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Our Lady's Birthday September 5th – 8th

Allocution

April given by Sr. Rosemary Bennett from *All to Jesus through Mary* Volume 3, Number 68, *Jesus Christ*, p. 138.

The ALLOCUTIO was given by Sr. Rosemary Bennett, Comitium President from *All to Jesus through Mary* (volume 2), No. 31 *Union with Mary*, p.60.

The Legion aims to bring Mary to the world as the infallible means of winning the world to Jesus. Manifestly, the legionary without Mary in his heart can play no part in this. He is divorces from the legionary purpose. He is an unarmed soldier, a broken link, or rather as a paralysed arm – attached to the body, it is true – but of what use for work (Legion Handbook: chapter 6, para 1)

The Legion of Mary spirituality requires that we see in Mary not just someone who helps us as a third party might do, but someone with whom we are in deep communion. And this communion enables graces to flow and miracles be achieved.

If we speak of holiness of life as not just doing good but actually being good, we can say that the essence of Mary's holiness is not just that she always did the right thing, but that she lived in perfect unity with God.

She lived and breathed the will of God, instinctively knowing at all times the right way to act.

So her holiness was not a great effort in that she was always forcing herself to do the right thing, even though she may have wanted to sin, not the smallest attraction to evil ever crossed her mind.

This is also how we are meant to understand holiness of life. We should not see our religion as keeping as ser of commandments and rules.

Yes, we should obey the rules because they express the will of God. But He wants more than our obedience, he wants complete union of our wills with His; so that in doing His will we are not making, a supreme effort but simply living out what is natural to us.

With Mary this always was the case; not so with us. But we can grow into this state of holiness.

The Handbook and other writing (such as St. Louis de Montfort's True Devotion to Mary) teach us that union with Mary first will take us to a deeper union with Almighty God. If we go to her she will take us to Him.

She will form our minds, hearts and will to be less worldly, less of the flesh, and more spiritual.

As this happens what we regard as "Natural" behavior will change for us, Sinful behavior can never be regarded as natural unless we are talking of fallen human nature.

In Mary we have unfallen human nature, the way we were all meant to be. So the new 'natural' is not to react as Mary, or Jesus Himself would do in the same situation.

Our devotion to Mary will enable her to have greater influence on our weaker natures gradually bringing us to a complete union with herself and then with God Himself.

Mother of all redeemed by Christ, bring us, we pray to this degree of union.



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Dear Legionaries,

From the May bulletin

Greetings Legionaries,

I would like to thank all who braved the icy cold morning on Saturday to attend the Annual One Day Retreat. It was sooooo pleasing to see people from as far as Dawesville in the south to representatives from the Northern Districts Curia and across to Lesmurdie in the South East. For those who were unable to attend we are sad that you were not able to hear the wonderful talks.

Karl Brown from the “Care for Life” program at the LJ Goody BioEthics Centre walked us through the Euthanasia Issue and how we can approach this with people who want to discuss it. He encouraged us to write to our Government Reps and to voice our concerns. I will have the necessary letters and addresses available for you to undertake this.

Francis Leong from Australian Catholic Missions spoke to us of the role of the Church. He also invited us to become involved in the Rosary4Mission initiative and we will give you more information over the next month or so.

Finally a vibrant young lady, Hannah Woodward, spoke from a young persons point of view on “The Save the Children’s Fund”, “Caritas”, and the rights of children at the “UN”.

In all the day was a wonderful sharing of the importance of Human Life at all levels.

Later this year after the “Bill” as gone before Parliament we will invite Karl to come back and speak to us on “What next?”

There are many to be thanked for the success of the day although from my point of view things couldn’t have gone more wrong in several areas. Our Lady just filled in the holes and

gaps. We were lucky to have Fr Demetri say our Mass and be available to Reconciliation, Fr Doug Harris also assisted with Reconciliation and lead us in Benediction. Our very own Br Tony Pitchford lead us in the Rosary and Prayers, Sr Judy Woodward and her Members from Glendalough prepared the dining area. Sr Betty Flynn and members of the Eastern Districts Curia works along with Sr Lorraine Allen worked hard in serving soup and tidying up. A special thank you to Leo Gonsalves who once again supplied our delicious soup which was very much appreciated. Thank you also to all who brought tasty bits 'n' and pieces to share. Philip Goes and Thea Hanson provided us with music for Mass and I thank them very much. I also say a special to Mignonne Goes and Cynthia Gauci for all the pre work they did. Unfortunately, Cynthia was unable to attend as she was in hospital. I hope to have more news on how she is soon. All in all Our Blessed Mother guided us through another beautiful day and we give thanks for her guiding hand.

Our next major activity will be Our Lady's Birthday Bouquet and I encourage you to talk about this in your parishes. This will be from the 5th September until 8th September. Information will be sent to parishes at the beginning of August.

