford Praesidia might need our help in reestablishing their Praesidia residency in their Parish. At the moment there is still a little problem that needs to be sorted out.

Works undertaken during the past 6 months (only Legion Work)

In addition to previous reports, the following has been or is being accomplished – Our Lady Queen of Peace, Maida Vale, are trying to start up a junior Praesidia. In remembrance of Our Lady of Fatima Apparitions. The Legion had initiated recitation of the Rosary at the Grotto in the Parish at 12 noon, on the 13th of each month, ie May to October.

Planning a Pilgrimage to Bullsbrook

In the 8th September 2019, Armadale Praesidia intend to organize a procession from their Parish Church to Schoenstatt Shrine and invite all Praesidia to attend and support. Armadale Praesidia have also secured a Legion Mass after every weekly meeting at 7pm.

The 48 hour Rosary Bouquet has already been promoted at the July meeting and will be promoted again at the next meeting.

Mr. Francis Leong from Catholic Mission visited the curia to talk on Rosary for Mission work. There was not a great response from schools

Enthronement of the Sacred Heart is being done by one Praesidia and is going good,

Most Praesidia visit Nursing homes, the house bound and sick in their homes. Some Legionaries teach Religious instructions in the Parish. All Praesidia attempt to recruit more members and promote attendance at all Legion functions. Manning the Edel Quinn Centre on a roster basis, visiting Auxiliaries, circulating Our Lady's Pilgrim Statue and praying the Rosary in homes we're invited to do so. One Praesidia organizes and manages a junior Legion at their meetings, ie Our Lady of Good Shepherd, Kelmscott. 3 Praesidia manage the Parish Piety shops. Some Praesidia recite the Rosary at Funerals and provide transport to Mass on Sundays. On the First Friday of each month, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Maida Vale Parish, gather together to pray 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 to this Prayer gathering.

Rosary at Lake Monger and the Legion Annual Retreat were very well attended by EDC Praesidia.

Future Plans:

Curia plans to follow up extension work in Gosnells Parish and assist Embleton, Midland and Guildford. Praesidia.

Continuous reminders are sent out for new recruitments at every EDC Meeting for Active and Auxiliary members and to also 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:

Maida Vale Praesidia has members actively involved in other groups and activities, Personal Advocacy Group, ST Vincent DePaul and Church Cleaning Roster.

8 Praesidia have already completed Reports to Curia for 2019 and have been visited by Curia for the current year.

All Praesidia have been advised to audit their books.

Celebrations for Fr. Michael Rowe on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee to the Priesthood was held on the 21st May 2019 and was attended by a few members of the Legion.

Australia need Fatima Rosary in the Park is also conducted by a Legion Member.

Numbers of attendees at Curia meetings is good.

This report couldn't go without a Vote 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.

Last but not least, grateful thanks to Comitium for their support.

Report of Praesidium to Comitium
To Jesus through Mary

<u>Name of Praesidium</u>	Our Lady of the Rosary
<u>Location (Suburb)</u>	Geraldton. WA. 6530
<u>Meeting Place</u>	Crypt at SFX Cathedral
<u>Time</u>	Monday at 10 am
<u>Spiritual Director:</u>	Fr. Bernard Balaraj C.PP.S
<u>President:</u>	Sr. Mary Sterry
<u>Vice President:</u>	
<u>Secretary:</u>	Sr. Mary Sterry
<u>Treasurer:</u>	
Active Membership	4
Probationer	
Auxiliary Membership	12
Praetorian	1
<u>Report from 20th August 2019 until 19th August, 2019</u>	



The Members of our Praesidium are:

Sr. Mary Sterry
Sr. Maria Masiello
Sr. Anna Merendino (Acting Treasurer)
Sr. Goretti Keane Presentation Sister

Extension: NIL

Works undertaken during the past year:

Members have participated in Visitation of the Sick and seriously ill in Hospital.
Divine Mercy on Fridays and during the week at Grotto of Divine Mercy @ 3pm & Adoration on Fridays
Rosary Statue

Music Ministry
Sacramental Programme
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Since 20th August 2018 we have experienced many changes. The irregularity of our meetings has been due to members being sick and surgery.

One of our stalwarts Sr. Matilda Abreu passed away in December, 2018.

Sr. Anna Merendino has been unable to return to the Legion because of medical treatment in Perth.

Sr. Cecilia Barrett, a new recruit has chosen not to commit to the Legion of Mary.

Since June Sr. Goretti has been unable to participate due to ill health as is now residing at Iona Presentation, Cottesloe. It is doubtful Sr. will return to Geraldton.

Sr. Maria Masiello is finding it difficult to attend too.

REPORTING IN September
Busselton – Star of the Sea
East Vic Park – Our Lady Help of Christians

Rosary repairs

Please note any Legionary who has given us a set of Rosaries for repair.

Please see Mignonne to pick them up.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Prayers for the Sick:

(For all who have been on previous lists) Sr. Nora Gorman, Sr. Sylvia Arnold, Sr. Bernadette Carvalho, Consor Codilla, Father Lionel Henry.

Repose of the Souls: Ron Murphy, Steve Mullen, Baby Leah O'Donaghue, Anthony Nguyen, Josephine Basinski, Veronica Peake, Helen Archer

Special Intentions: Jim Gorman, Alli Frances, Callan Blackwood, Bradley Blackwood, our Priests, Nora and Tony O'Donaghue, Laurie Heath, Highgate and Canberra , Margaret Harvey, Yvonne Holmes



**O Angel of God
My guardian dear
To Whom God's love
Commits me here
Ever this day
Be at my side
To light and guard
To rule and guide. Amen**