



Legion of Mary Sydney Senatus Bulletin

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*Please pray the
Rosary*

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Pray for Beatification of



*The Servant of God
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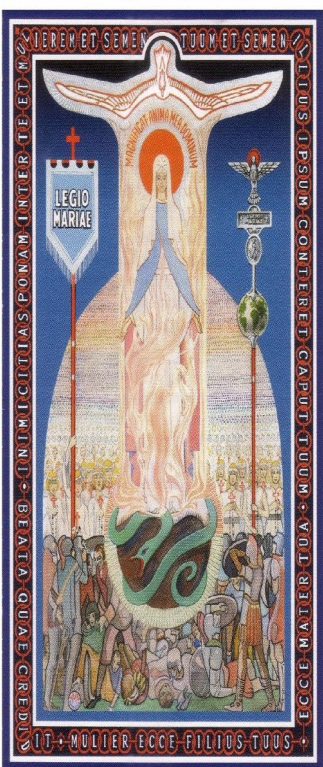


*The Servant of God
Alfie Lambe*

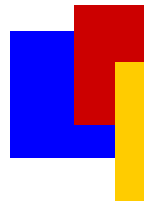


*Venerable
Edel Quinn*

The Legion of Mary



*Who is she that comes forth as the morning rising, fair
as the moon, bright as the sun, as terrible as an army
set in battle array?*

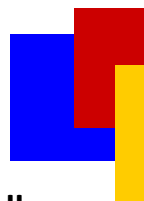


Father Givney's Allocutio August 2018

Allocutio on "Mary is a Gift of Hope For us"

I recently took a group of seminarians to visit the convent of our Lady's Nurses for the Poor at Coogee. The founder of this group was Eileen O'Connor, whose cause for canonisation has just begun. I was struck by a story that our guide told us regarding the sisters and Mary. During this period of history, the sisters were undergoing great trials and suffering mainly to do with rejection from the people in the area. One evening all the sisters were praying in Eileen's bedroom and suddenly the statue of Mary began to change and get larger. Mary opened her eyes and looked at the sisters. The original statue is still in the convent and you can see this for yourself. As a result of this visitation, the sisters had the strength and the realisation just to keep on doing what they were doing. A simple visitation on one level but the fruits were significant. If we are tempted to disillusionment and discouragement we should pray to Mary for the grace to be strengthened so that we too can do what God wants us to do. The idea of hope is important especially during the Easter season. The Resurrection reminds us that no matter how bad things may look God can turn things around in the most unexpected ways. It takes faith to believe that. When our faith in God is strong then our hope will be powerful as well. This enables us to witness to the gospel and not give up. It is often when things are at their worst that God does amazing things. If we think about who God is this should not surprise us since God's power is not limited by difficult circumstances. As Legionaries we need to remain hopeful and joyful in our work so that we can witness to the joy and hope of the gospel.

Father Givney's Allocutio September 2018



Allocutio on "Obstacles"

The Legion handbook reminds us that there will always be obstacles, especially when we try and start something*. Part of the reason for this is simple momentum. When something is stationary it takes a lot of effort to get it moving. Church movements are no different. This does not mean we do not try. I am sometimes amazed at the fruit that can occur when we trust in God and do our best. There is a lot of emphasis in the Legion of Mary on actively promoting our work and trying to procure new members. This is a sign that we actually believe what we are doing is good and that others should be involved. However, there is a flip-side to hope and that is despair. Despair is actually an important emotion and it has its place. The main role of despair is to enable us to let go of following an illusory good. So if for instance I have a dream of becoming a professional cook but I keep on burning everything then it is appropriate, that after 10 years of trying and still not succeeding, that I admit to myself that this is not for me. The final result would be to move on to another dream or goal which I could actually achieve. That is why God has given us the emotion of despair. The problem is when we despair unnecessarily when we encounter obstacles. So we need to discern as to whether we should keep on going or if we should realistically admit that this particular venture is simply not to be. This is where getting the opinion of others especially at Legion meetings is extremely important. This can give us perspective and hope. One thing that can help us is St Ignatius's rule of discernment which reminds us never to make a major life change or decision when we are in desolation. In other words, if we are in a state of peace than this is a good place from which to decide what to do. We should always pray to Mary for the grace to actually listen to what God wants us to do and not to be afraid if at times this is difficult.

Legion Handbook, p190.

