

Assist in Sacramental Programs. 6 members are Catechist. Lead the rosary before Mass, requiem Masses and funeral services. Lead the Stations of the Cross and adoration. Sacristan duties are carried out in 4 parishes. Sacramental gifts are distributed to the newly baptised and giving our Divine Mercy Novenas. Circulating the rosary statue and provide transport to Mass and Legion functions.

**Comments:** Sr. Gale asked what works the juniors are doing. Br. Lopez said there was no information provided in the report. Sr. Peligrino stated that juniors are distributing miraculous medals. The information was provided in the minutes submitted by the Curia to Senatus.



OLPH presidium Kensington



Volunteers at Working Bee day—Thank you



Father Kenny at Blacktown Com. Congress



Volunteers at Working Bee day- Thank you



Anniversary of 3 Indonesian Presidia

### Important Dates & Reminders



1. All active members are invited to the Sydney Senatus' retreat, 8 September 2018 at St Peter's Church 235 Devonshire St, Surry Hills
2. Next Senatus meeting is on Sunday 26/8, 1:30 p.m at the Chaplaincy, 150 City Road, Darlington.
3. Big Thank You to everyone that help us move things from the Shop.
4. Thank you Joyce, for all the hard work for Senatus, and making time to help Lucy started, our New Secretary .



## Legion of Mary Sydney Senatus Bulletin

May - June 2018

*Please pray the  
Rosary*

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### Pray for Beatification of



*The Servant of  
God  
Frank Duff*



*The Servant of  
God  
Alfie Lambe*



*Venerable  
Edel Quinn*

### Father Givney's Allocutio May 2018

#### Allucutio on Mercy and Understanding

One of the main effects of the Internet is that information is spread rapidly. Gone are the days when groups and people can hide their secrets. We see this in the Church, in governments and also in large corporations. This exposure can be a good thing but at the same time, it can cause us to become cynical and disheartened when we see that our treasured group or Church is far from perfect. The same dynamic can also occur as we get to know people. We can become shocked at their faults and when our projected idol is taken away from us. It is good to remind ourselves that God alone is perfect. As Legionaries we need to cultivate an understanding and merciful attitude towards one another. It is inevitable that the longer you work in a group the more you will see both the positive and negative. The trick is to remain faithful. This also applies to our own spiritual journey to God where we see more clearly that we are far from being saints. The amazing thing about God is that he is willing to put up with so much imperfection in his creation. If God can do it, why do we find it so difficult? If I was master of the universe, and thanks be to God I am not, I would be very tempted to do a total reboot of the whole system. If I did this, however, I would be rebooting myself! It is good to remember that when God is willing to put up with imperfection that part of this patience is his willingness to put up with each one of us. We contribute to this universal imperfection in our own special and particular ways. We can pray to Mary for the grace to remember this truth. Due to our fallen human condition, we cannot avoid missing the mark at times. This requires great patience and understanding on our part especially in our work as Legionaries. I suspect that the biggest threat to the Legion is not from the outside but the members themselves. It is so important that we try and follow the example of Jesus and Mary in their gentle forbearance and understanding.

### Father Givney's Allocutio June 2018

#### Allocutio on Mary Mother of the Church

On the Monday after Pentecost, we celebrated for the first time the feast, Mary Mother of the Church. This feast actually has its roots the New Testament and goes all the way back to St. Augustine and St. Leo the Great. It is a strong reminder for me personally of the importance of true devotion to Mary for all Catholics and its great that as Legionaries one of our main tasks is to spread this devotion. Mary nurtured within herself Jesus and after his death, Mary was present in the upper room as the birth of the Church took place at Pentecost. All of us who exist were given birth by a mother and in the same way, we too have been given birth spiritually by the Church. This spiritual birth reinforces Mary's spiritual motherhood over each one of us since our fait is connected to her initial 'yes' to being the mother of Jesus.