Once again Legionaries I thank you for you work in our Lady and her Son Jesus' name.

Rosemary

REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

1. Eastern Districts Curia
2. Fremantle Curia

1.

Report of Curia to Comitium

To Jesus through Mary

Name of Curia: Mary Help of Christians

Location: Edel Quinn Centre, Windsor St, Perth

Spiritual Director: Fr. Michael Rowe

President: Sr. Betty Flynn

Vice President: Sr. Norma Van Hoek

Secretary: Sr. Liz D'Leno

Treasurer: Position vacant (since March 2019)

No. of Praesidia: 9, plus 1 Junior
Active Membership: 68 +1 Junior
Praetorian: -
Auxiliary Membership: 179
Adjutorian: 1
Probationary: 3 seniors

Report: August 2018 - April 2019

Extension:

We contacted Fr. Andrew of Bayswater Parish and he was quite willing for us to start up a Legion of Mary group there so we, (Sr. Betty Flynn and Sr. Liz D'Leno on behalf of Curia) visited them on Wednesday 3rd April, 2019. Six members came for the Meeting. It was a pleasant surprise to see this many and also the fact that they were actually having meetings, though not in the formal laid down procedures of the Legion. (Like sheep without a shepherd). They were very open to change and suggestions and to formalise their group, i.e. Appointment of Officers, attendance at Curia Meetings, Legion programmes, etc. Name of Praesidia – Mary Queen of Peace, Bayswater. A follow-up meeting by Curia will be made next month.

Our Lady of Good Health Vailankani, Embleton Parish, regrettably is reduced to 1 member again, and is on hold at the moment.

Our lady Queen of peace Armadale took part in a parish expo a lot of interest in the Legion but no new members

Works undertaken during the past 6 months (only Legion Work):

Most Praesidia visit Nursing Homes, the house-bound and sick in their homes. Some Legionaries teach Religious instructions in the Parish. All Praesidia attempt to recruit more members and promote attendance at all Legion functions. Manning the Edel Quinn Centre on a roster, visiting Auxiliaries, circulating Our Lady's Pilgrim Statue and praying the Rosary in homes we're invited to do so. One Praesidia organises and manages a Junior Legion at their meetings, i.e. Our Lady of Good Shepherd, Kelmscott. Three Praesidia manage The Parish Piety Shops. Some Praesidia recite The Rosary at Funerals and provide transport to Mass on Sundays. On the First Friday of each month, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Maida Vale Parish, gather together to pray for the Beatification of the Servant of God and pray for those specially on the Prayer List of the Legion for healing. Everyone is welcome to this Prayer gathering. Most members attended the rosary procession at lake Monger a beautiful evening. Our Lady Queen of peace Armadale did a lenten programme in a nursing home for residents (this was reading the gospel and reflection) Armadale legion is going very well. We

especially supported them this last month in their time of grief. Fr Anand Reddy wishes for Regina Coeli to return to the Guildford parish, they hold their meetings in Bassendean.

Future Plans:

Curia plans to follow up extension work in Gosnells Parish and assist Embleton, Midland and Bayswater Praesidia.

Continuous reminders are sent out for new recruitments at every EDC Meetings for Active and Auxiliary members and to also hand out “Can you lend a hand” leaflets in their Parishes.

Continue to promote and support all Legion functions and Parish activities.

We plan to organise a Pilgrimage to Our Lady’s shrines at Bullsbrook or Schoenstatt in Armadale.

Other Relevant Information:

Numbers of attendees at Curia Meetings is going well.

This report couldn’t go out without a Vote of Thanks to our Spiritual Director, Fr. Michael Rowe, who already has a very busy schedule, but never fails to provide us with Allocutio’s full of Spiritual nourishment and guidance, even when he is unavailable.

Also grateful thanks to Comitium for their support.

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CURIA REPORT TO COMITIUM

Curia Name	Immaculate Conception Curia, Fremantle
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	54 plus 2 Probationary
Junior Members	25 (average attendance)
Auxiliary Members	373
Praetorian Members	6
Adjutorian Members	12

Number of Officers	31
Number of Vacant Officerships	5
Spiritual Directors vacant	0
Report Period	1 st July 2018 to 31st March 2019 inclusive

At the time of reporting there were eight senior and two 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
 Our Lady of Lourdes, Rockingham
 Our Lady Queen of Peace, Willagee
 Salve Regina Bateman
 Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Hilton

Curia Officerships:

Spiritual Director: Fr. Vijay D’Sousa
 President: Sr. Moya Bruce
 Vice President: Sr. Rosemary Rana
 Secretary: Sr. Mary Glen
 Treasurer: Sr. Pauline Brown

