



# Legion of Mary

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Sr. Lucy Waty

**Strengthening Our Church Community and Bringing Mary to the World.**

Today, we reflect on our mission to bring Mary to the world and strengthen our church community through teamwork. As members of the Legion of Mary, we have a unique role in promoting the spirit of Mary and working closely with our priests to build a vibrant parish.

By introducing Mary to everyone

As a Legionary, we surely know who Mary is. We should feel proud to have Mother Mary as our own mother.

Anyone who asks for a specific grace from Jesus, her son, in prayer with Mary, will surely have their prayers answered because we are all Mary's children.

Do we truly love Mary with all our heart and soul?

There are many ways to show this; one way is to bravely bring her and introduce her to everyone.

We should neither be afraid nor ashamed to talk about Mary. We can also pray the Rosary in turns, moving from house to house with the statue of Mother Mary. This activity is also very good, as it can awaken faith in children and involve the whole family in preparing their homes to welcome Mary into their lives.

As sons and daughters of Mary, and as Legionaries, our duty is to bring Mary to the world so that the world may recognize that Mary is the mother of Jesus.

Reflecting on Mary's role in our lives reminds us of the deep connection we have with her as the Mother of Christ and our spiritual mother. Mary's total surrender to God's will is a model for us, showing the blessings that come from faith and obedience.

God blessed her abundantly.

Her presence in the world, entrusted by Jesus himself, invites us to act as carriers of His spirit, spreading the virtues of love, humility, and compassion.

As Legionaries, when we introduce Mary to others and speak openly about her, we are not just sharing her story; we invite others into a life-changing relationship. The practice of moving the statue of Mary from house to house is not merely a ritual; it is a physical representation of inviting Mary into our daily living spaces, making her a crucial part of our families and communities.

In today's world, where many feel isolated or distant from spiritual life, our role in bringing Mary into their lives is more important than ever. Through our love and devotion to Mary, we can bring Christ's light to those seeking meaning and fellowship.

Let us recommit to living in devotion to Mary not only with words but also through our actions and the love we share with others.

Let us strive to do our best, because every person is important in the eyes of God. Remember the parable of the Lost Sheep, and many other stories that teach us about boundless care and love.

We are called to lead in faith and bring peace to our surroundings, strengthening our parish as a community united by the Eucharist and devoted to Mary.

This is how we truly honor her and fulfill our role as her children. We all know that "the best is yet to come," and that our actions on earth contribute to building our eternity.

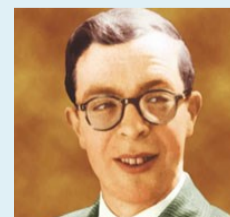
Amen.



Pray for  
Beatification of :



*The Servant of God*  
**Frank Duff**



*The Servant of God*  
**Alfie Lambe**



*Venerable*  
**Edel Quinn**

## REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2024

### 1. Korean/Normanhurst Curia (Mother of Our Creator) - active work:

- Caring for fellow parishioners 155
- Caring for those in need 577
- working Bee, Preparations for the Church event 281
- Hosting & Attending the Small Christian Community 226
- Transportation service for parishioners 235
- Attendance at weekday Mass 2,301
- The Rosary prayer 103,625

### 2. Marayong Praesidium (Maria Queen of Heaven) - active work:

- Visit elderly at their house, nursing home and aged care communities and hospitals
- Invite Catholic families to join Legion of Mary
- Catechism
- Teaching Sunday school
- Lead Rosary prayers

### 3. Churchill Praesidium (Mother of Mercy) - active work:

- CIC shop
- Serving food to the homeless
- Catechism
- Visit elderly at their home, distribute miraculous medals and prayer card

### 4. Tamworth Praesidium (Mary Mother of the Church) - active work:

- Making Rosary beads
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the housebound and nursing home
- Teaching scripture weekly
- Home visitation



1. Retreat Saturday, 6 July 2024 at 10:00am
2. July Senatus Meeting will be Sunday, 28 July 2024 at 1:30pm
3. Reporting for Sunday, 28 July 2024 (Meeting no 734): Blacktown Comitium, Illawarra Curia, Surry Hills P, Enmore P (Queen of Apostles), North Ryde Praesidium, Timor Leste C, Terrigal /Wyong P
4. Preparation, catering and clean up: Enmore (Queen of Apostles), Surry Hills -President
5. Soft copy of reports to be sent to Secretary (Sr Gabrielle) a week before the Senatus Meeting at  
**Email: SecretarySenatusSyd@gmail.com**
5. Reporting for Sunday, 25 August 2024 ( Meeting No 735) : Inner West C, Marrickville C, Enmore Queen Off Angel ,Mascot P, Ryde/Gladesville P, Canberra/Goulburn Curia.
6. Preparation, catering and clean up: Mascot, Ryde /Gladesville-Asst Treasurer
7. Please put your orders to Senatus on the updated and latest version of The Legion of Mary Hand book and your stock orders to the Assistant Treasurer (Br Edmund B) at  
**Email: AssistTreasurerSenatusSyd@gmail.com**

