



THE LEGION OF MARY
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Dates top remember

Death of: Alfie Lambe 21st January

Comitium ACIES:

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NDC ACIES

O.D.R Saturday –

**Comitium 3rd Monday of month at
2pm.**

Annual Mass 7th November at St
Bernadette's in Glendalough

AGR 5th December

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

Allocution as given by Fr. Doug Harris on
'Inspirational Legionaries.' – **Michael
Walsh**

*Michael Ekeng, a free-born slave
from Central Africa was a founder member
of the Legion Of Mary, President of the
first praesidium in the entire African
continent. At the invitation of Fr. James
Moynagh on the anniversary of the
Legion's birth in Dublin on 7 September
1933 the first meeting took place.*

The pace of growth of the Legion
was rapid and consistent. Michael Ekeng
was Bishop Moynagh's 'right-hand man in
the task of extending and perfecting the
Legion of Mary. He was described as a
man of God or more accurately as a 'free'
man of God for having the bitter
experience of slavery and then buying his
freedom through his own industry .In 1950

Bishop Moynagh sent Michael on a Pilgrimage to Rome and then to Ireland where he
addressed the Legion of Mary Concilium, attended many Legion functions and a pilgrimage
to Lough Derg.

Rev. Dr. T. McGettrick Bishop of Ogoja, Nigeria, in his writing after Michael's death
in 1958 recognised his amazing capacity for work. He would start for work from Calabar at
1am, travel to Oran 18 miles by canoe, attend a Legion meeting 55 miles away then cycle 12
miles to the nearest mission, fasting all the time to receive Holy Communion. In Calabar he
witnessed the Legion expand to 18 councils and almost 150 praesidia.

The Legion of Mary and the Irish missionaries are indebted for the service Michael Ekeng generously gave in Nigeria.

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Dear Legionaries,

In these unprecedented times I encourage you all to promote the Annual 48hr Rosary Bouquet for Our Lady's Birthday within your family and parish. The power of the Rosary has been displayed many times when we, the children of God have needed his help. I am sure that Our Blessed Mother will look on each Rosary prayed and offered to her and assist us at this distressing time. We have emailed to all parishes the Poster, Roster and Information for the 2020 Bouquet. Please check with your parish office to see if it has been received. Spare material is available.

It was with great sadness that I learned of Fr Jim Shelton's passing into his heavenly reward. Fr Jim was our Spiritual Director for 5years and many of us remember him with great affection. Not only were his Allocutios inspiring but his love of Our Blessed Lady was palpable. Father returned to the USA to nurse his elderly sister and due to his poor health he remained, faith to Our Lady in Washington. We will have a Mass offered for Father and we will advise you of the date when we have it. May his soul rest in Peace.

We also heard of the passing of Fr Anton Hesse and Fr Don Hughes I ask you to keep these wonder men in your prayers. We were also informed of the passing of Bob Nichols, founding member of the Kalamunda Praesidium. Br Bob passed peacefully after a long battle with illness. His funeral Mass is on Tuesday 18th August at Holy Family Church

Kalamunda commencing with the Rosary at 9.30 followed by a Requiem Mass and burial at Guildford Cemetery.

- So that - The battle of life over – our Legion may reassemble, without the loss of anyone, in the Kingdom of Your love and Glory. Amen

We take this opportunity to thank Sr Megan Duggan for her service as Secretary of Comitium and offer our prayers that her journey through her studies may be blessed with her reward of work at the end. Megan will remain a Legionary and we hope that at sometime in the future she will return to the Comitium.

Please keep in prayer our Brother and Sister Legionaries in both Victoria and New South Wales as they work through these difficult days of the second wave of the Covid 19. When speaking to Sr Sue Hyde she assures us that all is going well for her. Last night she was preparing a zoom Curia meeting. Difficult situations make us think outside the box.

On a happy note we are pleased to say that we had a wonderful group gather for our ACIES. As Br Pitchford said in his welcome “Our Lady had quality rather than quantity gathered. We understand that Eastern Districts Curia also had a lovely gathering. If you were unable to attend please take the time at your Praesidium meeting to consecrate you and your work to Our Blessed Mother.

Thank you for your wonderful work for Mary
God Bless
Rosemary

Rosary repairs
Please note any Legionary who has given us a set of Rosaries for repair.
Please see Mignonette to pick them up.

ARCHIVES- Sr. Judy reminded all present to sort their minutes of five years in one plastic folder each and placed in their respective box allocated in VEQC for easy access. She also emphasised the need to give the full date and number and place of the meeting held. The full names of those attending the meeting should also be recorded. All praesidia is to note and follow up.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Prayers for the Sick:

(For all who have been on previous lists) Mel Nerva, Fred Cronin, Marie Fernandes, Eileen Evans, Carolyn Gonsalves, Carmela (Rosa's sister), Jeevan Frank, all suffering under Covid 19

Repose of the Souls: Marge Sheridan (aux), Lydia Smagass, Tony Pozzi, Ramon and Consor, Sirafina A, Venerando, Agapita Eugenia, Alberto A, all who have suffered from Covid 19 and perished.

Special Intentions: Fr. Stephen Cooney(65 yrs of priesthood), Fr. Roy Pereira(20th anni), Fr. Doug Harris, souls in purgatory .