



THE LEGION OF MARY  
BULLETIN

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FOUNDED 7 SEPTEMBER 1921

**Dates to remember**

**13<sup>th</sup> Dec** Monthly Comitium Meeting 1pm VEQC

**11<sup>th</sup> Dec** Annual General Reunion at Edel Quinn Centre at 2pm

**17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** Comitium Meeting

**11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022** Lake Monger Procession

**19<sup>th</sup> February** 1pm blessing of Statue to be confirmed

**20<sup>th</sup> March** Comitium ACIES Notre Dame Parish 345 Wright St, Cloverdale

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

Louis-Marie de Montfort

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

**5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Sept** 48 Hour Rosary Bouquet

**8<sup>th</sup> Sept** Mass celebrating Mary's Birthday

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

**10<sup>th</sup> December** AGR

**Allocutio** as given by Fr. Doug Harris on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Frank Duff was born in Dublin, Ireland 7<sup>th</sup> June 1889. In 1913 he joined the Society of St Vincent de Paul and was greatly influenced by the spirit of the society. He gradually came to have a great love for the poor and underprivileged in whom, as in everyone he met, he recognised and honoured Christ.

In 1916 at the age of 27 he published his first pamphlet "can we be saints?" in it he expressed one of his strongest convictions of his life, namely, that we can all without exception be saints.

In 1917 he came to know the Treatise of St. Louis Marie de Montfort on the True Devotion to Mary, a work which changed his life completely.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> September 1921 Frank Duff founded the Legion of Mary. This is a lay apostolic organisation at the service of the Church, under ecclesial guidance. Its twofold purpose is the spiritual development of its members and advancing the reign of Christ through Our Lady. The Legion is found in almost every country in the world with millions of active and many more auxiliary (Praying) members. Its international centre is in Dublin.

In 1965 Pope Paul VI invited Frank Duff to attend the second Vatican Council as a Lay Observer, an honour

by which the Pope recognised and affirmed Frank Duff/s enormous work for the lay apostolate.

Frank Duff died on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1980 and is buried in Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin.

**Some other great Legionaries are;-**

Edel Quin was 28 when she was sent to East and central Africa to spread the Legion. She died there, 9 years later in 1944.

Father Aedan McGrath, an Irish Columban Priest in China in the 1940's extended the Legion in China. For doing this he spent about a year in a Chinese prison.

Alfie Lambe was 22 when he was sent to South America. He died there 6 years later in 1959.

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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Legionaries,

We held our Annual Mass on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at St Columbus church Bayswater. We thank Father Albus for allowing us to use his church and facilities. We thank all who attended to make this a special Occasion. We thank Sr. Betty Flynn, and all who worked setting the church and the hall. We thank Father Demetri Roh for arranging reconciliation, celebrating the Mass and leading our closing prayers, Our Acolyte Phillip, our musicians Michael and the choir, our proclaimers Bro. Jeevan and Sr. Moya. I thank Sr Christyne for leading the Rosary. We thank Sr. Betty Flynn and the EDC for setting up and working behind

the scene in the Kitchen. For their outstanding hosting of the fellowship following the Mass. This wonderful fellowship and sharing were only possible because of the lovely food that you brought and shared so thank you for that.

Our next function will be our Annual General Reunion which will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 2pm, at The Venerable Edel Quinn Centre.

Please bring a small plate of FINGER FOOD to share. It would be appreciated if you use a paper plate, to save on washing up and work or if you wish to use a China plate that you make sure your name is clearly marked.

A small gift of a personal item for the Homeless would be grateful received. Please remember that all gifts should be individually packaged and single meal size.

Our December meeting will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup>, one week earlier, due to the fact that it would normally fall in the same week as Christmas. I also remind you that the Legion of Mary does not take holidays so please work your meetings around the holidays but try not to cancel any.

Our 2021 Calendar is now available and copies of the Congress papers. These can also be found on the web site.

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

## **REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF October deferred**

### **SPECIAL PRAYERS**

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

(For all who have been on previous lists) Chloe – missing from Carnavon and for the little boy who drown in Walpole

#### ***Rest of the Souls***

Les Grinnell, Christine Cameron, Br Julian Letter, Josephine Webbe, Herman Neeling (Albany)

#### ***Special Intentions:***

Mark Bogoni, Tom Safioti

## **Children's corner**

Advent - A Countdown to Christmas

**Advent in 2021 starts on the 28<sup>th</sup> November and end 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**Advent is a call to followers of Christ to remember the birth of the Saviour. The word *advent* stems from a Latin word that means “coming” or “arrival.” The season begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and, depending on the year, can range from 22 to 28 days. Its purpose is to help believers remain focused on the birth of Christ and Jesus’ glorious return**

**The Advent wreath consists of evergreen branches, three purple candles, one rose candle and one large white candle. The white candle is placed in the centre of the wreath, and the purple and rose candles are placed equal distances around the wreath.**

**Children look forward to lighting and blowing out the candles each night at dinner.**

**A purple candle is lit the whole first week. Two purple candles are lit the second week. The two purple and one rose candle are lit the third week, and all four are lit the final week.**

**The large white candle is lit on Christmas Day. After lighting the candles, many parents will read a few Bible verses and have a short devotional time with their kids.**