## **Tips for Staying Inspired as a Legionnaire**

As we continue our journey of service, here are some simple tips to help keep our spirits high and our hearts engaged:

- 1. \*\*Stay Connected\*\*:** Regularly attend meetings and participate in Legion activities. Being active keeps us connected to our mission and to each other.
- 2. \*\*Pray Daily\*\*:** Keep your spiritual life vibrant by praying daily. Prayer is our source of strength and guidance in all our endeavors.
- 3. \*\*Share Stories\*\*:** Exchange stories of your experiences and challenges with fellow Legionaries. Sharing not only inspires others but also reminds us why we do what we do.
- 4. \*\*Set Personal Goals\*\*:** Have personal goals for your role in the Legion, whether it's improving your approach to visitations or learning more about the lives of the saints. This personal growth is motivating!
- 5. \*\*Take Breaks\*\*:** Don't hesitate to take a break if you're feeling overwhelmed. A rested mind is more effective and enthusiastic.
- 6. \*\*Seek Feedback\*\*:** Regularly ask for feedback on your contributions. Feedback can guide your efforts and affirm the value of your work.
- 7. \*\*Volunteer for New Roles\*\*:** Challenge yourself by taking on new responsibilities within the Legion. This keeps your experience fresh and exciting.
- 8. \*\*Reflect on Impact\*\*:** Occasionally take time to reflect on the impact of your work. Understanding the difference you make can be a powerful motivator.

Remember, every little effort adds to the great mission we share. Let's keep moving forward with love and faith.

God bless,



### **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 specially for the full recovery of Peter Gale.
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.

### **5. Prayer Request:**

Please pray for one of our Legion members for their daughter, Dedodiya Yolanda Ximenes. They need our prayers for health and strength in life's journey. Let's pray for their path to be easier and for them to keep moving forward.

Thank you for praying with us.



## **\*\*Celebrating the Feast of the Visitation\*\***

July 2nd marks the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a day when we commemorate Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth. This encounter between the two women is a profound moment of mutual joy and the recognition of each other's roles in God's plan.

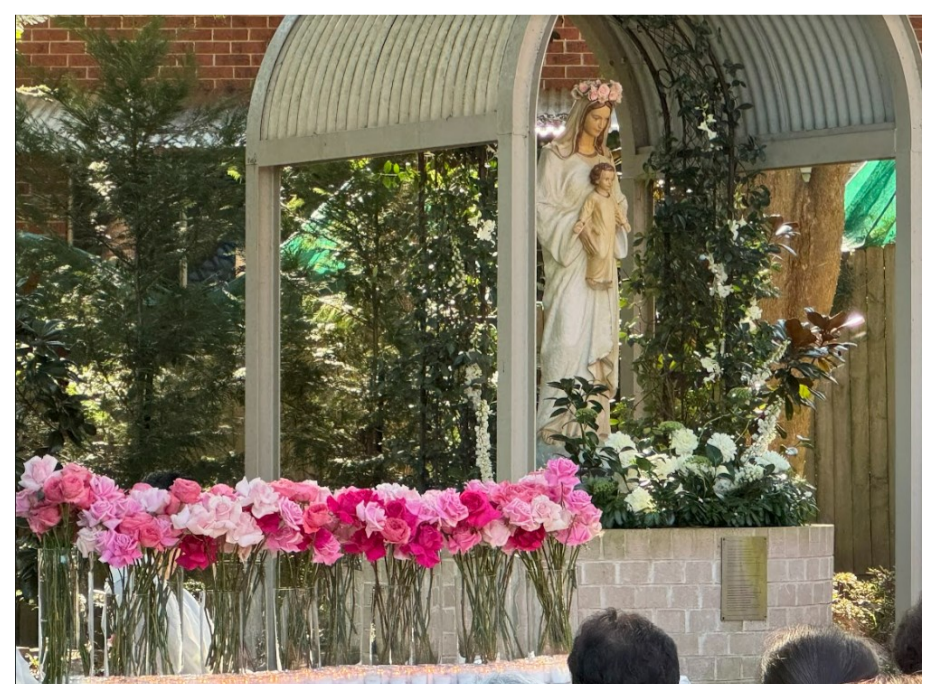
As Mary greeted Elizabeth, the child in Elizabeth's womb leaped for joy, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, proclaiming Mary as "blessed among women." This event not only highlights the deep faith and humility of Mary but also her immediate willingness to serve, exemplified by her journey to assist Elizabeth during the final months of her pregnancy.

