



THE LEGION OF MARY  
BULLETIN  
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FOUNDED 7 SEPTEMBER 1921

**Dates to remember**

**18<sup>th</sup> April** Comitium

Meeting TBC

**27<sup>th</sup> March** EDC ACIES st.  
Ann's Belmont 3pm outside  
bring your own chair.

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

Louis-Marie de Montfort

**21<sup>st</sup> May** One Day Retreat

Glendalough cancelled

**Sept** 48 Hour Rosary

Bouquet

**8<sup>th</sup> Sept** Mass celebrating

Mary's Birthday

**5<sup>th</sup> November** Annual Mass

Victoria Park

**10<sup>th</sup> Dec** Annual General

Reunion at Edel Quinn

Centre

**Feb** Lake Monger

Procession postponed

March 2023 ACIES

**Allocutio** as given written by Fr. Doug Harris

Today Our Lord says, "Love your enemies." In these words, Our Lord gives us the programme for changing the world, by giving us a New Commandment.

This teaching by Our Lord is completely counter cultural. The Jews taught Exodus 21: 23-25: "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, life for life." If everyone believed in "an eye for an eye" eventually everyone would be blind.

Our Lord, however, taught: "Bless those who curse you." "Pray for those who abuse you." "To him who strikes you on one cheek, offer him to strike your other cheek too."

Our Lord not only taught this, He lived it throughout Our Lord's Passion – His scourging, crowning and crucifixion.

Our Lord told St Bridget of Sweden, who was born in 1303: "I received 5,480 blows." (During His Passion)

Despite that, our Lord never once defended Himself which He could have done because He was God. He never even had a moments anger for those who did that to Him.

Instead, He loved those who hammered the nails into His Body; with infinite love.

His only desire was for them to receive all the love and life He could give them (which is Himself – the Holy Spirit) so that He may spend all eternity with them.

Our Lord was nailed with blunt nails (According to the Servant of God, Luisa Piccarreta who died in 1947).

The nails were driven into Our Lord's wrists.

There's a tendon in the wrist that extends to the shoulder. The soldiers knew that when the nails were hammered into the wrist, the tendon would tear, and the pain would be excruciating.

Both his feet were nailed together. Thus, he was forced to support Himself on a single nail. In order to breathe He was forced to push up on His legs. Imagine the suffering.

Imagine that. The God who created us, chose to be crucified by us, while we were still sinners. God's love is way beyond our love. We can't come anywhere near to imagine or understand how great His love is for us. On the cross He pleaded with his Father "forgive them" and even defended them to His Father, "for they do not know what they are doing."

Our Lord fulfilled His own words: "Whoever wishes to be first among you, must be your slave. Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and give His Life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20: 27,28). He who was without sin paid the price for our sin. He who was sinless paid the ransom of all of us sinners. "By His stripes, we are healed."

St Paul, therefore, wrote: "Although He was God, He assumed the condition of a slave and becoming even humbler yet accepting death on a cross" (Phil 2:6).

Christ's "slavery" was in infinitely radical slavery. He gave of Himself as much as could be offered. He was an "Offering Incarnate." He suffered as much as could be suffered even while we were still sinners. He chose to become the slave of slaves.

The least of least. The lowest of lowest. The most despised, the most rejected, the most abused and the most humiliated. St Maria Goretti is an example of a person who lived today's Gospel message "love your enemy". Maria was born in 1890 in Italy. Because her family were very poor, Maria never attended school and never had a single doll. Maria was a very good person. Her mother stated she never once disobeyed her. Maria was only 11 years of age when Alessandro made advances to her. Maria's words were "No, no, no! do not touch me! Alessandro began stabbing her with a knife. 14 major wounds were treated at the hospital and many smaller ones. Before he gave Maria the Anointing of the Sick, the Priest asked Maria if she had forgiven her murderer with all her heart. Maria replied with no hesitation: "Yes, for the love of Jesus I forgive him...and I want him to be with me in Paradise." Alessandro was sentenced to 30 years in solitary confinement. One-night Maria appeared to him in a dream indicating that she had forgiven him. That act achieved Alessandro's conversion.

The question for each one of us to answer is: How much do we love? How much are we prepared to suffer for our enemy? Our enemy may abuse us by bad words, or he may abuse us in a physical way or he may cause damage to many. How much are we prepared to suffer at your enemies' hands in order that he may be converted and made whole? For example: Are we prepared to offer our left cheek after a person has punched our right cheek? And then offer our pain for our enemies' conversion?

Like Our Lord, we too, are called to be “Love Incarnate.” “An Offering Incarnate.” “A Perfect Offering.”

