



# Legion of Mary

## Senatus of Sydney

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**Sr Lucy Waty**

**Allocutio - The weekly meetings hold great importance for a Legionary**

In the Legion's Handbook Chapter 11 Section 5; pages 84-85 "Presidium's Weekly Meeting," it's highlighted that before ascending to Heaven, Jesus gave His disciples a task ("go and make disciples of all nations...") and promised the Holy Spirit as their helper. Subsequently, the disciples returned to the city, gathered in the upper room where they stayed, and prayed with Mary.

During His crucifixion, Jesus entrusted Mary to His disciples as their Mother, and they accepted her, turning to her just as one confides and discusses matters with their parents, especially their mother, during gatherings. These gatherings involved sharing concerns (because Jesus had departed), discussing tasks and the Holy Spirit. In all this, Mary became their focal point.

The weekly meetings serve as a remembrance of the disciples' experiences during those events. Similarly, during our baptism, we receive tasks from Jesus, and as Legionaries, we have our duties. Our actions mirror the disciples': gathering every week around Mary, engaging in discussions, and praying together. Jesus is also present, as the scripture says, "where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

"Legio" means legion or army, and we, the Legionaries, are a trained force preparing for a mission to spread Mary's grace. The weekly meetings serve as preparation, with two crucial aspects:

**Assignments:** These meetings train our unity and discipline, assigning tasks aimed at pleasing God and purifying ourselves. Reporting and evaluating these tasks are crucial to recognizing God's grace and support from Mary and the Holy Spirit in our endeavors.

**Development:** The Legion's goal is God's glory through the sanctity of its members. Sanctity is attained not just through actions but through development. These meetings offer enrichment through prayers, spiritual readings, and discussions, while the assigned tasks serve as challenges for growth.

These meetings are comprehensive, balanced, and greatly enrich us as Legionaries. It's apt to consider these gatherings as the heart, source of energy, and even a treasure trove for Legionaries. Like Mass is an obligation for Catholics, these meetings are a necessity for Legionaries. Just as we cannot fully go through a week without the Eucharist's blessings, as Legionaries, we cannot grow in holiness or fulfill our duties effectively without these weekly gatherings.

May we always appreciate every opportunity, maintaining enthusiasm and discipline in our weekly meetings, so that together, we continue to grow stronger in our actions and presence as Legionaries.

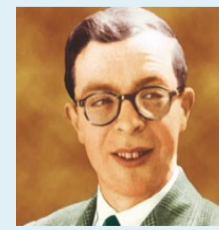


Legion of Mary  
Founded 7 September 1921

**Pray for  
Beatification of:**



Frank Duff



Alfie Lamb



Edel Quinn

## REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023

### 1. Our Lady of Lourdes, Cabramatta Curia.

#### Active work:

- Distribution of prayer cards, rosary beads, miraculous medals
- Visitation of auxiliary members, elderly and sick parishioners, home to home visitation, nursing home and retirement village
- Bringing of communion to the sick and elderly
- Teaching of Scripture to seven primary schools and one high school
- Circulation of nine statues to auxiliary members and parishioners and pray the rosary with them
- Two praesidia assigned by the parish priest to lead the adoration and prayers before the Blessed Sacrament
- Man the CIC shop and piety stalls in parishes
- Members of a praesidium spoke to people they meet to promote the Legion and ask them to join

### 2. Immaculate Conception, Cathedral.

#### Active work:

- Work in CIC shop
- Visit hospital, distribute Miraculous Medals, prayer cards, Rosary beads and pray with patients
- Census and recruitment for St Joseph Camperdown

### Senatus Of Sydney Election —17 December 2023

Congratulations and a big thank you to Sr Josefina (Jojo) and Sr Mariaty (Acu)!!



Sr Jojo's contribution and dedication to the cause of the Legion is undeniable, we are very happy that she is able to continue for the second term as the Senatus Vice President.



Sr Acu has just finished her second term as Senatus Treasurer. Thank you Sr for taking the role of Senatus Assistant Secretary. We appreciate everything that you have done for the Legion.



#### Please pray for:

1. The causes of Frank Duff, Edel Quinn and Alfie Lambe.
2. For all the sick or departed Legionaries, families and friends.
3. For all the newly ratified and appointed officers, and also all the active and auxiliary members.
4. For conversion of sinners, victim of natural and other calamities, all children of the world, poor and dejected in the community, poor souls in purgatory and those asking for our prayers.

## The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God — January 1

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a liturgical celebration observed on January 1st. It is a holy day of obligation for Catholics, meaning that Mass attendance is required (though the Mass obligation is sometimes waived by the bishop for various reasons; when in doubt, check with your parish.)

The use of the word "Solemnity" here is a designation used for certain days within the liturgical (church-based) calendar of the Church. Solemnities are the highest rank of liturgical celebration, higher than feast days or memorials. By celebrating a solemnity dedicated to Mary's motherhood, the Church highlights the significance of her part in the life of Jesus, and emphasizes that He is both human and divine.

Jesus' nature as both and equally human and divine is something we may take for granted today. But back in the early days of the church, this dogma of our faith was hotly debated. In 431 A.D. during the Council of Ephesus, the title of "Mary Mother of God," in Greek "Theotokus," was defended and defined against the heresy of Nestorius. Nestorius, Bishop of Constantinople, refuted the title of "Theotokus" claiming that Christ had two loosely united natures, and therefore, Mary was only the mother of the human part of Him.

Catholic theologians rejected this claim, and defined that Christ indeed has two natures, a divine nature and a human nature definitely united in one divine person, and since Christ's two natures form one single person, Mary is the mother of the whole Person of Christ.