Reports from August 2018

1. Marrickville Curia

Work Done : Teaching religious instruction in State Schools, assisting with Mass at State Schools and Nursing Homes, Preparation of children in school for the sacraments, attend CIC shop monthly, distributing miraculous medals to school children, visiting the sick, elderly and frail, in their homes, nursing home and hostels, retirement villages and hospitals. Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, parish choir and circulation of the Pilgrim Statue. Provide transport, leading rosary and Divine Mercy, and managing the piety stall.

2 Report of Newtown (Queen of the Angels)

Work Done: Visiting nursing homes and retirement villages, visiting the sick in hospitals, nursing homes, retirement village and their homes. Leading rosary before Mass and organize rosary prayer or mass for the Departed. Transport to mass, minding the CIC shop, clean the church as per priest's request. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

3 Report of Terrigal

Work Done ; Transport to mass, EMHC to nursing homes and house bound. Liturgy preparation, altar society, assisting in the RCIA program , Catechism and one member does the Scripture in Sommersby.

4. Report of Wyong Praesidia

Works Done: Visit the nursing home, Extraordinary Minister of Holy communion, leading the rosary after morning mass and every Tuesday afternoon the Divine Mercy group lead by legionary and rosary.

4 Report of Our Lady of Mercy Curia (Canberra & Goulburn)

Work Done: Home to home visitation, visits to the sick, NPC & auxiliaries, circulation of Pilgrim Virgin Fatima statue, leading the rosary, did street contact.

5 Report of Our Lady of Consolation, Blacktown Comitium

Work Done: Home to home visitation, circulation of statues of Our Lady, visitation of sick, elderly, bereaved, catechetical works, enthronement of the SHJ, revisits to people from Exploratio Dominicalis, participated in extention program and recruitment drive, visitation of auxiliary member and parishioners, visits to nursing homes, hostel and retirement village, EMHC, conducting and assisting in the RCIA program, conducting marriage preparation classes, prison visit, conducting patrician meeting, book barrows and book stall, street contact, attended PPC

6. Report of Illawarra Curia.

Work Done: Recruitment drives, assisted in RCIA program, door to door visitation and organizing masses and visiting of the sick in the hostel, hospital and nursing homes, distribution of religious materials and Miraculous medals. Teaching how to pray the rosary and leading the rosary., piety stalls and CIC shop, invite elderly for the Young at Heart, teaching adult migrant English in the parish



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbour on a voluntary basis in about 170 countries. The first meeting of the Legion of Mary took place in Myra House, Francis Street, Dublin, Ireland, on 7 September, 1921.

Reports from September 2018

1. Queen of Martyrs, Korean Comitium

Work Done: Visitations to homes, nursing homes, hospitals, auxiliary member and recruitment. Encouraged lapsed Catholics return to the faith. Support for Mass preparation and church community service. Funeral attendance and consolation visits to the bereaved members. For settlement of impediment. After care of newly baptized and new parishioners. Transport provided to and from church. Special recruitment campaign.

2. Our Lady of The Annunciation Northern Suburbs Curia

Work Done; Visitation of sick people at home, hospital and nursing home also to auxiliary member and invite to the Acies ceremony. Give scripture classes in several school. Door to door visitation, offering literature often accepted by non- Catholic, Parish Bulletin and miraculous medals. Assisting CIC shop, the Missionaries of Charity at Surry Hills and recruitments. Having a Legion of Mary table set up following Sunday Mass 4 time a years and assist in the weekly parish Bible class.

3. Queen of The Rosary Vietnamese Curia

Work Done: Visitation of sick people at local hospital and elderly at nursing home. Home and consolation visitation of sick and aged people at their home Catholic and non-Catholic families, as well as Auxilliary members and inviting them to join the Legion of Mary. Helping the would be Catholics going to learn Catechism for their baptism. Distributing God's People monthly magazine, cleaning and doing the flowers for altars of the church on weekend. Visiting and encouraging Catholic who are not practising to return to mass, through the Sacrament of Confession. Visiting detainees at the Silverwater jail.

Congratulations !

Appointments for August

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Praesidium - Kensington (Indonesian)

Sr Caecilia C Setio, 1st Term - President

Sr Ellyanawati Hendarto , 2nd Term - Vice President

Sr Tini Sendjaja, 1st term - Secretary

Sr Eka Puspasari, 1st Term - Treasurer

Ratifications for August

Queen of the Rosary Vietnamese Curia - Revesby (Vietnamese)

Br Paul Ha, 2nd Term - President

Br Frances Vu, 2nd Term - Vice President

Br John But, 2nd Term - Secretary

Sr Mary Thi Vi Vu, 2nd Term - Treasurer

Our Lady of Mercy Curia - Canberra/Goulburn

Sr Jasmine Boncales, 1st Term - President

Ratification For September

Our Lady of Fatima – Maitland / Newcastle Curia

Sr. Margaret Young , 1st Term - Secretary



Legionaries in photos:



