



THE LEGION OF MARY  
BULLETIN  
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LEGION OF MARY  
FOUNDED 7 SEPTEMBER 1921

**Dates to remember**

**21<sup>st</sup> June** Monthly

Comitium Meeting 1pm  
VEQC

**5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Sept** Rosary

Bouquet Rosary in honour of  
Our Lady's birthday

**7<sup>th</sup> Sept** 100th Anniversary  
of the foundation of the  
Legion of Mary

**8<sup>th</sup> Sept** Presentation of the  
Rosary Scroll at 12.10 Mass  
at St Mary's Cathedral

**11<sup>th</sup> Sept** CONGRESS

**15<sup>th</sup> Oct** Rosary Procession  
in honour of Our Lady. 7pm  
at Lake Monger Wembley

**6<sup>th</sup> Nov** Annual Mass at St  
Bernadette's Church  
Glendalough

**Dec** Annual General

Reunion date to be advised.

**28<sup>th</sup> April** Feast of St.

Louis-Marie de Montfort

**Allocuto given 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 by Father Doug Harris**

**EASTER 2021**

**When Our Lord died, the disciples of Jesus were devastated and traumatized. It appears that evil has won, but nothing could be further from the truth. God is always completely in control! In the early hours of Sunday morning something happened which was greater than any imagination or dream could have been, something which blew everyone's mind. Our Lord rose from the dead!**

**The act seemed too good to be true.**

**The disciples may have thought, not even God could be that good.**

**Therefore, when St Magdalene told the apostles that the tomb was empty, only two of the eleven apostles could believe that He had risen.**

**Thomas could not believe:**

**"Unless I can touch the wounds in His hands and side, I refuse to believe." The rest is history. Our Lord. appears to Thomas and asks him to touch His wounds. The**

**Realization that Jesus has risen from the dead causes St Thomas to worship Jesus by saying, 'My Lord and my God.'**

**St Thomas is so converted and is so on fire to tell everyone about Jesus that he preaches to everyone as far as he can walk, to the west coast of India. Peter also had a conversion experience because Jesus had risen from the dead.**

**Peter, who denied Our Lord because he didn't want to be crucified with Him, now seemed that he didn't have any fear of crucifixion. For preaching the Gospel, he chose to be crucified upside down. Today, because of Covid-19, and many other problems, again it appears that evil has won, but nothing could be further from the truth. God is completely in control!**

**Two thousand years ago God blew everyone's mind away by rising from the dead. Today He wants to do a miracle which is much greater. He wants to rise from the dead in each one of us. He wants us to be like Our Blessed Mother, full of the Holy Spirit, or full of God.**

**St John Paul II described this time in history as a time of a "new and divine holiness." The times in which we live are no longer only a human holiness, a holiness which the saints of the past enjoyed, but a divine holiness, which is the holiness of God. Venerable Conchita, a mother of nine children from Mexico, experienced what can be called a 'Mystical Incarnation.' Our Lord said to Conchita: "I want to incarnate Myself mystically in heart. Conchita asked Our Lord, "Would that be Spiritual Marriage?"**

**Our Lord answered: "Much more than that. It is the grace of incarnating Me, of living and growing in your soul, never to leave it, to possess you and be passed by you as one and the same substance ... it is the grace of graces. It is the union of Heaven ... " In heaven, we will be One in God.**

**Bl. Dina Belanger, who died in 1929 was able to say: "We are no longer two, Jesus and I, we are One, Jesus alone." (The state in heaven). God wants to live in us or become One with us.**

**He wants to unite each of us to Himself, so that we think with His thoughts,**

love with His love and have His virtue. In this way, God will restore His Kingdom, where we will be all One in Him.

**EXTRA:**

**This may sound like a claim too big to be true that Our Lord wants us to be One with Him, but it makes sense that Our Lord**

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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Legionaries,

I have taken this space in the bulletin to print a letter that we received from a past Present Sr Catherine Colace Cavuoto on her journey with the Legion of Mary. Many will have similar feelings, but it is not until someone puts them on paper that we realise how important the Legion is and has been in our lives.

Dear Christyne,

I wish to thank-you very much for the invitation to the 80th Anniversary celebration for the Legion of Mary.

It is with much regret; I am unable to attend as my husband has work that day and I am committed with other family activities.

