



THE LEGION OF MARY
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Dates top remember

AGR. December 5th

80th Anniversary - Legion of Mary in WA will be celebrating their 80th Anniversary 20th March 2021

Sept 2021 Anniversary 100th of Frank Duff starting the Legion in

Allocution as given by Fr. Doug Harris the 7th November 2020

Frank Duff was born in Dublin, Ireland 7th June 1889. In 1913 he joined the Society of St Vincent de Paul and was greatly influenced by the spirit of the society. He gradually came to have a great love for the poor and underprivileged in whom, as in everyone he met, he recognised and honoured Christ.

In 1916 at the age of 27 he published his first pamphlet "can we be saints?" in it

he expressed one of his strongest convictions of his life, namely, that we can all without exception be saints.

In 1917 he came to know the Treatise of St. Louis Marie de Montfort on the True Devotion to Mary, a work which changed his life completely.

On the 7th September 1921 Frank Duff founded the Legion of Mary. This is a lay apostolic organisation at the service of the Church, under ecclesial guidance. Its twofold purpose is the spiritual development of its members and advancing the reign of Christ through Our Lady.



The Legion is found in almost every country in the world with millions of active and many more auxiliary (Praying) members. Its international centre is in Dublin.

In 1965 Pope Paul VI invited Frank Duff to attend the second Vatican Council as a Lay Observer, an honour by which the Pope recognised and affirmed Frank Duff/s enormous work for the lay apostolate.

Frank Duff died on 7th November 1980 and is buried in Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin.

Other great Legionaries are:-

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

Father Aedan McGrath, an Irish Columban Priest in China in the 1940's extended the Legion in China. For doing this he spent about a year in a Chinese prison.

Alfie Lambe was 22 when he was sent to South America. He died there 6 years later in 1959.

And in the 1950's there was Australians Agnes Ortebar and Charles Kenney.

Teresa Liu now in her 80's spent 20 years in Chinese prison for being a Catholic. She was never given a trial and spent some of her sentence in solitary confinement (at one point for a period of 7 months). Denied access to the sacraments and a bible. Liu kept her faith alive by praying the Rosary secretly in her cell. She stated she could only say the rosary under her sheets. She said she felt very close to God, saying in her heart "Jesus now I have nothing but you, don't let me leave you."

Liu's only crime was being a member Catholic lay organisation, the legion of Mary, which was considered and "anti-revolutionary" group by the Chinese leaders.

Her other crime was remaining faithful the Pope by refusing to join the state Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association.

After her release she came to Australia in 1980 with her Husband John Bosco Liu, who had been imprisoned for 22 years.

Liu said she has forgiven her captors.



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Dear Legionaries,

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Mass on Saturday 7th November. Your presence was greatly appreciated and made for a wonderfully spiritual and joyfilled occasion. We must say THANK YOU to Fr Doug Harris, our Spiritual Director and Fr Demetri Roh, Spiritual Director of Northern Districts Curia for Concelebrating the Mass. Fr Doug always amazing me with the wealth of knowledge he has about the Legion of Mary. His allocutio show just how carefully he searching out information for us. Please take the time to read it. We must also thank Philip Goes, Gary Fernandez, Michael Duncan and his choir for the beautiful singing. To all who assisted in anyway with the Mass thank you also. A special THANK YOU to Sr Judy Woodward and the members of the Glendalough Praesidium for their outstanding hosting of the fellowship following the Mass. This wonderful fellowship and sharing was only possible because of the lovely food that you brought and shared so thank you for that.



Our next function will be our Annual General Reunion which will be held on the 5th December commencing at 2pm. Please bring a small plate of FINGER FOOD to share. It would be appreciated if you use a paper plate, to save on washing up and work or if you wish to use a china plate that you make sure your name is clearly marked. A small gift of a personal item for the Homeless would be grateful received. Please remember that all gifts should be individually packaged and single meal size.

Our December meeting will be held on the 14th, one week earlier, due to the fact that it would normally fall in the same week as Christmas. I also remind you that the Legion of Mary does not take holidays so please work your meetings around the holidays but try not to cancel any.

Our 2021 Calendar will be available at the December meeting. If you are celebrating anything and wish to have other Legionaries join you, please give the date/s to Sr Cynthia and she will add them in for you. I also ask that you put a BIT mark on the 20th March 2021 as we celebrate our 80th Anniversary of the establishment of the Legion of Mary in Western Australia. It would be lovely and is very much encouraged that all Legionaries make the effort to attend this Mass. Let us show out love and loyalty to our commander and chief, Mother Mary by attending this Mass. More details of this Mass will be made available at the December meeting.

I once again thank you for your continuing good works in our Blessed Mother's name.

God bless and Mary protect each of you.

Rosemary

REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF October 2020

Report from Praesidium to Comitium

Name of Praesidium: Our Lady Help of Christians

Meeting Place and Time: Parish Centre

Our Lady Help of Christian Church

Berwick St

East Victoria Park

Friday 10am

Spiritual Director: Fr Trevor Symonds

President: Sr Bianca Maria Casalengo

Vice President: Sr Mary O'Gare

Secretary: Sr Penny Fernandez

Treasurer: Br Gary Fernandez

Active Membership: 7

Praetorian: Nil

Auxiliary Membership: 7

Adjutorian: Nil

1 member resigned as they entered a nursing home. 1 member resigned due to work commitments.

2 members are presently on leave due to serious health issues

Report on Works undertaken

- Members visited the sick and elderly in nursing homes, (Bentley Park and Aegis in Redcliffe) as well as visiting parishioners in their homes.
- Members attend the Funeral Masses for deceased Legionaries, Auxiliary and parishioners
- 2 members man the Venerable Edel Quinn Centre monthly
- 2 members are Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and take Communion to sick parishioners in their homes and to nursing homes
- 1 member is a member of the Parish Liturgy Committee
- 1 member attends the monthly Franciscan Cenacle
- 2 members sing in the choir
- 1 member was a volunteer secretary in the parish office until the new Parish Priest arrived.

Functions Attended: Members have attended the following functions of the Legion of Mary.

- Annual procession for Our Lady of Lourdes
- ACIES
- Rosary Bouquet Mass
- AGR

The Praesidium also celebrated their 1200th meeting on the 18th September 2020.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Prayers for the Sick: Kaye Kennelly, Penny, Jeevan Frank, Betty Flynn, Rebeka Bruce, Eileen Evans, Julie Cook, Jenny Fernandez, Mary O’Gare, Frank DeSalva

(For all who have been on previous lists)

Repose of the Souls: Luke Vellatta, Adriane Chadwick, Iris Graceious, Maria Jose Bello, Allison Bruman, Phillip Olsen, Giovanna Italiano, Isis D’Costa, Gavin DeZolt

Special Intentions: Rebeka Bruce, birth of her son.

Children’s corner

On the Feast of the Annunciation, we celebrate the day that the Angel Gabriel visited the Virgin Mary announcing that she was going to be the mother of Jesus.

Even though Mary did not understand completely, she trusted God’s plan for her life, and she said yes to becoming the mother of God and our mother.

The words of the “Hail Mary” come from the Angel’s greeting: “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” God’s grace lives in each one of us, but Mary was full of grace because she was born without any Original Sin.

We can turn to Mary, our mother, whenever we need help making difficult decisions or if we are scared to say yes to God. She loves us very much, and she is always praying that we will have the courage to listen to and obey her son.



"Gabriel is sent by God to give Mary a special message. She shall bring forth a son, and shall call His name JESUS." *Luke 1:26-38*