Quote of the Day From Concillium Bulletin

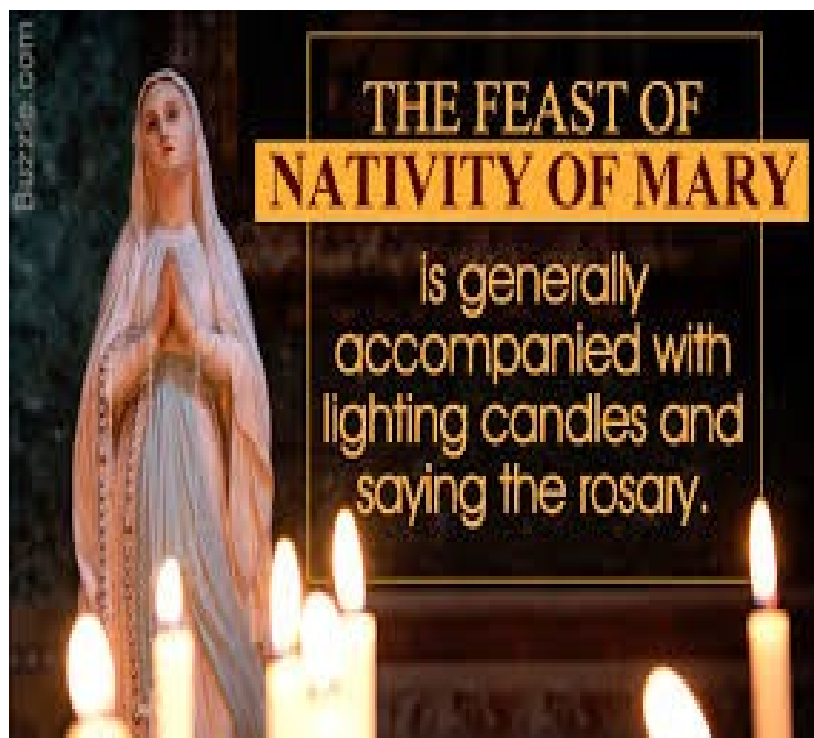
This is, in fact, the most important thing that Christianity has to offer: the possibility of entering into a relationship of friendship with God himself. At the heart of the preaching of the kingdom is the message that God has made himself close in Jesus himself. Jesus is the kingdom, the saving presence of God. The Gospel is Jesus himself, and it embraces all that he is, says and does. The message of the kingdom is fulfilled in the great mystery of Easter, the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, through which we are saved and drawn into a definitive relationship of friendship and sonship with God. Since Easter, the method of evangelisation has essentially been to tell people what we now read in the Gospels about Jesus Christ and his saving work. To evangelise means to acquaint people with Jesus as we come to know him through the Gospels.

Monsignor Joseph Murphy, Secretariate of State, Vatican

What does the Assumption of the Virgin Mary mean?

Assumption of Mary. ...

The **Assumption** of **Mary** into Heaven (often shortened to the **Assumption**) is, according to the beliefs of the Catholic Church, Eastern and Oriental Orthodoxy, as well as parts of Anglicanism, the bodily taking up of the **Virgin Mary** into Heaven at the end of her earthly life.



Birth of Mary

On Our Lady's birthday the Church celebrates the first dawning of redemption with the appearance in the world of the Savior's mother, Mary. The Blessed Virgin occupies a unique place in the history of salvation, and she has the highest mission ever commended to any creature. We rejoice that the Mother of God is our Mother, too. Let us often call upon the Blessed Virgin as "Cause of our joy", one of the most beautiful titles in her litany.

Important Dates & Reminders

1. Frank Duff's Anniversary Mass, Saturday 10th Nov 2018 at St Benedict's 104 Broadway. Chippendale at 9:30am followed by Mass at 10:00 am
2. Country Correspondents' Meeting at 11:00am at The Chaplaincy 150 City Rd. Darlington
3. Senatus Meeting at "The Chaplaincy" 150 City Road, Darlington on Sunday, 28 October 2018 at 1.30 PM
4. Please order stocks via email, phone or letter to Br Ricky Lopez.
Please give an allowance of 2 weeks



Please pray for :

1. The Causes of Frank Duff, Edel Quinn, and Alfie Lambe .
2. For all the sick Legionaries , families and friends specially for the full recovery of Amy Zuschmann.
3. For all the newly ratified and appointed officers.
4. For the success of our LOM building's renovation.

