



Legion of Mary

Senatus of Sydney

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Fr Ben Saliba

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The Legion of Mary Senatus of Sydney welcomes our new Spiritual Director Fr Benjamin Saliba. We thank you for your generosity in guiding the Legion of Mary.

May our good Lord continue to bless you in your ministry.

There is so much to do with life and death in our scriptures this weekend. Spiritual life and death, physical life and death. To begin, the prophet Ezekiel speaks of the opening of graves and the raising of the dead to new life through the spirit that will be put in them from God. We must never underestimate the power of the Spirit in our lives. It is what gives life to our souls, and therefore it is what our souls long for as the psalm speaks of today – my soul is waiting for the Lord – I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord like watchman count on daybreak.

This is why in Romans it is said that people who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Those who deny the spirit, who deny God and his goodness are ultimately rejecting a relationship with Him and therefore do not have life in them. Those who embrace God, welcome the spirit that is the life-giving force of the soul, allow God to make His home in them. People like this, even though they sin and can often times be cut off from a relationship with God are quick to reconcile to God through the sacrament of confession.

This can only be made possible through the lifesaving action of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. The saving power of God is best seen in our Gospel today. This is quite possibly the greatest of Jesus' miracles – the raising of Lazarus from the dead. It is as though this miracle is the straw that breaks the camel's back for the Jews. It is the one thing that Jesus does that provokes the Jewish opposition to him that will lead to his death. Healing a deaf or blind person, multiplying loaves and fishes, walking on water etc were bearable – but to raise a person from the dead? This had even more people start to follow him and look at him as more than just a prophet.

If you want to be even more prepared for the climax of this Lent – this Gospel is the one that will prepare us for Holy Week. So the obvious question becomes, why on earth did Jesus wait 2 days before tending to Lazarus. Martha herself says 'Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' People believed in Jesus ability to heal, but to raise someone on the fourth day – four days meant Lazarus was well and truly dead – would be something that truly solidifies the apostles belief – the belief of the people. The people who were not impressed were the high priests – the pharisees. Tensions were specifically high around this time of Passover because Jews were always anticipating the coming of the messiah around Passover time. The Messiah was there and they didn't want to admit it – they didn't want the people to believe it and so this one man, Jesus Christ needed to be crucified so they could continue to control the people and their religious customs.

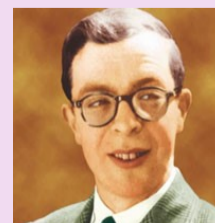


Legion of Mary
Founded 7 September 1921

**Pray for
Beatification of:**



Frank Duff



Alfie Lamb



Edel Quinn

This was not news to Jesus – for this is why he came – by his action of raising Lazarus from the dead, it would mean this event would be the beginning of the end. The persecution was a means to his crucifixion and death so that he could reconcile all of us to the Father in heaven. The person Jesus raises from the dead is his good friend Lazarus – not a stranger, not an enemy, but a man he loves. Jesus, knowing he was going to the cross, raises

Lazarus from the dead and in doing so will eventually lay his life down for Lazarus at the hands of the Jews. In the scriptures Jesus says – greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. By

giving Lazarus life, Jesus is going to be killed – he is living out this teaching – there is no greater love than this.

In Jesus' passion death and resurrection, we as the children of God become Justified. This is sometimes where our protestant brothers and sisters get confused. Some of us Catholics get confused and think that because

Jesus died for us we are automatically saved should we believe in him. It is possible to lose this salvation – this is why we as Catholics do not use the language “saved” – rather we say we have been “justified” as we hear it in Romans today – which means that the relationship with God has been made right again – Jesus has now made it possible for us to share in God's love for eternity in heaven - but we must always remember it is possible to lose this. The way we can get it back is by going to confession – to confess your sins, do penance and to try and not sin again. This sacrament of God's great mercy gives us an opportunity to say sorry – it is not possible to just say sorry to God on your own – if this is your mentality you are not thinking with the Church and what she teaches – Jesus institutes the sacrament of reconciliation for us to use. To not use it is to deny you are a sinner or to say I don't believe in the sacrament. More on that in the coming months through our Adult faith formation.

We must remember my brothers and sisters that as we approach this Holy Week – it is the Lord we must seek – not our own strength, or reliance on another person. We must seek out the Lord because it is through Him that we find forgiveness – and once we have found it and have been healed – it is the Spirit that will live in us, it is the spirit that will shine through us and help us and others believe Jesus when he says –

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE; HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME, THOUGH HE DIE, YET SHALL HE LIVE; AND WHOEVER LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME SHALL NEVER DIE.