In Australia, many people have lost contact with the Church and perhaps even with God. It is like they are spiritual orphans. We can intercede with Mary and promote devotion to her for these people so that they can connect again with God. The main reason why the Church exists is to bring people closed to God. In the same vein, the main reason that the Legion exists is to do the same thing. The Legion especially utilises the power and intercession of Mary in this process of helping people find God. In our day and age where the Church is under enormous scrutiny and pressure, we can turn to Mary for strength and support. It is indeed a great tragedy that people have lost faith in the Church but Mary can help restore this trust. Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us.



DECREE  
on the celebration  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Mother of the Church  
in the General Roman Calendar  
Monday after Pentecost and be now celebrated every year.

## Reports from April 2018

### **Church Hill - Mother of Mercy Praesidium**

**Work Done:** Door to door visitations. One member is and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Welcome people attending Mass and distributing Mass timetables for the Christmas and Lent to the serviced apartments, inns and hotels in the parish.

**Comment:** Br. Gallagher questioned Br. Lijanto on how long has Church Hill had 2 active members. Answer: 2 years . Discussion were made on how long a praesidium can stay open with only 2 active members. Sr. Lopez stated that the praesidium do good work and has the full support of the parish priest. Senatus will visit with the praesidium and will recommend the continuation of the praesidium after the visitation report. Sr. Zuschman stated that some praesidia have been maintained with 2 members going strong. Sr. Vaughn, a member of Church Hill stated that there has been some interested people wanting to be members but won't continue to be full members and the praesidium did not report that. Sr. Luke commended them in doing work. Sr. Bentancort congratulated them on doing work with 2 members. There has been no recruitment drive in Church Hill the last 6 years.

### **Camperdown - Mother of Our Saviour Praesidium**

**Work Done:** Visitations to the sick . Altar service at St. Josephs Church. Volunteer to staff the CIC shop. Attended Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Joseph's Church. Br. Savini stated that one active member is on leave due to poor health, and one comes irregularly due to work.

**Comments:** Sr. Brown congratulated the praesidium for persisting, stating that we are all struggling with the lack of new members.

## Reports from May 2018

### **Surry Hills Praesidium - Queen of the Universe**

**Work Done:** Door to door, visits to Redfern and Surry Hills parishes. Visitations to nursing homes where the rosary is prayed at the nursing home chapel. Visitation to the McKell Building Housing Commission where the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet are said. This resulted in reuniting a brother and a sister; the brother returned to prayers after 50 years. Catechetical instruction and Auxiliary member follow-ups. Baptism follow-ups and transport to parishioners to Mass. Volunteering in the CIC shop.

**Comment:** Sr. Coombs asked about the work carried in the nursing homes. Sr. Luke replied that Legionaries are now leading the rosaries for 12-14 residents. The residents are now reacquainting themselves with the rosary and other prayers. They are also praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

### **Kensington Praesidium - Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

**Work Done:** Visitations to hospitals, nursing homes and homes of the elderly. Visitations to the new catechumen, the newly baptised and the recently bereaved. Auxiliary member visits are also made. Circulate the rosary statue and praying the rosary in home. Saying the rosary prior to Mass. Church Ministry (Wardens and choir members). Volunteering in the CIC shop. Assisting in Legion recruitment. Works of Service: Cleaning the chapel in Penrose Park and cutting hair of the elderly nuns and residents of the Little Sister of the Poor in Randwick.

**Comments:** Sr. Morandarte congratulated Br. Ujong on having a healthy praesidium and their Legion work. She then questioned the length of their meeting considering the number of reports to be made. Meetings are usually 90 minutes at times longer. There was talk of splitting the praesidium but the members are not keen on being divided. Sr. Lopez stated that half the members are elderly and the younger members provide transport to the meetings. Sr. Chung questioned the spiritual input given when cutting hair. Sr. Permadi replied that she usually cuts the hair of elderly nuns and priests for free. It is a work of service. Sr. Coombs asked why there was a recruitment in Artamon without her knowledge. Br. Ujong stated that he would investigate the matter.