The Legion was such a wonderful part of my life and faith journey. It has very much shaped the person I am today.

I feel immensely blessed to have been part of the Legion, first as a junior member in Queens Park during the early 90's and then as President of Comitium from 2001-2003.

The many wonderful spiritual directors, most particularly Fr.Eugene McGrath and active members including Br.Tony Pitchford, Br.Ray Sims, Sr.Nennie Harken, Sr. Rosemary Bennett and Br.Peter Foale, along with so many others were such wonderful examples of deep Catholic faith, each having made such a strong and lasting impression on me, I am truly grateful to have met each one.

The quiet and humble works of the Legion, done in union with Our Mother Mary, are such an important and powerful part of Church life.

Now more than ever before, our Priests need the assistance of the Laity to bring Christ's love and peace. With so many suffering, confused and anxious about the many things taking place in our world, those who do not know Jesus or who have walked away from him, need the intervention of a loving Mother to bring comfort and guidance.

We as Legionaries, have a unique calling. It is a privilege to work for the Mother of Christ but with it comes great responsibility.

May we learn through the teachings of the saints, such as St. Louis Marie De Montfort and countless other great Marian saints, to live and love like our Blessed Mother.

I wish to congratulate the Legion on 80 years of service, may you enjoy a wonderful celebration. I will pray for all members, past and present, that the organisation may continue to grow and be fruitful in Western Australia and throughout the world for many years to come.

With every blessing,  
Catherine Cavuoto

I would also remind you that as of July I will be stepping away from any role on the Executive of the Legion of Mary Perth Comitium. I have enjoyed this journey with Mother Mary and her Legionaries but will take a different path in that same journey. I encourage you to look into your hearts and see if you are able to take up a role on the Executive. There are 2 positions available, the first is that of Assistant Secretary which is vacant from June and President which will be vacant from July. Should you hear the call please speak to a member of the Executive regarding the duties that each role requires.

God bless and Mary protect you and all your work.  
Rosemary

<p>Rosary repairs Please note any Legionary who has given us a set of Rosaries for repair. Please see Mignonne to pick them up.</p>
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## **REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF April**

### **Vietnamese Curia, Our Lady of Lavang**

Report of Vietnamese Curia “Our Lady of Lavang

18<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Officerships: Spiritual Director: Fr Dominic Son Kim Nguyen

President: Sr Mary Nguyet Thu Thi Bui

Vic President: Sr Mary Van Thu Nguyen

Treasurer: Sr Martha Van Thu Nguyen

We have 3 Praesidia:

Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs in Westminster, Queen Assumed into Heaven in Westminster, Mother of Good Shepherd, Lockridge Total active members 33 and 66 Auxiliaries.

Works: Visiting the elderly, the sick, and the lonely door to door around Highgate, Westminster, Lockridge, Royal Hospital and the Nursing home.

Attending the funerals and comforting the families in bereavement.

Helping people by available transport to church to Legion meetings and to pray for others.

Prayers in the private houses. Being Special acolytes, Being acolytes, Being a catechist for adult, Cleaning the churches, 1 day retreat once a year in the Vietnamese Catholic

Community Centre, Contribution to Perth Comitium in January of every year, Opening the Acies every year in the Vietnamese Catholic Community Centre, Distribution Rosary beads to those who need.

The Usual meeting is opened on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at 10.30am.

Financial Statements: No figure has been given.

### **Eastern Districts Curia – Our Lady Help of Christian**

MEETING PLACE - Edel Quinn Centre on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10.30AM

**Spiritual Director** Fr Michael Rowe

**President** Sr Betty Flynn, **Vice president** Sr Roseann Quinn, **Secretary** Sr Christyne Williams

**Treasurer** Sr Angela Fragoeni **Assistant Treasurer** Sr Adrianna Morello

**No of Praesidia** 9 senior and 2 Junior

Active members 72, plus 3 Probationers, Praetorians 2, Auxiliary Members 160, Adjutorian 0 Juniors 7

Reporting period from March 2020

Since our last report in 2020, we have had Covid19 lockdown and Legionaries were unable to do a lot of their usual work

**Our Praesidia's are:**

Lady of Queen of Peace Armadale - Sp Director Fr Henry and Fr Matteo, Officers 4 Active members 8 Aux 33

Spouse of St Joseph Bassendean SP Director Fr Marcillinus Officers 3 Active members 5 Aux 8

Lady of Perpetual Help Bayswater SP Director Fr Andrew Albis Officers 4, Active members 7 Aux6

Regina Cholie Guildford /Bassendean SP Director Fr Marcillinus Officers 4, Active members 7 Auxilaries

Good Shepherd Kelmscott SP Director Fr Lionel Henry Officers 4 Active members 11 Aux 16

Good shepherd Junior Legion is not operating at the moment due to the resignation of some members hopefully it will be operating again soon.