Our Lord said: “I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

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### **REPORTS DUE TO COMITIUM JAN TO JUNE 2022**

JAN MANNING: OUR LADY OF THE WAY  
 NORTHERN DISTRICTS CURIA: MARY ASSUMED INTO HEAVEN  
 FEB CLOVERDALE: REGINA COELI  
 MARCH CANNING VALE: ARK OF THE COVENANT  
 APRIL EASTERN DISTRICTS CURIA: OUR LADY OF CHRISTIANS  
 FREMANTLE CURIA: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
 MAY ALBANY: OUR LADY OF GRACE  
 JUNE VICTORIA PARK: OUR LADY QUEEN OF PATRIARCHS

### **REPORTS DUE TO COMITIU JULY TO DECEMBER 2022**

JULY BROOME  
 NDC: MARY ASSUMED INTO HEAVEN  
 AUGUST  
 SEPTEMBER BUSSELTON: STAR OF THE SEA  
 EAST VICTORIA PARK; OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS  
 OCTOBER EDC : OUR LADY OF CHRISTIANS  
 FREMANTLE CURIA: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
 NOVEMBER QUEENS PARK: MARY IMMACULATE  
 DECEMBER THORNLIE: MARIA ANNUNCIATA  
 WILLETTON; OUR LADY OF THE MISSIONS



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Legionaries,

On Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February we gathered, and our Grotto and Statue was blessed. By the Comitium Spiritual Director Father Doug Harris. We followed the blessing by fellowship. We thank the members who attended and joined us in the prayers outside on this very hot day.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> March the Comitium celebrated ACIES at Cloverdale Parish. On the 27<sup>th</sup> March EDC will celebrate their ACIES at 3pm, Place St. Ann's Hehir St Belmont. This is an outside function please bring your own chair. All are welcome.

We have once again said Farwell to one of our Legionnaires, Maria (Mary) Georgivanni member of Bedford Legion of Mary. I have been told that Mary was a long-time member. May her soul rest in peace. May Mary rest peacefully in the arms of Mother Mary and her loving Son

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> March, some more restrictions came into effect by the Government to combat the increasing numbers of Covid cases.

Unfortunately, at this moment, we have some members who are unable to do any Legion of Mary work and The Venerable Edel Quinn centre is currently off-limits to any person not vaccinated for which we apologize. We do have a limit of the number of people allowed in the centre. Hopefully, things will get back to normal quickly.

Please do remember to scan in using the SafeWA app/ServiceWA App or by filling in the Register provided at the doors of the Venerable Edel Quinn Centre when attending the centre. Please remember to Sanitize your hands.

A note from our Archbishop.

Archbishop Costelloe reiterated the Holy Father's message citing that "**being vaccinated with vaccines authorized by the competent authorities is an act of love** (and contributing to ensure most people are vaccinated is an act of love - love for oneself, love for one's family and friends, love for all people)." *By Amanda Murthy.*

Please fill out the census form of members issued last month and return to the Comitium.

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

## **REPORTS FOR February 2022**

### **Report of Praesidium to Comitium**

**February 2021 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 inclusive**

#### **To Jesus Through Mary**

Location of Meeting and Time: Notre Dame Parish Centre 345 Wright Street,  
Cloverdale Thursday 12 .30pm

Name of Praesidium: Regina Coeli  
Spiritual Director: Deacon Albert Atkinson (recently retired)  
President: Sr Sandra Robinson  
Vice President:  
Secretary: Sr Jacquelyn Turner  
Treasurer: Sr Estelita King  
Active Membership 4  
Auxiliary Membership: 30

- 1) Continued to visit some housebound, sick and lonely people our parish mostly as Special Ministers
- 2) Attended vigils and funeral Masses of deceased parishioners.
- 3) Continued to visit six nursing homes in the parish and one in a neighbouring parish on a weekly basis, organising prayer meetings, rosaries, and Holy Communion services. We also organised and assisted at monthly Masses in the homes
- 4) Transport of parishioners to Mass.
- 5) Symbolic Ashes for Ash Wednesday to all nursing homes.
- 6) Stations of the Cross were prayed at most of the nursing homes during Holy Week.
- 7) Co-sponsored a Mass in the Simbang Gabi Novena at Notre Dame Church.
- 8) Distributed rosaries to First Holy Communicants and Confirmation candidates at Notre Dame and St Maria Goretti Primary schools.
- 9) Arranged and hosted our Auxiliaries' Mass and morning tea where we displayed and distributed Legion of Mary material, Miraculous Medals, and other spiritual

goods

- 10) Continue to organise and help maintain a roster of adorers for our weekly Friday day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament .
- 11) Continue to maintain the two Pilgrim Statue rosters and transfer whenever needed.
- 12) Continued to assist in leading the pre-Mass Rosary on Saturday mornings
- 13) Continued to host the First Friday Holy Hour,
- 14) Attended Acies, Annual Mass, and the AGR.
  
- 15) Distribute Parish Bulletin to the housebound weekly by internet and by letterbox on special occasions.

### **Intentions for 2022:**

Continue to seek new members.

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

Continue to visit the nursing homes.

As a Lenten activity,

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

The praesidium would like to thank our recent Spiritual Director, Deacon Albert Atkinson for his 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.

### **SPECIAL PRAYERS**

**Prayers for the Sick:** Tony Leong and family, Lolita Scott

**Rest of the Souls** Sr Bridie Cahill (Bridget), Francis, Pat Cahill, Sr Hazel Callanan, Ruth Gemmy

**Special Intentions:** All effective by Covid 19, Sonia, Francis Leong and family, Clara Gemmy and family, Enzo Safe Operation

## Children's corner

**Ash Wednesday** is the first day of [Lent](#), the 40 days of fasting and repentance leading up to [Easter](#), the [Christian](#) celebration of the resurrection of [Christ](#). Observances sometimes include participants receiving an ash cross marked on their foreheads. This year the Ashes were sprinkled over the top of our heads.