A Very Glorious and Blessed Easter to one and all !

We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever. Amen.

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF March 2023

1. Queen of Martyrs Korean Comitium Silverwater

Work:

Visiting the sick and elderly in home, nursing homes, retirement villages and hospitals. Contacting non-believers and other faiths, classes and 32

were baptized. 27 infant baptized. Confirmation was recommended, and 130 people received the sacrament.

Recruited 32 active members and 25 Auxiliary members.

Encouraged lapsed Catholics, 45 returned to the faith. Support for Mass preparation and church community service.

Funeral attendance and consolation and visits to the bereaved members.

Aftercare of newly baptized and new parishioners. Transport provided to and from church. Church clean up.

2. Queen Of The Rosary Vietnamese C—Revesby

Work:

Weekly visiting patients at these hospitals: Liverpool, Bankstown, Fairfield, and Braeside Fairfield.

- Visiting patients at their home and people at nursing homes: Marrickville, Canley Vale and AVACS (nursing home) Smithfield.
- Visiting families of Active and Auxiliary members. Cleaning up churches
- Helping non-religious to convert to Catholics Special works.
- Training for Council members on 25th June 2022

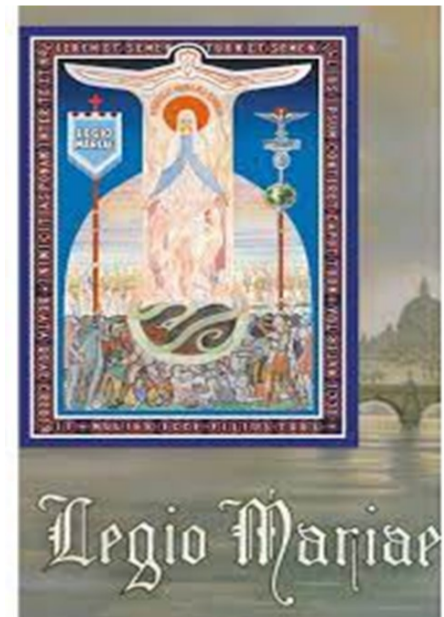
Established New Praesidium Our Lady of Sorrows on 18th September 2022 with 25 members



LEGION HANDBOOK REVISITED

THE PATRONS OF THE LEGION

1. ST. JOSEPH—19 March (Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary) and 1 May (St Joseph the worker)
2. ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST—27 December Feast day
3. ST. LOUIS-MARIE DE MONTFORT—28 April Feast day
4. ST. MICHAEL ARCHANGEL— 29 September for all the Archangels
5. ST. GABRIEL ARCHANGEL
6. ST. RAPHAEL
7. THE HEAVENLY POWERS, MARY'S LEGION OF ANGELS - 19 August and
8. GUARDIAN ANGELS - 2 October
8. ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST—24 June (Nativity) and 29 August (Martyrdom)
9. ST. PETER and ST PAUL—29 June (Feast day)





Big Congratulations to all our Korean brothers and sisters. We also welcome the new Spiritual Director Fr Back Hyun. Paul.



One of the brothers attended the Acies with the other 25 members in the Illawara Curia



Great attendance at the Acies done by the Blacktown Comitium. As always we thank Fr Alan for his support and Fr Gilbert for the juniors.

“ I am all yours my Queen and My Mother and all that I have is yours “

Our brothers and Sisters from Brisbane Comitium had their Acies at St Patrick’s church . Thank you to every legionary for making the occasion a huge success.



Born in [Kanturk, County Cork](#), Edel Mary Quinn was the eldest child of bank official Charles Quinn and Louisa Burke Browne of [County Clare](#). She was a great-granddaughter of William Quinn, a native of [Tyrone](#) who settled in [Tuam](#) to build St. Mary's Cathedral. The spelling of her name was inspired by the [edelweiss](#) flower. Her parents had intended to name her Adele but the priest who baptized her thought they meant to call her after the flower and baptized her Edelweiss, which was shortened to Edel.^{[1] [2]}



During her childhood, her father's career brought the family to various towns in Ireland, including Tralee, Co. Kerry, where a plaque was unveiled in May 2009 at Bank Of Ireland House in Denny Street commemorating her residence there between 1921 and 1924. Quinn attended the Presentation Convent in the town between 1921-1925.

