



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

**Dates to remember**

Monthly Comitium Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month  
next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> November  
1pm VEQC

**6<sup>th</sup> Nov** Annual Mass at St  
Columba's Church 20  
Almondbury St Bayswater  
Rosary at 12 noon

**4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** Annual  
General Reunion at Edel  
Quinn Centre

**VEQC closed**

14<sup>th</sup> Dec to 11<sup>th</sup> January  
2022

Comitium ACIES: March  
2022

**28<sup>th</sup> April** Feast of St.  
Louis-Marie de Montfort

**Allocutio** as given by Fr. Doug Harris on St Mother  
Teresa of Calcutta

Today, it is good to be reminded that God is alive and  
active in our lives.

As this is the month of September, I have chosen to  
speak about St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Her ministry  
began with the poorest in India.

These poor people were considered by their fellow  
countrymen of the Hindu faith to be untouchable - the  
least of the least.

St Teresa was born on 26th August 1910 in Macedonia  
to Albanian parents. She left home in September 1928  
for the Loreto Convent in Dublin, Ireland.

She was sent by the Loreto Order to India and arrived  
in Calcutta on 6th January 1929.

She taught in St Mary's Bengali Medium School. On  
October 7th, 1950, the new congregation of the  
Missionaries of Charity was officially established.

The first foundation outside India opened in Venezuela  
in 1965.

The Missionaries of Charity reached Communist  
countries in 1979 including 15 foundations in the former  
Soviet Union.

In 1985 St Teresa opened in New York, her first house  
for AIDS patients. By 1997 the Sisters numbered nearly

4000 members and were established in almost 600 foundations in 123 countries of the world.

On September 5th, 1997, she died, which is now the date of her Feast Day. St Teresa was a woman of faith.

In the early days when she only had two sisters and she was unknown she felt that God had asked her to go to Rome. So, she and her two companions went to the airport to buy three return tickets to Rome. When they told the receptionist that they had no money they were promptly told to leave the airport. On walking out of the airport, a young man recognized St Teresa because she had taught him when he was only a boy. He was now a manager of an airplane company.

When he heard St Teresa's problem, he gave her three return tickets to Rome. Another story occurred in Lebanon.

In the early 1990's St Teresa had been sent there by the Vatican to help those traumatized during the Syrian occupation of Lebanon.

One of the tasks of St Teresa was to rescue children who had been abandoned in a hospital in Beirut. The fighting at that stage had been continuous. The peace keeping army would not allow her to enter Beirut because it was considered far too dangerous. She asked the commander: "What would it take for you to give my Sisters and I a number of ambulances to bring the children back here?" He replied, in sarcasm, "The Syrian army would need to declare a cease-fire, but they never have before, and they never will." St Teresa simply said, "In that case my Sisters and I will pray for a cease-fire." Three days later the Syrian army declared a cease-fire.

I was giving talks on vocations with St Teresa's nuns (Missionaries of Charity) at Chisholm College, Bedford. I had to make a right-hand turn from Beaufort Street into a road beside the school. The traffic coming the other way, two lanes, was busy because of road works nearby. No possibility of getting through. I closed my eyes and said, "Mother Teresa." On opening my eyes all the cars were driving into a street before the school leaving it completely clear for myself and all the cars behind me to turn right. She is powerful in heaven.

St Teresa not only ministered to the poorest of the poor she became one of them. For example, she donned their clothes. She designed her habit to be one of them. She fulfilled Our Lord's words: "Anyone who wants to be first must make himself last of all and servant of all." By becoming the servant of all, even the servant of the poorest of the poor she was regarded as the first of all.

For example, she was given the Noble Prize for Peace.

When she died, she was given a state funeral. Her funeral was as if she was the President of India the same accolades as given to Mahatma Gandhi for example,

also, kings, queens and presidents from all over the world attended her funeral, and of course, she is among the Blessed in heaven, the greatest honor of all.

