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What is on?

2018

25th Mar ACIES at Sts. John Paul Church
Pinetree Gully Rd Willetton commencing
at 2pm followed by fellowship in the
Parish Centre.

26th May 2018 Annual One Day Retreat
St Bernadette's Church Glendalough.
Theme Youth and the Legion. Keynote
speaker. His Grace Archbishop Timothy
Costello and guest speaker Anna Krohn

5th – 7th September 48hr Rosary Bouquet
in honour of Our Lady's birthday

8th September Mass for the presentation
of the 48hr Rosary Bouquet Scroll

13th October Congress

4th November Annual Mass and
fellowship

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

*"We must serve God as He wishes,
not as we choose" St. Teresa of Avila
Obedience, resting temptation and
imitating Christ engage Sacramental
graces to help us conform to Gods
will. "Do not be conformed to this
world but be transformed by the
renewal of your mind, that you may
prove what is the will of God, what is
good and acceptable and perfect.*

"Romans 12:2

*When we receive the Holy Spirit in
baptism and Confirmation, He does
not just come and go, He remains in
us as our source of Divine Life. He
makes Christ present in our hearts,
he brings us gifts that equip us to
serve, he gives us wisdom and
strength for everyday living and he
produces fruits in us that make us*

more like Jesus. The fruits of the Spirit are character traits that influence us to conduct ourselves as Jesus would. To acquire the Fruits of the Spirit, we must apply the graces of the Holy Spirit to our lives. We do this mainly in three ways: by obeying Gods commandment, by resisting temptation and by imitating Christ.

- I. Obedience: we know we are reproducing the marks of Christ when our lives conform to Gods will. He thought that we love one another as He loved us. Gods will is not a mystery to us because He revealed it in Scripture. There we find Gods will in the practice and the law of the church, which the Holy Spirit has always guided. Just as Jesus developed his character by obeying his father perfectly, we put on Christs character by obediently doing all God tells us to do.*
- II. Resisting temptation: the life of the spirit in us runs smack into the inclinations of our flesh, the self-indulgent residue of our fallen nature. Evil inclinations churn in us like perpetual motion machines that generate momentum toward sinful behaviour. When evil desires are propelling us, it takes a decisive intervention to stop us. When we find ourselves wanting to do something bad, we must*

act decisively before we reach a point of no return. Paul says that those who belong to Christ have crucified he flesh with its passions and desires refusing to go along with our bad desires is another way of cooperating with the race that produces the Fruits of the Spirit in us.

- III. Imitation of Christ: the efforts we make at spiritual growth ought to be patterned on someone who lived an exemplary Christian life. Be imitators of me”, said Paul “as I am Christ”, we can dispose ourselves to acquiring Fruit of the Spirit by imitating others who already manifest it in their lives. It’s not easy to find exemplars today when our culture exalts unworthy celebrities as heroes. That’s why the church has given us the saints, Christian ‘celebrities’ who have shown us how to love our ordinary human lives a Christ would. When we imitate Christ, we don’t get imitations, we get the real thing. Our cooperation with grace is important, but if we try to claim too big a role in producing the Fruit of the Spirit, we would make a mountain out of a molehill. A gardener can dink around with a spade, pull some weeds, put in some stakes and*

*so on as he tends to his plants,
but all his labour gives no life
or growth to them. Our effort
accounts about as much for our
spiritual growth. This does not*

*mean we should stop trying to
be lie Christ. It means we must
stop trying to do it on our own
and let the Holy Spirit work.*

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Dear Legionaries,

It is with great sadness that I write of the passing of 2 wonderful Legionaries. Firstly Rev Sr Maureen Willans went to the Lord on Monday 12th March following a short illness. Sr Maureen was the Spiritual Director of Regina Coeli Praesidium Cloverdale. It was her constant guidance that saw the Praesidium survive a parish amalgamation and the joining of 2 very good Praesidia with their own works and parish involvement. Sr guided them to become a strong praesidium. Sr Maureen was a member of the Brown Josephites from South Perth. She stayed close to her roots returning to her parish of Cloverdale and looking after her mother, until she passed away. Remaining in the family home she took on the work of being the pastoral worker in the East Victoria Park Parish and was loved by all she met. She is now with her maker and her great friend Sr Lorna Langley. The funeral for Sr Maureen will be held at Notre Dame Church Wright St Cloverdale at 10am on Thursday 22nd March followed by a burial at Guildford Cemetery at 12.30. Sister's coffin will remain in the church while family and

friends gather in the parish centre for a cuppa and chat. I ask Legionaries to sit in the church with Sister and to pray the full Legion Prayers and Rosary.

Our second very sad loss was that of Tilli d'Souza, wife of Adolf, a member of Our Lady of the Covenant Canning Vale. Tilli had been suffering for many years and gently went to the Lord last Tuesday. Her funeral will be at St Emelie De Villiar Amherst St Canning Vale at 1.30pm on Wednesday 21st March. Her burial will follow at Fremantle Cemetery

On behalf of the Legion I offer to the families of both our Legionaries our deepest sympathy and assure them of our prayers.