Seven Senior and one junior praesidia have reported to Curia during the reporting period

Works undertaken in this period of reporting

- All Praesidia undertake visitation. Well over 365 home visits were made. Special Ministers take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.
- Two Praesidia were involved in house to house work.
 All senior praesidia are involved in visiting nine Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Retirement Villages within the Curia district. Masses Communion services and Rosaries are offered in the nursing homes. The Blessed Sacrament is taken.
- Six Praesidia circulate 13 Pilgrim Statues to families in their parishes.
- Two piety stall operates weekly.
- Three Legionaries undertake catechetical work in two parishes preparing children for the reception of the Sacraments. One praesidium teaches year six how to pray the rosary and presents graduating year six students with rosaries, prayer cards, book marks and the booklet “What happens at Mass”

- Members attend Funeral Masses, Vigil Rosaries and Memorial services, and visit the bereaved families. All four members of one praesidium attended the funeral Masses for Fr McGrath.
- Book Barrows were held in October and February by Our Lady of Good Counsel at a local shopping centre.
- Works of service and hospitality for auxiliaries and parishioners are regularly undertaken by several praesidia.

Junior Praesidia

- Work undertaken includes welcoming people to Mass, serving on the altar, helping with the piety stall and assisting with hospitality. They assist seniors with the Book Barrow, visit friends in hospital and give out prayer cards and miraculous medals and rosaries.

Extension and Recruitment for the period

- Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Hilton Park is still receiving support from Curia. Promotion of the Legion continues in parishes by way of contact work with book barrows, piety stall, morning teas after Mass, handout of Legion literature and Rosary beads and prayer leaflets. Regular notices are also posted in Parish bulletins and ministry sheets.
- Auxiliary members are contacted regularly through home visitation, formal invitations to the ACIES and special events such as Thanksgiving and Healing Masses which are followed by hospitality.

Praesidium Highlights

- The rosary is being promoted at St Damien's Catholic Primary School. A public Rosary was held on the foreshore in Rockingham in October and two praesidia organised 48 hour rosaries in their parishes.
- Eucharistic Adoration is held each Saturday for nine hours at Our Lady of Lourdes Rockingham. This is sponsored and managed by the praesidium.

Functions

- The annual Praesidium Function for Our Lady's Birthday was celebrated by all Praesidia
- The Annual General Reunion was hosted by Maria Assumpta, Mandurah in November.
- November Masses were offered for deceased Legionaries and for Frank Duff and for Holy Souls.
- Members undertake visitation to other praesidia on behalf of Curia.

Plans for the next year:

- To strengthen attendance at Legion meetings including officers' attendance at Curia.

- Continue to support new praesidia and officers in understanding and following the Legion system as laid out in the Handbook.

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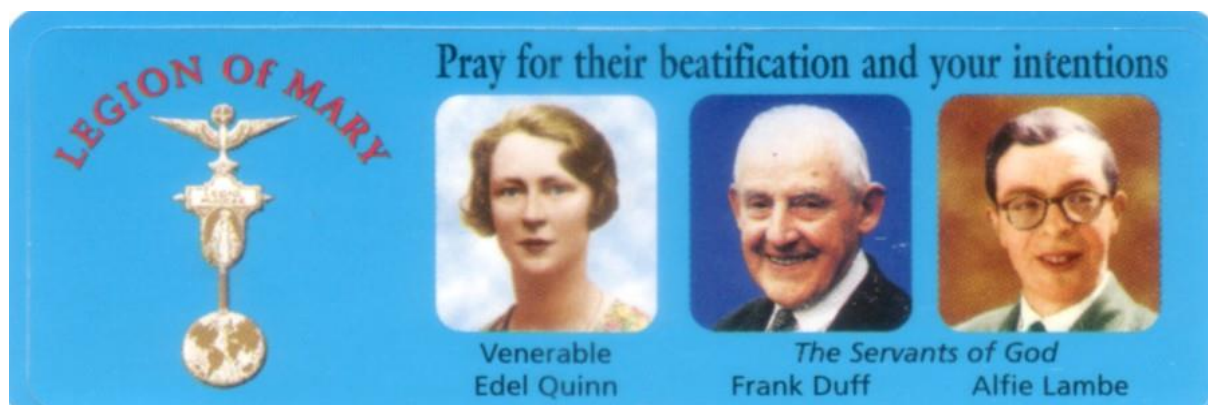
We gratefully acknowledge the spiritual guidance and encouragement offered from our Spiritual Director Father Vijay D’Sousa. We acknowledged the generosity of the Parish of Star of the Sea, Rockingham; also acknowledging the generosity and support of Our Lady of Lourdes Presidium and the parish for allowing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

REPORTING IN JUNE

Our Lady of Grace, Albany

Our Lady of Queen of Patriarchs, Victoria Park

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





SPECIAL PRAYERS

Prayers for the Sick:

April (For all who have been on previous lists) Max Bennett, Jennifer Farrugia, Blossom Adamson, Helen Lauridsen, Patrick Johanna, Loraine Footman, Maureen Daly (Fr. John Daly's mother), Agnes Shin and Fr. Dat.