St Teresa also experienced the "Dark Night of the Soul" where she felt no presence of God whatsoever. She said she felt "nothing but emptiness and darkness." This state lasted almost 50 years. For 50 years she felt "nothing but emptiness and darkness." For example, although she knew that God loved her, she was frequently tempted to think that He didn't.

She was able to carry this cross by offering it up. In this way she was resigned to God's Will. She would often say to others that she had accepted whatever God had chosen to do in her life. When speaking about her 'dark night' She asked a friend to pray for her that she may always let God "have a free hand."

Today we live in a society of much darkness. Therefore, it is necessary that we are aware that the Light today is more present.

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Legionaries,

Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> we held our Lake Monger Procession and A HUGE thank you must be given to all who attended. We gathered to either sit at the gazebo or walk and pray the Rosary for Our Blessed Mother's intentions.

I thank Sr. Christyne and her Husband and Phillip Goes for their hard work getting the statue to Lake Monger and returning her afterwards. I also thank Sr. Rosemary for her guidance and assistance in helping us prepare and set up. A Big thanks you must go to those who led the rosary, carried the cross and led the singing to make

us seen and heard. A thank you must be given to all who did little chores There were many, our Covid Marshalls, those who assisted with pushing the trolley, ensuring that the group stayed together, drove those who were weary, pushed the wheelchair, carried the crucifix, packed and unpacked the truck, helped with the mail out, took photographs.

Our next function for the year is our Annual Mass on the 7<sup>th</sup> November, please note a change of venue to St Columba's Church 20 Almondbury St Bayswater.

We will start with the Opening prayers of the Legion and the Rosary at 12.00 Noon followed by Holy Mass, celebrated by Fr. Doug Harris, our Spiritual Director and any Spiritual Directors who can join us. Followed by fellowship please bring a plate of finger food to share with others.

During these last days of 2021, I ask all Legion Members to think about and discuss in their Praesidium's – the reason for the existence of the Legion of Mary?

Consider: Why has the Legion survived? Will it continue?

Attendance at the weekly meetings, higher councils, functions... Difficulties experienced and solved Ongoing problems Possible solutions. Recruitment and Extension.... Why did we join the Legion? Why are we still here? How can we attract people of all ages to the Legion?

These were questions raised at our congress and Sr. Rhonda Haynes and the executive are looking forward to receiving your ideas.

A request for someone to take on the role Vice President has been made and so far we have had no response. This role is not a hard one but is necessary as it puts a strain on the other officers who must keep our books up to date. Please look among your members for possible people.

I also like to remind all Legionaries that if they visit Nursing Homes, they need to have had at least one Covid Vaccine.

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

**REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF September 2021 Albany and East Victoria Park**

**Our Lady Help of Christians – East Victoria Park**

Meeting place and time – Friday morning at 10.00am, Vice President House

Spiritual Director: Fr Trevor Simons

President: Sr Bianca Maria Casalengo

Vice-President: Sr Mary O’Gara                      Treasurer: Br Gary Fernandez

Active Members: 7                      Praetorian: 0                      Auxiliary Members: 7

    Probationary: 1                      Extensions: Nil

Report from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Reports on works undertaken during the past year: (only legion work)

Members visited the sick and elderly at nursing homes, as well as visiting parishioners in their homes. Members attended funeral masses for deceased legionaries, auxiliaries and parishioners

Specific tasks carried out by individual members: non active

One member is on the Liturgy committee at Our Lady Help of Christians.

One member attends a Franciscan Cenacle once a month. Two members read in church. One member is in the music ministry playing the piano on Saturdays at Mass. Two members are extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist.

Other Works

One member worked as a volunteer helping Parish Priest in the office.

