



THE LEGION OF MARY

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Diary Dates for 2015

MARCH

16th Comitium meeting

22nd ACIES Comitium

NDC

Fremantle

APRIL

2nd The Supper of the Lord

3rd Good Friday

5th Easter Sunday

11th Rosary Making

12th Divine Mercy Sunday

20th Comitium

MAY

9th Rosary Making

18th Comitium

30th One Day Retreat

JUNE

13th Rosary Making

15th Comitium

JULY

11th Rosary Making

The ALLOCUTIO was given by Rev. Fr Andre, Comitium Spiritual Director.

Taken from Fr Bradshaw's write up about V Edel Quinn - titled "The Secret"

While she was still young, Edel had set her face in pursuit of virtue and holiness. She had often asked Our Blessed Lady to help on her soul's journey through life. When she joined the Legion of Mary, she discovered a little book called "True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin" written by Saint Louis Marie de Monfort. In this book she read:

Of all God's creatures, Mary is the most conformed to Jesus. It therefore follows that, of all devotions, devotion to her makes for the most effective consecration and conformity to Him. The more one is consecrated to Mary, the more one is consecrated to Jesus. This devotion consists in giving oneself entirely to Mary in order to belong entirely to Jesus through her (Par 120-121).

Edel had undertaken this devotion, consecrating herself entirely to Jesus through Mary and she had been faithfully living that consciousness now for many years. For Edel, the essence of that consecration was to enter into a spirit of total dependence on Mary in imitation of Jesus who willed to become dependent on Her even for His incarnation. Such a consecration requires, also, that the soul live in union with Mary and aim at perfection in all details of life. Edel did this to a heroic degree. She was never known to do anything in a slipshod manner, no matter how ill or tired she was. Like her heroine, the Little Flower, she aimed at doing even the least important things well. Her constant prayer was: I am all yours my Queen my Mother, and all that I have is yours.

Sister Angelita, a nun in the Convent of the Precious Blood, some few miles from Nairobi, knew Edel very well.

Edel often stayed in the Convent. When Sr Angelita was asked: “Did you notice if Edel practised any particular devotions to Our Lady?”, she replied. “the Legion was Edel’s way of expressing devotion to Our Lady. She saw in the Legion a unique way of making Our Lady better known and served. For Edel, the Legion was a simple and beautiful means of giving love and service to her heavenly Mother. Everything Edel did for the Legion, she did it for Our Lady. And when Edel spoke to the Legionaries about the Legion rules, she emphasized that their prime motive for keeping the rules should be to express their love for their Mother Mary and to achieve holiness”. We can see, therefore, why Edel herself paid such painstaking attention to every little detail in the whole Legion system. Where Our Lady is concerned, even the tiniest detail assumes an importance and a beauty of great proportions.

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Eucharistic Adoration and the Legion Of Mary

St Maximilian Kolbe the Saint of Auschwitz affirmed ‘Eucharistic Adoration is the greatest power in the universe, capable of transforming us and changing the face of the world.’

His is a definition which catches us off guard, unless we turn immediately to reflect upon the Eucharist as a reality so transcendent that we will never be able to properly appraise it with our limited powers.

Eucharistic Adoration establishes a personal relationship of faith and love with our Divine Redeemer, immolated for each one of us, humbly present as the ‘Host’ in the tabernacles of our churches. Pope Benedict XVI has reminded us of this with his characteristic style. During his pontificate, he has shown himself to be a totally “Eucharistic” Pope.

In his homily of 21 August 2005, ten years ago at World Youth Day in Germany, the Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI explained the importance of Eucharistic Adoration by describing the twofold etymology of the word “adoration”. The Greek word for adoration “proshynesis” refers to a gesture of submission, the recognition of God as our true measure, whose norm we choose to follow. The Latin word “adoratis” signifies ‘mouth to mouth’ contact, a kiss, an embrace and hence, ultimately love. This is why the Holy Father continued “the Eucharist must become the centre of our lives” just as it was the centre of the lives of the Saints.

The Holy Mass is the ultimate prayer and to live in union with the Immaculate is to be transformed into her, to be possessed by her and therefore be a disciple of Jesus as she was by spending her life with Him. Is this not the mission of the Immaculate and of the Legion of Mary to spend time with Him as children of Mary?