Quinn felt a call to religious life at a young age. She wished to join the [Poor Clares](#) but was prevented by advanced [tuberculosis](#).^[3] After spending eighteen months in a [sanatorium](#), her condition unchanged, she decided to become active in the [Legion of Mary](#), which she joined in [Dublin](#) at age 20. She gave herself completely to its work in the form of helping the poor in the slums of a place called Dublin.

In 1936, at age 29 and dying of [tuberculosis](#), Quinn became a Legion of Mary Envoy, a very active missionary to East and Central Africa,^[4] departing in December 1936 for [Mombasa](#). Quinn settled in Nairobi having been told by Bishop Hefferan that this was the most convenient base for her work. By the outbreak of [World War II](#), she was working as far off as [Dar es Salaam](#) and [Mauritius](#). In 1941, she was admitted to a sanatorium near Johannesburg.^[3] Fighting her illness, in seven and a half years she established hundreds of Legion branches and councils in today's [Tanzania](#), [Kenya](#), [Uganda](#),^[5] [Malawi](#), and [Mauritius](#). J.J. McCarthy, later [Bishop](#) of [Zanzibar](#) and Archbishop of Nairobi, wrote of her:

"Miss Quinn is an extraordinary individual; courageous, zealous and optimistic. She wanders around in a dilapidated [Ford](#), having for sole companion an African driver. When she returns home she will be qualified to speak about the Missions and Missionaries, having really more experience than any single Missionary I know."
All this time her health was never good, and in 1943 she took a turn for the worse, dying in [Nairobi](#), Kenya of tuberculosis on 12 May 1944.^[4] She is buried there in the Missionaries' Cemetery.

Attention !

All Active and Auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary...

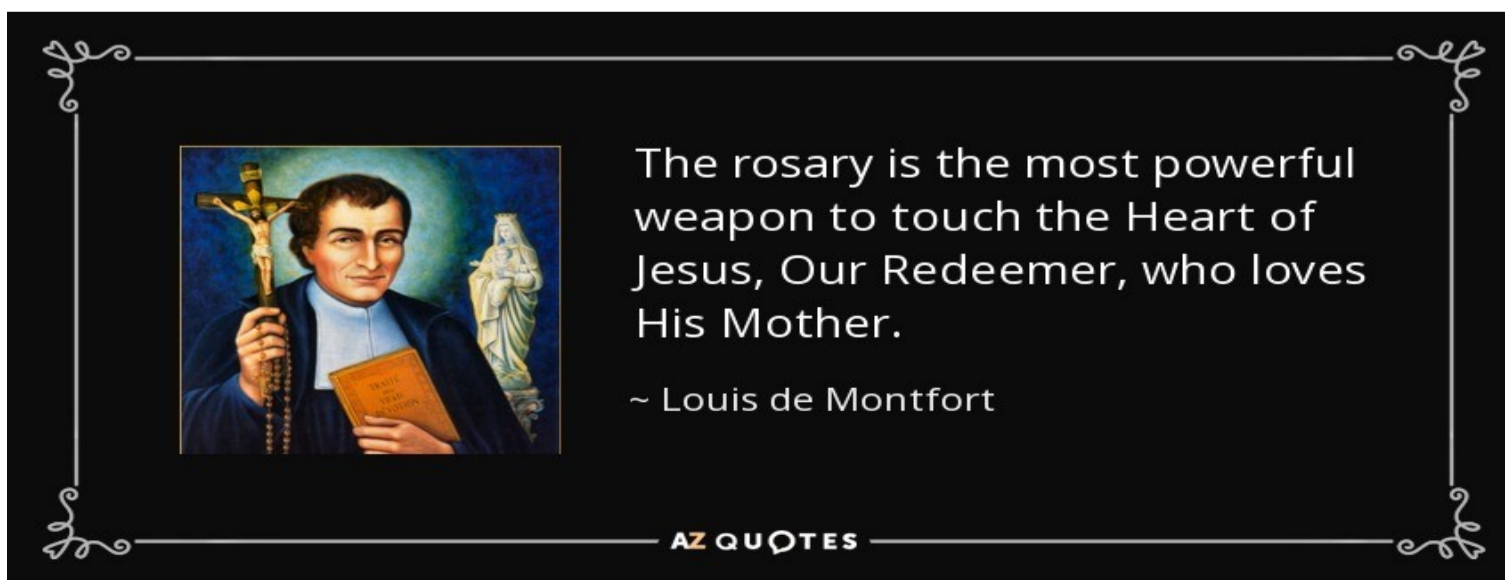
You are all invited to celebrate the Comemoration of the death of Venerable Edel Quinn on 13 May, 2023 at Our Lady of Rosary Parish, Kensington, 4 Roma Avenue, Kensington. Opening Prayers at 10:30 and Mass at 11:00 am.