Queen of Peace Maidavale SP Director Deacon Trevor Lyra Officers 4 Active 18 Probation 3

**Aux approx.** 70 Praetorian 2

Virgo Potens - Latin Community Sp Director Fr Michael Rowe Officers 4 Active 6 Aux 5

Immaculate Heart Junior Latin Community - Sp Fr Michael Rowe officers 4senior and 4 junior active 7

Lady of the way Lockridge - Officers 4 Active members 8 Auxilaries 15

Holy Name of Mary Midland - 2 members Not active at the Moment due to work commitments but hope to start up soon with plans for an extension weekend this year.

Lady of Lourdes Lesmurdie - With great sadness after 39 years due to illness and members moving out of the parish the last meeting was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 30, 2021 Sr Liz D, leno has transferred to Madivale praesidium.

After speaking to Fr Michael, the parish priest there is hope of doing an extension weekend to try and revive the Lady of Lourdes praesidium, so we have left the Legion altar there for the time being.

### **Works undertaking**

All members continue to visit with the elderly and sick in their homes Hospitals and nursing homes when allowed

Rosary is prayed in Nursing homes and some schools

Pilgrim Statues are circulated in parishes and some schools by the Legion

Two praesidia run parish piety shops and another one soon to be opened

The world day of prayer is organized by some praesidia

Religious instructions are undertaken by some

Funeral rosaries and representing the parish at funerals is done by most

Frank Duff prayer group is now in Armadale parish and is doing well

Would like to extend this group to more parishes

Manning Edel Quinn Centre is done by 3 praesidia

One praesidia has a special Legion mass once a week

“A walk with Mary” was held in Armadale from the church to Schoenstatt shrine

All Legion functions have been well attended by the curia members

Rosary is prayed at 12 noon on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month for world peace by some praesidia

All praesidia were represented at the 80<sup>th</sup> celebrations held in March and the feedback was good

Reports from Praesidia are coming in and Curia visits to them are been undertaken

### **By Officers.**

Attendance at Curia meetings is around 75%, Works other than Legion Work, some members belong to St Vincent D, Paul, Personal Advocacy, Church cleaning, Music Ministry, Counting groups, R C I A, Parish functions and celebrations.

2 Praesidia are involved in the Floris Demayo celebrations this is a Philippine devotion to our Lady usually in May

## **FUTURE PLANS**

CURIA all members are constantly reminded to be on the lookout for new Active and Auxiliary members

Two praesidia have plans to undertake Extension weekends this month with more to follow.

I would like to start an Evangelizing group to go around parishes to promote The Legion of Mary.

This would require at least 6 to 8 committed Legionaries. Please keep this in your prayers.

A special thanks to Fr Michael Rowe the officer of Eastern Districts curia and Comitium for their help during the past year. SR Betty Flynn

Curia Name	<b>Immaculate Conception Curia, Fremantle</b>
Place of Meeting	Parish Meeting Room, Star of the Seas Rockingham
Time of Meeting	Second Sunday of month at 2.00 pm
Details of Praesidia attached	See below
Active Members	62 plus 5 Probationary
Junior Members	25 (average attendance)
Auxiliary Members	382
Praetorian Members	7
Adjutorian Members	13
Number of Officers	31
Number of Vacant Officerships	5
Spiritual Directors vacant	0
Report Period	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2019 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021 inclusive

\*Due to COVID restrictions, there were no Curia meetings from April-June 2020 inclusive. Furthermore, we have not undertaken Curia Visitation since February 2020.