Fr Andre FFI Spiritual Director Perth Comitium

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From the Executive

Thank you to those who took the time to attend the talk given by Michelle Jones on St Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Catholic Church. I am sure that those who attended will attest to the value of this talk. We have asked Michelle to open our One Day Retreat with a talk on St Teresa as we are sure that each person attending will benefit from hearing more about this wonderful saint's inspirational way of life.

Our ACIES will be held on Sunday 22nd March at St Pius X Manning. We thank the members of Our Lady of the Way for once again hosting this afternoon and encourage you to all make a real effort to attend this very important function. Please read up in your Handbook how important this is. If you are unable to attend one of the ACIES take the time to make your private promise and commitment to Our Lady. The promise and consecration can be found in your handbook.

The following positions will become vacant over the months of May and July, Vice President and Secretary in May. We thank Sr Clara Gemmy for her 6 years of wonderful work as Secretary. President and Treasurer positions become vacant in July. Please consider taking on one of these positions or asking within your praesidium if there is someone who will answer Our Lady's request. The members of the executive are more than happy to answer any questions concerning these roles and be assured we will not walk away and leave you. We will assist you as long as you require us.

God Bless

From our Correspondent Michael Palmer

The Perth Comitium is certainly going to be busy in March with the retreats and Acies. Remember to ask the other officers and members for assistance at this busy time when Rosemary is away. We are all in the Legion to give glory to God through following the example of Our Lady, and that includes helping each other in whatever way we can.

Supper



| MARCH 2015 | April |
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| Maida Vale, Our Lady Queen of Heaven | Victoria Park Queen of Patriarchs & East Vic Park, Our Lady Help of Christians |

REPORTS

| March | April |
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| Maida Vale: Our Lady, Queen of Heaven Riverton: Queen of Apostles | Vietnamese Curia Fremantle Curia |

Visitations

| March | April |
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| Canning Vale: Ark of the Covenant | Eastern Districts Curia |

Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life

O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

During this Year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you.

Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

REPORTS RECEIVED IN January & February

To Jesus Through Mary

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| Name of Praesidia | Mother of the Good Shepherd |
| Place of Meeting | The Good Shepherd Parish Meeting Room |
| Time of Meeting | 6 pm every Monday |
| Active Members | 10 |
| Auxiliary Members | 17 |
| Probationary | Nil |
| Junior Members | 9 (Br Lucas Hurley-in charge) |
| No. of Officers | |
| No. of Vacant Officerships | |
| Spiritual Director | Fr. Lionel Henry |
| President | Br. Alan da Silva |
| Vice-President | Sr Pat Halligan |
| Secretary | Vacant |
| Treasurer | Sr Yvonne da Silva |
| Report period | December 2013 – December 2014 |

Works undertaken in this period of reporting

- **Material promoting Praesidium's activities has been displayed in the church's foyer.**
- **Members conducted regular visits to their auxiliary, the sick, lonely, housebound residents in hostels and the Thomas Scott and Belrose Aged Care facilities.**
- **Christmas Carols were sung at both the Aged Care facilities in December.**
- **Wherever possible members recited the Rosary, gave Holy Communion, distributed rosaries, medals and holy pictures. They also attend funerals**
- **The Parish priest was always consulted regards the spiritual needs of those visited.**
- **Assistance is provided to a Thomas Scott resident to enable daily and Sunday Mass attendance.**
- **All members are involved in the 'Perpetual Adoration'**
- **Another member trains a choral group which sing at the 6 pm Mass every Sunday.**
- **Praesidium prays the Rosary at the 'Grotto' every 13th of each month, before the 8.30am Latin Mass after the 6 pm Mass on Sundays, and on 23/24 December annually(effective from 2014) .**
- **The Rosary programme has been extended to cover the Good Shepherd Primary and also Lumen Christie College .**
- **Two legionaries are responsible for the rotation of the Pilgrim Statue to the host families weekly.**

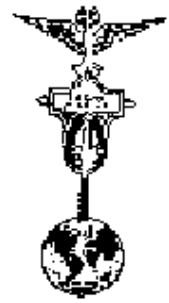
- Legionaries persevering in prayer esp. the Rosary have been responsible for a gentleman's conversion to Catholicism last Easter. Another candidate is a possible convert.
- The Junior Legion led by Br Lucas Hurley, currently with 9 members has been established.
- Praesidium also worked with Linda Watson of Linda's House of Hope in connection with their 'Winter Appeal', sourced accommodation and provided ongoing support.