Please remember that the Comitium ACIES will be held at Sts John and Paul Church Pinetree Gully Road Willetton commencing at 2.30pm. Fr Greg Carroll will be our main celebrant. Please bring a small plate to share at fellowship following the ceremony.

All our Curiae have held their ACIES and I hope that if you are unable to attend ours you made an effort to visit one of the Curiae.

I have heard from Anna Krohn and she is looking forward to speaking at our One Day Retreat on the 26th May. With Archbishop Costelloe and Anna being our speakers I am sure that many graces and blessings will come to those who attend. Please invite members of your parish to join us. As usual we will supply a lunch of soup and rolls.

I look forward to seeing you at the ACIES thank you for your hard work.

God bless

Rosemary

REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Report of Praesidium to Comitium

February 1st 2017 to 31st December 2017

To Jesus Through Mary

Location of Meeting and Time: Notre Dame Parish Centre, Cloverdale

Thursday 12 .45pm

Name of Praesidium: Regina Caeli

Spiritual Director: Sr Maureen Willans (on sick leave)
 President: Sr Maria Howard
 Vice President: Sr Dolly Haber
 Secretary: Sr Sandra Robinson
 Treasurer: Sr Nicole Tan (on leave) Sr Jacqui Turner acting.
 Active Membership 8
 Auxiliary Membership: 50

Recruitment :

Membership Drive: Members continue to ask friends and parishioners to join the Legion of Mary. Weekly notice in the Parish 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 . Legionaries also prayed pre burial prayers in the church for two parishioners.
- 3) Continued to visit seven nursing homes in the parish on a weekly basis, organising prayer meetings, rosaries, and Holy Communion services. We also organised and assisted at monthly Masses including 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 prayed at all of the nursing homes during Holy Week. Stations were prayed on Good Friday at Marist Lodge Aged Care and Advent Candles were lit during Advent.
- 7) Distributed rosaries and holy cards to First Holy Communicants and Confirmation candidates at Notre Dame and St Maria Goretti Primary schools.
- 8) Promoted the distribution of consecration of homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- 9) Our Parish priest, Fr Michael Quynh Do instituted First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A legionary prepared the prayers and legionaries lead them for a Holy Hour of Devotions following Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays.
- 10) Hosted the Acies ceremony and hospitality.
- 11) Arranged and hosted our Auxiliaries' Mass and morning tea where we displayed and distributed Legion of Mary material, Miraculous Medals and other spiritual goods
- 12) Continue to organise and help maintain a roster of adorers for our weekly Friday day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament .

- 13) Continue to maintain the Pilgrim Statue roster and transport the statue whenever needed and assist in distribution of our parish's second Pilgrim Statue.
- 14) With the help of our Comitium President, prepared and assisted in Fatima Rosary prayers commemorating the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima
- 15) Attended the Torchlight Procession, One Day Retreat ,Memorial Mass and the AGR

Intentions for 2018:

Continue to seek new members. Improve our notices in the parish bulletin.

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

Continue to visit the nursing homes.

As a Lenten activity, legionaries will

1) Distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday to residents in the nursing homes and to some housebound parishioners.

2) Pray the Stations of the Cross in some of the nursing homes. Continue to expand our activities in these homes.

Explore the possibility of establishing a Junior Praesidium in one of our parish schools

The praesidium would like to thank our Spiritual Director, Sr Maureen Willans 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.

Maria Annunciata, Thornlie's Report will be published in the next bulletin

SPECIALS PRAYERS

Prayers for the Sick:

For all who have been on previous lists, Fr. Francisco Mascrehenas, Brian Poulter, Celestine Tay Fernandez, Raymond, Margaret Dairianathn, Rowena, Mary Lyn, Teresa Grundy, Peggy Knowles, Matilda Abreu, Mari Masiello and Anne Marindino.

Rest of the Souls: Denis Brewer, Margaret Batchelor, Eddie Holland, Elizabeth Fernandez, Patricia Parkinson, Elaine Sibbbit, Veronica, Anne Barry, Veronica Aitkins, Alfio Peci and Patricia O'Dea (anniversary).

Special Intentions: Jude Kishan to secure a good job, Mervyn Xavier improved health to return to work, Queens Park Praesidium growth in membership, vocations to the priesthood and for the youth of the world.

SUPPER

April	May
Victoria Park	

REPORTS

April	May
Eastern Districts Curia, Our Lady of Christians Fremantle Curia, Immaculate Conception	Albany; Our Lady of Grace

VISITATIONS

April	May
Ark of the Covenant, Canning Vale, Queen of Apostles, Riverton	Star of the Sea Busselton Our Lady of Lavang Vietnamese Curia