*At the time of reporting there were 8 Senior and 3 Junior Praesidia attached to this Curia.*  
These are:

Maria Assumpta, Mandurah  
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Dawesville  
Mary, Queen of Angels, Dawesville Juniors

Mater Christi, Yangebup  
Our Lady, Mother of Divine Mercy Juniors, Yangebup  
Mary Mother of the Church, Baldivis  
Cause of our Joy Juniors, Baldivis  
Our Lady of Lourdes, Rockingham  
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Willagee  
Salve Regina, Bateman  
Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Hilton

***Curia Officers:***

Spiritual Director	Fr Vijay D'Sousa
President	Sr Silia Autogavia
Vice President	Sr Rosemary Rana
Secretary	Sr Mary Glen
Treasurer	Sr Moya Bruce

***Works undertaken in this period of reporting*** - COVID restrictions severely impacted work undertaken by Praesidia and continue to do so particularly visitation of people in Nursing Homes, Hospitals and in their homes.

- Most Senior Praesidia reporting in this time were able to keep in contact with the housebound through telephone conversations and some care visits. Now that restrictions have lifted somewhat, Special Ministers are once again taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.
- 4 Praesidia circulate 9 Pilgrim Statues to families in their parishes.
- Two piety stalls operate weekly and two lending libraries which include books, DVD and CDs.
- Works of service and hospitality for auxiliaries and parishioners are regularly undertaken by several praesidia.

***Extension and Recruitment for the period***

- Regular notices are placed in Parish bulletins and ministry sheets. The Spiritual Director Fr Vijay D'Sousa speaks regularly on the need for a personal approach to potential new members.
- The Baldivis Juniors Cause of our Joy has been operating since November 2019. They meet after the Sunday morning Mass and their work includes giving out leaflets before Mass and helping with the piety stall.

***Praesidium Highlights***

- A public Rosary was held on the foreshore in Rockingham in October 2020 and two praesidia organised 48 hour rosaries in their parishes.
- Eucharistic Adoration is held each Saturday for 9 hours at Our Lady of Lourdes Rockingham. This is sponsored and managed by the praesidium.

- Our Lady Queen of Angels Juniors has assisted the Dawesville Seniors with a book barrow outside the IGA in Miami. Some of these Junior Legionaries have received Christian leadership awards at their primary school.
- One Legionary is praying the rosary with parents while their children are receiving instruction for the Sacraments.
- The Baldivis praesidium, Mary Mother of the Church which is now 8 years old, runs a Catholic Alpha program in the parish.
- Our Lady of Mt Carmel Hilton prayed the rosary with the whole primary school on feast of our Lady of Mt Carmel.

### ***Functions***

- 21 Legionaries attended the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the Legion of Mary and combined Acies at Bayswater on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
- Approximately 55 Legionaries attended the Fremantle Curia Acies that was held at St Teresa of Calcutta, Baldivis on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
- The AGR was held in Maria Assumpta Mandurah on 28<sup>th</sup> March.
- All Senior Praesidia celebrated a Mass for deceased Legionaries during the month of November.
- Our Acies was held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at our Lady of Lourdes Rockingham.
- AGR 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 at Mater Christi Yangebup.

### **Plans for the next year:**

- To strengthen regular attendance at Praesidium and Council meetings.
- Promote the 5 First Saturdays Devotion in reparation to our Lady

### ***Acknowledgements***

We gratefully acknowledge the spiritual guidance and encouragement offered from our Spiritual Director Father Vijay D'Sousa. We acknowledged the generosity of the Parish of Star of the Sea, Rockingham; also acknowledging the generosity and support of Our Lady of Lourdes Presidium and the parish for allowing us the use of their meeting room. Our grateful thanks go to Comitium for their support.

## **SPECIAL PRAYERS**

### ***Prayers for the Sick:***

(For all who have been on previous lists) Mel Nerva, Judy Woodward, Carol Faber, John Screen, Mary Chong

***Repose of the Souls:*** Derek Howlett, Rosemary Kinsey, Faye Caldwell, Patrick Westcott, Dorothy D'Cunha, Deano Staltari, Jeff Srhoj, Carolyn Gonsalves, HRH Prince Philip of Greece, and Denmark

***Special Intentions:*** Irene Tan (healing of mind and spirit) All those effected by Corona virus,

The Royal Family and especially HRH Queen Elizabeth

## Children's corner

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the visit, described in the Gospel According to Luke (1:39–56), made by the Virgin Mary, pregnant with the infant Jesus, to her cousin Elizabeth. ... The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church on May 31

The Visitation is the first time that Mary publicly exercises her role as Mediator of the Son of God.