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| <i>2nd May</i> | <i>Our Lady of the Mission Parish 270 Camberwarra Dr Craigie</i> |
| <i>6th June</i> | <i>St Bernadette Church 49 Jugan St Glendaough</i> |
| <i>4th July</i> | <i>The Basilica of St Patrick 47 Adelaide Street Fremantle</i> |
| <i>1st August</i> | <i>St Columba Parish 25 Forrest Street South Perth</i> |

This grace-filled day dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima is held on the First Saturday of every month. The day includes Holy Mass, Rosary, prayers, processions, talks and Benediction.

To Jesus through Mary



Name of Praesidium: OUR LADY OF THE WAY
Location (Suburb): MANNING
Meeting Place and Time ST PIUS X PARISH CENTRE
PATERSON ST. MANNING
Tuesday 7 pm.

Spiritual Director: VACANT

President: TONY PITCHFORD

Vice President: MIGNONNE GOES

Secretary NORMA FERNANDES

Treasurer: AGNES JOHN

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| Active Membership: | 8 | Praetorian: 3 |
| Probationary | NIL | |
| Auxiliary Membership: | 20 | Adjutorian: None |

Report from January 2014 to January 2015

LEGION WORK UNDERTAKEN:

Our members visit the 4 nursing homes in our Parish regularly.

We organize Masses Monthly at two Nursing Homes. And every second month at the other two Nursing Homes

We visit fellow parishioners and Auxiliaries as frequently as possible.

1 member takes Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. Two other members each take Holy Communion to a nursing home once a month.

One member celebrates a Communion Service as required.

We provide transport to Mass on Sunday as required.

We man the Venerable Edel Quinn Centre twice a month.

The Pilgrim Statue is delivered to the homes of parishioners every week.

First Friday Mass with Anointing of the sick followed by Adoration to 10 a.m

Adoration every Friday morning after Mass from 8.30 a.m to 9.30 a.m.

Legionaries attend most Funeral Masses and Rosaries for our deceased parishioners.

Members attend the Rosary making sessions on a regular basis, but one member makes Rosaries at home.

Two others make the more difficult wire Rosaries.

Members look after the Piety Stall at weekend masses. Sales are incidental –

Communication is the main aim.

OTHER REVELANT INFORMATION

One member helps with the Blind Concert each month.

All members attended the ACIES hosted in our Parish.

Most members attended other functions of the Legion – The one day retreat, Lake Monger Rosary procession, and Annual General Reunion.

Our First Communicants and Confirmation candidates were presented with personal Holy Cards, and handmade Rosaries and medals which are received with great enthusiasm.

We continue to meet every second Saturday of the month to clean and polish different parts of the Church.

Our mature student from Liberia who was a fully qualified nurse spent 2 years studying Mental Health and has now graduated. She spent 2 years away from her husband and children and she returns home to a very challenging situation in her country mainly due to the Ebola Virus.

Plans for the next year:

We hope to increase the number of Auxiliary Members.

We intend to promote Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in our Parish more vigorously.

Sadly, Our Parish Priest Fr. Thomas has retired from full active ministry. We wish him well and hope to get continued support from the new Parish Priest Fr. Blasco Foncesa.

To Jesus through Mary

REPORT FROM EASTERN DISTRICTS CURIA TO COMITIUM

Name of Curia: Our Lady Help of Christians
Location (Suburb): West Perth
Meeting Place and Time: Venerable Edel Quinn Centre
@10.30
on 2nd Monday of every month

Spiritual Director: Fr. Michael Rowe Vice President: Sr Margaret Sarich
President: Sr Stella McLaughlan Treasurer: Sr Alwina de Hass
Secretary: Sr Jenny Phillips
Number of Praesidia: 7

Active Membership: 36 Praetorian: 1
Auxiliary Membership: 80 Adjutorian: 1
Probationary

Report from 12th August 2014 8th February 2015

Extension:

New Regina Coeli praesidium in Guildford , is coming along slowly.
The new praesidium in Embelton ,Our Lady of Good Health, Vailankanni, is also progressing well.