Therefore, Mary can be properly called "Mother of God," not in the sense that she came before God or is the source of God, but in the sense that the Person that she bore in her womb is indeed true God and true man.

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God falls exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christmas. It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ.

When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human.

Calling Mary "mother of God" is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace."

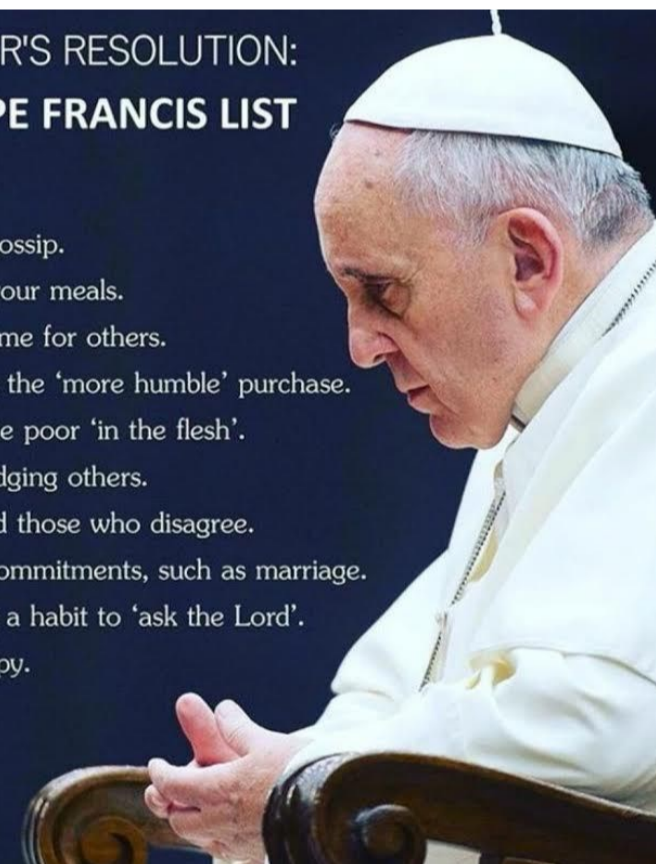


### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: THE POPE FRANCIS LIST

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh'.
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'.
10. Be happy.

*Paradiso*

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1. Alfie Lambe Mass Saturday, 6 January 2024. Venue: Legion Rooms at 10:30 am .
2. January Senatus Meeting will be **Sunday, 28 January 2024** and February 2024 Senatus Meeting will be **Sunday, 25 February 2024**.
3. Reporting For January 2024 ( Meeting no 728): Blacktown Comitium, Illawarra Curia, Surry Hills Praesidium, Enmore Praesidium (Queen of Apostles), North Ryde Praesidium, Timor Leste Comitium, Terrigal/Wyong Praesidium.
4. We need more volunteers for the CIC shop. **Text 0431 718 137**.
5. Soft copy of reports to be sent to Secretary (Sr Gabrielle) a week before the Senatus Meeting.  
**Email:SecretarySenatusSyd@gmail.com**
6. Please put your orders to Br Ricky Lopez ( **text order to: 0409 127 842** or **email to: lomsenatus@bigpond.com** on the updated and latest version of The Legion of Mary Hand book and your stock orders too.



The Servant of God, Alphonse Lambe, (known as Alfie) was born in Tullamore, Ireland on the feast of St. John the Baptist, Friday, 24th June 1932, during the International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin.

Like St. John he was a precursor - the precursor of the Legion of Mary, which Pope Paul VI described as "the greatest movement which has been established for the good of souls since the era of the great religious orders". After spending a period of his youth in the novitiate of the Irish Christian Brothers, which he had to leave because of delicate health, he found his vocation in the Legion of Mary, and was appointed Envoy in 1953. With Seamus Grace, he left for Bogota, Columbia on the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel 16th July of that year.

For almost six years he worked ceaselessly in promoting the Legion of Mary in Columbia, Argentina, Ecuador, Uruguay and Brazil. After a short but grave illness he died in Buenos Aires on the feast of St. Agnes, 21st January 1959.

God had bestowed on him great natural gifts, a personality which attracted souls to the service and love of God, an infectious enthusiasm, and a facility for learning languages, which enabled him to rapidly attain fluency in Spanish and Portuguese.

During his years in South America he set up a great number of branches of the Legion of Mary, and trained a multitude in the apostolate of the Legion. His devotion to Mary was outstanding, and in contacts with Legionaries and others he explained and urged the practice of the True Devotion to Our Lady.

He is buried in the vault of the Irish Christian Brothers, in the Recoleta Cemetery, Buenos Aires.

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On the 17th January 2020 the Ordinary Congress of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints has appointed Mons. Brosele Gavila José Jaime as Relator for the Cause of Alfie Lambe.

Work on the Positio will now commence under his guidance.

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### Prayers for the Beatification of Servant of God Alfie Lambe

O God, who by your infinite mercy inflamed the heart of your servant, Alphonse Lambe with an ardent love for you and for Mary, our Mother; a love which revealed itself in a life of intense labour, prayer and sacrifice for the salvation of souls, grant, if it be your will, that we may obtain, by his intercession, what we cannot obtain by our own merits. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen

*(With ecclesiastical approval)*

THE LEGION OF MARY SENATUS OF SYDNEY INVITES ALL ACTIVE AND AUXILIARY MEMBERS.  
IN REMEMBERING SERVANT OF GOD ALFIE LAMBE  
WHERE: IMMACULATA HOUSE  
243 BROADWAY, GLEBE  
JANUARY | SATURDAY, 6 JAN 2024  
OPENING PRAYERS AT 10:30AM & MASS AT 11AM  
CELEBRANT : FR. Renante Sentillas MI.  
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