May For all who have been on previous lists, Ar. Goretti, Fr. Joe Parkinson, Marion Randall, Sid Gasper, Jim Connolly, Ruth Flynn, Milagros Codilla, Rosalia, Katherine, Bernadette Bunce and Sr. Cynthia Gauci.

Repose of the Souls:

April Fr. Joseph Tran, Fr. Croake, Monsignor McCrann, Bernadete Quillon, Peggy Grieves, Peter Fairhead and Simone Vaz.

May William and Thelma Westwood, Fr. Feliman Quanzon, Maria, Kim and Teresa.

Special Intentions:

April: Bernadette (birthday), Dominic (new home), Mary Somers, Hayleigh Somers, Avena Traynor, Vietnamese seminarians and a safe delivery for Tiffany and baby.

May: Maud Inkster, Bert Inkster, Trever D'Leno, Norma Tye, Jane, Darragh, Fr. Rowe, Fr. David Watt, Fr. Paul Fox, Monique, Shane, for all May birthday celebrants, for a just outcome for the 'bill' and for all students as they prepare for exams in the coming weeks.



SUMMER SCHOOL 2019

Sunday Homily by Fr James Grant on Mission



One of the things I've noticed as I travel around Melbourne is that in many parts of our society, we have managed to “dumb down Jesus”. Certainly, the Jesus that is known by most of our fellow Australians and by most lapsed Catholics is the “Jesus for Dummies” type –

- Jesus is little more than a good bloke
- Jesus the bloke you can pray to when you are in trouble
- Jesus the bloke that your grandmother goes off to visit in Church
- Jesus who never asks any questions ...but apart from

that stuff

- Jesus of no relevance whatsoever!

One of the things we have done to Jesus in modern Australia, and I think at our cost, is that we have turned Jesus into a **therapist** – we have portrayed Jesus as the father of human problems.

- Are you lost? Come to Jesus
- Are you depressed? Jesus can fix that
- Are you lonely? We have an answer for that.

In fact, this model is so strong that you can drive all over Melbourne and see signs outside Churches proclaiming the **healing and therapeutic** value of this or that Church and a relationship with Jesus. Of course, what these Churches **won't** talk about is the Jesus who is a bit edgy – the Jesus of today's Gospel; the Jesus who pushes people to do things they are reluctant to do – Jesus the **provoker!** Jesus the **challenger!** Jesus the **uncompromising!** The Jesus who makes you do things you can't understand, yet this seems to be the way Jesus gets things done!

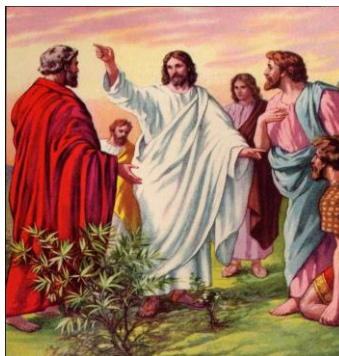
There is a great propensity in Jesus to call ordinary people – fishermen, tax collectors, ordinary people and then **push** and **demand** they do **extraordinary things** – and almost always **against their wishes!** Yet, we must also note that Jesus does not call people so that they can **settle down** – he does not call them so they can have peace and security in their

lives. Fundamentally, there is nothing safe and secure about the Catholic life. He does not call us so they can discuss their problems with each other – no, he calls us to do **mission**.

We have very little information in our Scriptures about the **thoughts, feelings and inner worries** of the disciples. For Jesus, it is **Bang...follow me...here's the task...go get on with it...you give them something to eat!** The story of **mission** is not about **who you are, what you feel, or about what you will do!**

And so we come to us: **the modern day followers of Jesus**. The best thing I can wish for you is that God will call you to take up your cross and challenge you in profound ways...and yes, I'm sure there are lots of reasons why you should not..."I'm not trained"... "I'm not experienced"... "I don't have time for that"...and "anyway, that's the job of the Priest"!

Well, yes, Jesus probably should have **but he hasn't, - he chose you**. He chosen somebody else, but he chose our Church. If you think the point of your you into a person who leads a good and with that – that is not the purpose of by-product. The purpose of Catholicism is challenges us again to mission. How will But, as Jesus also notes...happy are you drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man, for then you will be living your **mission**.



called someone else, probably should have **Peter** to be the leader of Catholicism is to make moral life – good luck Catholicism – that is a **mission**. Today, Jesus you feed these people? when people hate you,

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