Works undertaken during the past year: (Only Legion Work)

Regular visits were undertaken by all praesidia to their auxiliary members. Visits to the sick, lonely, housebound and residents in hostels and nursing homes undertaken as usual in each area reciting the rosary where possible and distributing rosaries miraculous medals, holy pictures and holy water. Most praesidia took part in the 48hour rosary bouquet to celebrate Our Lady's birthday on 8th Sept 2014, and attended the holy Mass at St Mary's cathedral. All praesidia members attended the Mass (in Latin rite) celebrated by Fr Michael Rowe for souls of departed legionaries on 10th November 2014 at St Francis Xavier Church.

A very enjoyable Annual General Reunion was held on Saturday 29th November 2014 at Venerable Edel Quinn Centre., attended by a good many members and some auxiliaries. Fr Michael joined in all the fun, and definitely enjoys calling the Bingo.

Regular visits from Curia to praesidia were taken 2nd monthly, with no serious problems encountered.

All praesidia generally well represented at Curia monthly meeting, and yearly reports are forwarded to Curia.

We are very grateful to Fr Michael for his guidance and attendance at our Curia meetings and events, and to members of Comitium for their continued help and support and advice.

Kind regards
Stella McLaughlan
President



Rosary Making

ROSARY MAKING WILL HELD

2nd Saturday of the Month

11th April 2014

9.30 - 2.00

Come along and help us to make the Rosaries.

We make them on cord and knot tying is involved.

We make them on wire with pearl beads

We make Rosary bracelets.

And now we make Rosaries on chain.

Come along for an hour or longer

If you have any broken rosaries, or bead jewellery our rosary makers we would be grateful for them.

**Report of Curia to Comitium
To Jesus through Mary**

Council: Northern District's Curia; Our Lady, Assumed into Heaven
Meeting No: 704 – 709 July 2014 to December 2014
Spiritual Director: Fr Sharbel
President: Sr Linda Westwood
Vice President: Br Leo Gonsalves
Secretary: Sr Celia Joan Salinas
Treasurer: Br Keith McEncroe

Meeting Time: 4th Saturday of the Month at 10.00am
Meeting Venue: Venerable Edel Quinn Centre, 36 Windsor St East Perth.

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| No of Praesidia attached: | 7 | Meeting no | |
| | Balcatta, Immaculate heart of Mary | | 177 |
| | City Beach; Spouse of the Holy Spirit | | 334 |
| | Glendalough: Our Lady of all Nations | | 838 |
| | Whitfords: Our Lady of Missions | | 1648 |
| | Mirrabooka: Our Lady of Perpetual Succour | | 2297 |
| | North Beach, Our Lady of Grace | | 2343 |
| | Joondanna, Sorrowful Mother | | 2982 |
| Positions Vacant | 4 | | |
| Officers | 24 | | |
| Active Members | 45 | | |
| Auxiliary Members | 204 | | |
| Praetorian | 5 | | |
| Adjutorian | 1 | | |

4 Praesidia have been visited and 3 have given reports.

Extension:

No extension during this time has been undertaken but there is the possibility of starting the Legion in Greenwood, Clarkson and Donnybrook.

Events from July to December:

Ongoing Rosary Making workshop on the 1st Saturday of the month led by Sr Olivia Garson.

Pilgrimage to Scheonstatt Shrine, organized by Comitium

48 Hour Rosary Bouquet for Our Lady's birthday

The celebration of the Holy Mass at the Cathedral for Our Lady's Birthday.

Legionaries in groups of 4-5 prayed the Rosary in public places for the feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Attended the Annual Mass on November 8th 2014

Annual General Reunion on December 8th. Join with Comitium and 48 people attended.

Extra other than Legion Work:

All Praesidia have offered Holy Mass for their departed Legionaries during the month of November.

On-going monthly Concert for the visually impaired and disabled is held on the 3rd Sunday of the Month. Several members co ordinate the transport and preparation of food. They assist at the concert.

Hour of Grace, on the 8th December, was recited at midday in the parishes of City Beach, North Beach, Whitfords and Mirrabooka with several Legionaries participating.