### **Cabramatta Curia - Our Lady of Good Counsel**

**Work Done:** Visitations to homes, hospitals, nursing homes, recently bereaved families and auxiliary members. Door to door visitations. Distribution of Catholic literature, rosaries, Miraculous Medals and Maria Legionis. Teach catechises and assist in Baptism, Eucharistic and Confirmation classes. Take Holy Communion to the sick and elderly, and attending funeral Masses. Circulate the 11 rosary statues and volunteer to staff the CIC shop.

**Junior Work Done:** Serving at Mass, distribute Miraculous Medals and holy pictures. Recruiting new active members. They have gospel discussions, learn about saints lives. They report helping out with household chores and the parish after Mass.

**Comments:** Br. Links congratulated the curia for the active work of the Junior members. Br. Arranz question why not all praesidia in the Curia are not circulating the Rosary Statue. Sr. Morandarte conceded the point and state she will encourage the circulation of the rosary statue in her Curia. At the urging of their spiritual director their work is more focussed on hospital visitations. Their rosary statue is circulated among the members of the praesidium. Br. Esber asked Sr. Morandarte about their sympathy calls. She answered that members will visit and pray with the bereaved families at the request of the parish priest, this work is mainly done with the Vietnamese praesidia. Sr. Coombs stated the importance of doing sympathy visits because it leaves a lasting impression and Sr. Morandarte informed the body that the curia has managed to recruit a new members following a sympathy call.

### **Campbelltown Curia - Our Lady Queen of Peace**

**Work Done:** Door to door. Visitations to homes, nursing homes and rosary visits. Distribute Miraculous Medals, leaflets 'Why Mass' and rosaries beads. Circulate the 5 rosary statues. Distribute Baptism certificates.

**Comments:** Sr. Morandarte their current balance of more than \$3000.00; whether it was brought forward. Br. Esber stated that it was the aim of every praesidium and council to be financially viable but the HB states that excess funds should be sent to the higher council. Sr. Fernandes disagrees that curia funds are in excess. Sr. Zuschman added that \$3000.00 of that money was from Br. Lionel's book barrow which was not reflected on their financial statement; it should be because the book barrow is no longer functional. Sr. Lopez explained to Campbelltown Curia that the body would be

very happy if the curia would be more generous in their contributions to Senatus. Sr. Lopez asked Br. Gregory (Curia President) for comment. He answered that the matter will be discussed at the next Curia meeting.

### **Bathurst Curia - Our Lady of Good Counsel**

**Work Done:** Visitations to homes. hospitals, nursing homes and recruitment villages. 2 Members are catechists in state schools. 1 member is an Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion. Attend Masses at nursing homes and help distribute Holy Communion. Rosaries are said at funeral Masses. Rosaries are said regularly for the Pope's intentions, and vocations. Transportation is provided to Mass, meetings and Dr. Appointments. One member has made over 1200 rosaries for the missions.

**Comments:** Br. Cilia asked how many praesidia where in the Curia. Sr. Zuschman that no information was provided in the report but she stated they had 3 praesidia with 12 members. Br. Cilia stated they were doing pretty well. Sr. Zore thanked and commended all country correspondents for the extra work that they did. Sr. Chung asked Sr. Zuschman to remind them that to always refer to them as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion rather than Eucharistic Ministers.

## Reports from June 2018

### **Normanhurst Curia - Mother of Our Creator**

**Work Done:** 455 home visitations encouraging them to return to Sacraments, confessions and Mass resulting in 2 people returning to the church. Caring for the new parishioners. 147 visitations to the sick at homes, hospitals and nursing homes. Visitations to the bereaved families and funeral Masses. Actively recruit for both active and auxiliary members. Introducing the Catholic religion to 25 people and 5 people registering for 6-month catechesis class. Promotion and distribution of rosaries, attending neighbourhood meetings and prayer groups. Provide transport 373 times for the elderly.