Other relevant information: Events attended by members, Auxiliaries and parishioners. Rosary Bouquet Mass, ACIES, AGR and Annual Praesidium function for Our Lady’s birthday

**Albany: OUR LADY OF GRACE**

ANNUAL REPORT OF PRAISIDIA TO COMITIUM

LOCATION OF MEETING: NEW CAMFIELD, 154 ABERDEEN ST. ALBANY

N'EW CAMFILED OFFICE :9 F PRAISIDIA PLACE OF MEETING

ACTIVE MEMBERS THURSDAY, AT 1.00 P.M.

PRESIDENT                                      SR ANNE LETTER

VICE-PRESIDENT                              SR CHRISTINA CAMERON

SECRETARY                                      SR WILMA WARD

TREASURER

SR CIRILA ADAMS

REPORT FROM MAY 2020 -MAY 2021-

ALBANY PARISH HAS TWO PRIESTS WHO ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE LEGION.

WORKS UNDERTAKEN: WEEKLY---VISITATIONS TO AGED CARE HOMES AS FOLLOWS: BETHEL HOME, CLARENCE ESTATE, GLEN CRAIG LODGE AND GWEN HARDIE LODGE. AND THOSE SUFFERING ILL HEAL TH.

SUNDAY'S CUP OF TEA AT BOTH ST.JOSEPH CHURCH AND HOLY FAMILY CHURCH WAS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19.

PIETY STALLS IN BOTH CHURCHES.

ROSARY WAS SAID PRIOR OR AFTER DAILY MASS.

ROSARY WAS SAID BEFORE SUNDAY MASSES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER. PILGRIM STATUES-TWO TO CIRCULATE.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY.

ROSARY MAKING ---ROSARIES ARE MADE WITH HANDMADE CHAINS AND ALL SENT TO MISSIONARIES. –

MONTHLY : PRISON VISITATION WAS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19.

HELP AND SUPPORT WITH THE MONTHLY MASS AT CLARENCE ESTATE, GWEN HARDIE LODGE, GLENN CRAIG LODGE AND BETHEL HOME.

MONTHLY ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

GENERAL WORKS ---"DISTRIBUTION OF CHRISTMAS AND EASTER MASS TIME TABLES.

ACIES-HELD 21 st OF MARCH 2021, APPROXIMATELY 25 PEOPLE

ATTENDED. A VISITATIONS TO ELDERLY, LONELY, LAPSED CATROLICS.

BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY FOLLOWED BY AN ENJOY ABLE AFTERNOON TEA.

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED LEGION ARJES IS OFFERED EVERY NOVEMBER. SINCE LAST YEAR 2020, TWO MEMBERS OF THE LEGION PASSED AWAY, BRO. JIM DOYLE, SPIRITUAL DIRCTOR AND SR. LIDIA SMARGIASSI.

## **SPECIAL PRAYERS**

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

(For all who have been on previous lists) Liza Minesros, Mary O’Gara, Kaye Kennelly, Josee Matter, Marion Randall, (Our Lady of Mt Carmel) Linda Morris, Tony Pozzi, Jan Hudson, Carmela, Justin Khoo, Gino, Connie Esposito, Jeanette Smiroldo, Wayne Tye, Sr Bianca Marie Casalengo

***Repose of the Souls*** Roy Smith, Gloria Morris (Anniversary)

***Special Intentions:*** All birthday celebrants for September, For Priests and religious.

## Children's corner

**According to a Dominican tradition, in 1208 the rosary was given to St. Dominic in an apparition by the Blessed Virgin Mary in the church of Prouille. This Marian apparition received the title of Our Lady of the Rosary.**

**In Catholic tradition, the entire month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. This month-long observance is largely due to the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, celebrated on October 7.**



# **ANNUAL MASS**



**SATURDAY THE 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
2021**

**Held at ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH  
20 Almondbury St, Bayswater**

**12.00 noon OPENING PRAYERS AND  
ROSARY**

**FOLLOWED By Holy Mass  
Celebrate Fr. Doug Harris**

**MASS WILL FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP,  
PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FINGER FOOD  
FOR SHARING.**