Legionaries man the the Venerable Eel Quinn Centre several times a month.

Plans for the next 6 months:

Encourage all Legionaries in recruiting more active and auxiliary members and to follow up approaches that have been made to parishes.

Our Spiritual Director, Fr Sharbel's commitments are filling his time and he has asked us to try and find another to take his place.

**The Cause for the Beatification of Servant of
God Frank Duff**

**Please include the following in the intention
when praying the prayer for the Cause.**

We ask for healing for

**Kaye Kennelly
and
Paul Woodward**

**Please submit any prayers answered to the
Executive of Comitium so that they can be
sent onto our Higher Council**



**Report of Praesidium to Comitium
To Jesus through Mary**

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| Name of Praesidium: | Regina Coeli |
| Place and Time of Meeting: | Notre Dame Parish Centre Wright St Cloverdale Thursday 12.15 |
| Spiritual Director: | Rev Sr Maureen Willans |
| Officerships Vacant | Nil |
| Active Membership | 8 |
| Auxiliary Membership | 60 |
| Recruitment: | Notice place in the weekly bulletin and personal requests to friends and parishioners. |

Legion Works undertaken;

- **Continue to visit the housebound, sick and lonely in their homes.**
- **Attend the vigil rosary and funeral Mass of deceased parishioners**
- **Continue to visit 7 nursing homes and organize prayers, rosaries and Communion Services on a weekly basis. Organize and assist at the monthly Mass at the nursing Home, these include Palm Sunday and Christmas Vigil Mass at Marist Lodge.**
- **Distributed ashes on Ash Wednesday to all nursing homes and housebound.**
- **Stations of the Cross are prayed at three nursing homes during Lent and Advent Candles are lit during Advent.**
- **Distributed rosaries and holy cards to First Holy Communicants and Confirmation candidates at Notre Dame and St Maria Goretti Primary Schools.**
- **Arranged and hosted our Auxiliary Mass and morning tea where we displayed and distributed Legion of Mary material and holy water.**
- **Distributed Miraculous Medals around the Feast of the Miraculous Medal.**
- **Organize and help maintain a roster of adorers for our weekly Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**
- **Continue to maintain the Pilgrim Statue roster and transport the statue whenever needed.**
- **Were represented at the Torchlight Procession, ACIES, One Day Retreat, Annual Mass and the AGR.**
- **Organized a choir and sang Christmas carols at one of the Nursing Homes.**

Plans for the next 12 months;

- **Continue to seek new members.**
- **Continue to visit the sick and housebound and expand our visiting base.**
- **Continue with our work in the nursing homes.**

The Praesidium would like to thank our Spiritual Director Sr Maureen Willans for her spiritual and temporal support, our Parish Priest, Fr Nelson Po for his support and encouragement and the members of Comitium for their support and advice.



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Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

April 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 <i>Vic Park</i> | 2 <i>Closed</i> | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 <i>Maida Vale</i> | 8 <i>Manning</i> | 9 <i>Balcatta</i> | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 <i>Kelmscott</i> | 15 <i>Willetton</i> | 16 <i>East Vic Park</i> | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 <i>Vic Park</i> | 22 <i>Manning</i> | 23 <i>North Beach</i> | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 <i>Executive</i> | 29 <i>North Beach</i> | 30 <i>Cloverdale</i> | | |

PLEASE REMEMBER that it is **YOUR** Responsibility to contact someone on the roster if you are unable to fill your commitment.

If you are unable to attend to your duty this month it is your responsibility to arrange a swap. Please be aware that you need to give a few days notice as a matter of respect. Please do not contact the EXECUTIVE and request they to organise a swap or to inform them that you are unable to do your assigned day unless you have rung others to make a swap.

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COMITIUM ACIES Ceremony
will be held at
St Pius X Church, Manning
Sunday 22nd March 2014
3pm

NORTHERN DISTRICTS ACIES Ceremony
will be held at
St Bernadette's Glendalough
Sunday 22nd March 2014
2pm

FREMANTLE CURIA ACIES Ceremony
will be on
Sunday 22nd March 2014
2pm

**I am All your
My Queen and my Mother
And All that I have is Yours**