**Comments:** Sr. Burns stated that she was envious of their numbers and the work they do; they covered so much ground and it was a wonderful report. Br. Cilia stated is was very good that they did so many home visitations. Sr. was asked to comment of the transport that they do since it was a common problem for people not go to Mass due to lack of transport. Sr. replied the Legionaries provide transport from the station to the church since it is a fair distance away. Sr. Luke congratulated them on the curia having good numbers.

### **Broadway Praesidium - Mary of Nazareth**

**Work Done:** Door to door visitations, special visits, visits to Auxiliary members. Volunteer at the CIC shop weekly, pray the rosary and the Divine Mercy Novena at the shop. Miraculous medals, rosaries and other sacramentals are distributed. 1-member orders stock for the CIC shop, and 1 member leads the rosary before Mass. Members assisted at the recruitment for the Church Hill praesidium. 2 Members assisted in the 'Marriage Enrichment' seminars regularly.

**Comment:** Sr. Luke commended them on the work well done; it covers most of the work carried out in the city. Sr. Zore stated that the report was very good in showing the importance of perseverance. We should never give up on our attempts. Br. Cilia suggested that we share stories about our visitations in our reports. Sr. Chung reiterated again that we refer to them as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and getting the room ready for meetings does not count as active work. Legion active work should be apostolic. Sr. Burns questioned the schedule of the rosary statue; with regards as to the length of stay with families. Sr. McRae answered the length of time varied according to the situation.

### **North Ryde Praesidium - Spouse of the Holy Spirit**

**Work Done:** Visitations to the sick and the elderly. Newly baptised babies are presented with a rosary and Miraculous Medals. Rosary statue is circulated and members pray with them. Sympathy visits are also made. Assisting the parish priest in the monthly nursing home visit and pray the rosary with the residents. Volunteer at the CIC shop. Members lead the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Easter Mass timetables were distributed to 5 hotels and a caravan park. 3 members attended the Child Protection Training talk.

**Comments:** Br. Cilia commended them on a good report. Sr. Luke also commended them on their work despite their number and then congratulated Sr. Mariola on her 15<sup>th</sup> year of being a catechist.

### **Maitland-Newcastle Curia - Our Lady of Fatima**

**Work Done:** No report from the curia tendered so Sr. Zuschman provide a summary. The curia has 5 praesidia. Their works include visitations to shut-in, the sick and the bereaved. Circulate the rosary statue. They led the rosary prior to Mass. Holy Communion is taken to the sick, housebound, nursing homes and hospitals. They will be visited by the Senatus in August. Funeral Ministry.

**Comments:** Br. Cilia commended them on their work. Sr. Annette questioned their funeral ministry work. Sr. Zuschman replied that they help the families settle down, distribute leaflets and look after them whilst they are in the church. Sr. Zore questioned if they are planning to have a recruitment and extension at Port Stephen and other parishes. Sr. Zuschman replied she would mention it on their next correspondence.

### **Newtown Praesidium - Queen of Peace**

**Work Done:** Regular visitations to the sick and elderly in homes, nursing homes and hospitals. Visits to auxiliary members are also done. Lead the rosary prior to Mass and organise the prayer of the rosary for those parishioners who have passed away. Carried out recruitment drive last March.

**Comment:** Sr. Permadi questioned the results of their recruitment drive. Br. Martin answered they recruited 2 new auxiliary members both who have unfortunately chosen not to continue. Sr. Luke praised them in their work of encouraging the rosary because people forget or are not interested in saying their prayers these days. Sr. Vaughn questioned if they recruited any active members. Br. Martin answered they recruited one member but also lost one during the reporting period.

### **Murwillumbah Curia - Our Lady of Grace**

**Work Done:** Home visitations and the distribution of Miraculous Medals. Visitations to hospitals, the sick in their homes and the bereaved. Auxiliary members where contacted. 9 Members are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.