Saint Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort, (born Jan. 31, 1673, Montfort-sur-Meu, Fr.—died April 28, 1716, St. Laurent-sur-Sèvre; canonized 1947; feast day April 28), French priest who promoted the devotion to the Virgin Mary and who founded the religious congregations of the Daughters of Wisdom and the Company of Mary (Montfort Fathers).

Ordained priest in 1700 at Paris, Montfort went to the French town of Nantes as a rural preacher and then to Poitiers, where he reorganized a hospital for the poor and began the Daughters of Wisdom, a congregation dedicated to the care of needy children and the sick. In 1705 he founded the Montfort Fathers to continue his mission and retreat work and to spread devotion to Mary. Named apostolic missionary for France (1706) by Pope Clement XI, he spent the rest of his life preaching parish missions in western France.

Montfort is well known for his True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin, which teaches that devotion to Mary is the best means of attaining union with Christ. The discovery in 1842 of True Devotion gave the Montfort Fathers considerable impetus: in 1853 they were raised to the status of a pontifical congregation, and Montfort's beatification in 1888 reinforced the congregation's international expansion.



Mass and Acies Ceremony last Saturday, March 25, 2023 At meeting hall of the Diocese - Lecidere in Dili – Timor Leste



O Mother of Good Counsel, obtain for us from your Divine Son a great love of virtue, and, in the hour of uncertainty and trial, the strength to embrace the way that leads to our salvation. Amen.



Getting Started to the Divine Mercy Sunday - Sunday after Easter Sunday 16/04/2023

The basics to help you make steps and strides in faith.

We begin to prepare in Lent for our celebration of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday as the eighth day of thanksgiving (the Octave Day). During this season, we especially make an effort to: 1. Perform works of mercy. 2. Spend more time in prayer. 3. Do penances. 4. Give alms. 5. Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Novena to The Divine Mercy can be particularly helpful in our preparations. 6. Many souls also benefit from doing more spiritual reading during Lent. You might consider materials on Divine Mercy. See related materials. 7. Keep in mind that, to fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should: 8. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter. 9. Sincerely repent of all our sins. 10. Place our complete trust in Jesus. 11. Go to Confession, preferably before that Sunday.

12. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast. 13. Venerate* the Image of The Divine Mercy.

13. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

*To venerate a sacred image or statue simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents — in this case, our Most Merciful Savior. At the Hour of Great Mercy — the three o'clock hour. The Chaplet can be said anytime, but the Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena. He promised, "By this Novena (of Chaplets), I will grant every possible grace to souls." Intentions For each of the nine days, our Lord gave Saint Faustina a different intention: All mankind, especially sinners; the souls of priests and religious; all devout and faithful souls; those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Jesus; the souls who have separated themselves from the Church; the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children; the souls who especially venerate and glorify His mercy; the souls detained in purgatory; and souls who have become lukewarm. "I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death" (Diary, 1209).

What You Can Do? You, too, can make a novena of prayer for these intentions and others, especially by praying the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy or by participating in our current novena and go to the link :

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>

Friendly Reminders 

1. March Senatus Meeting will be Sunday, 23 April 2023 and May Senatus Meeting will be Sunday, 28 May 2023
2. We need more volunteers for the CIC shop.
3. Soft copy of reports to be sent to Sr Lucy W a week before the Senatus Meeting . Email: lucy.rossi@hotmail.com

Please put your orders to Br Ricky Lopez (text order to: 0409127842 or email to: [Sydney Senatus](mailto:Sydney_Senatus) or rickypez1@gmail.com) on the updated and latest version of The Legion of Mary Hand book and your stock orders too.

Please pray for:

1. The causes of Frank Duff, Edel Quinn, and Alfie Lambe .
2. For all the sick Legionaries, families and friends
3. For all the newly ratified and appointed officers, all the sick and deceased legionaries, and all active and auxiliary members



Annual Acies of the Senatus of Sydney celebrated in Holy Spirit Parish, North Ryde. Thank you to Fr Stan Kluk for celebrating the mass. and the North Ryde Praesidium for hosting and Ryde Praesidium for catering.