This feast reminds us of the importance of service and joy in our Christian life, and the blessings that come with faithful obedience to God's call.

Let us take inspiration from this beautiful example of familial support and spiritual joy as we reflect upon Mary's actions, which were full of grace and guided by the Holy Spirit.



### ***Mother of Our Creator, Korean Normanhurst Curia Crowning Ceremony, honouring Mary, Mother of God on Sunday, 26/5/24***



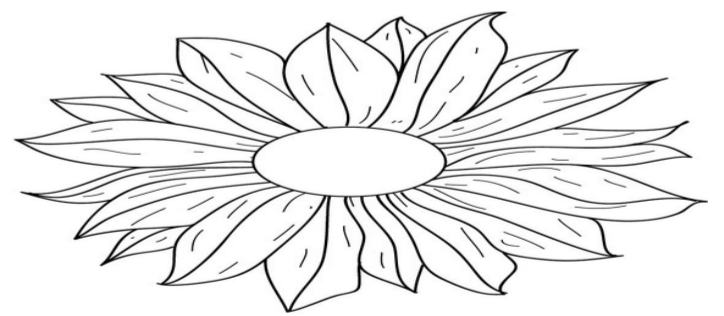
*“ Recruitment Days at St. Michael Catholic Church, Meadowbank—June 8 & 9 ,2024”*



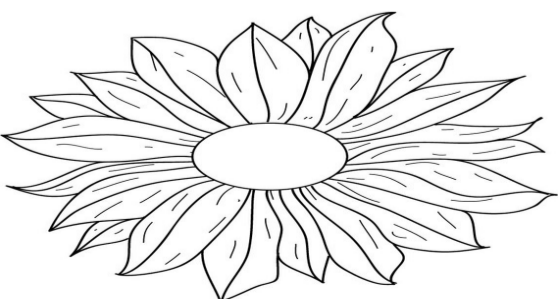
*Attending the Korean Silverwater Comitium function — Sunday, 9/6/24*

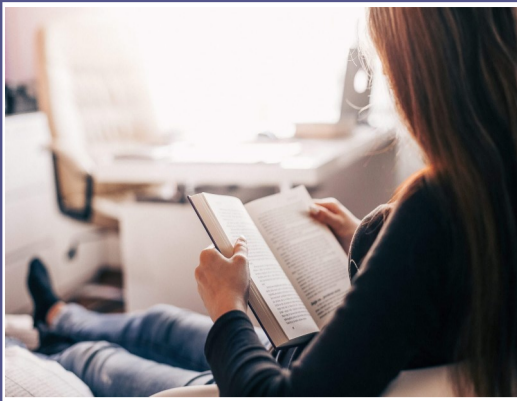


*Our Lady of Sacred Heart Praesidium Kensington - visitation from Sr. Acu and Sr. Jojo*



*Queen Of Heaven Praesidium Marayong - visitation from Sr Acu and Br Edmund*

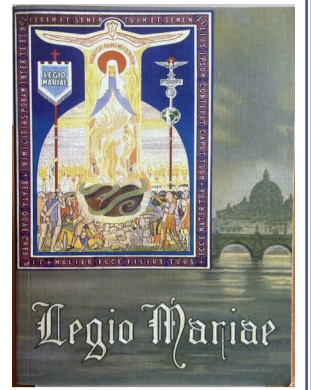




## LEGION HANDBOOK REVISITED

### Prohibition of Material Relief in the Legion

Chapter 39 , Point 10 pp 291.



In pursuing its spiritual mission, the Legion of Mary upholds a vital principle that separates its activities from material aid, even in the smallest forms. This includes the provision of used clothing, which is also categorized as material aid. The Legion does not dismiss the importance of giving aid, but asserts that this practice is impractical for the organization.

#### **\*\*Why does the Legion not provide material aid?\***

1. **\*\*Public Perception:\*\*** Visits from an organization that provides material aid are often unwelcome by those who do not need aid. They worry about being perceived as receiving material benefits by their neighbours.
2. **\*\*Expectations and Disappointment:\*\*** Those who anticipate aid and do not receive it can become disappointed and closed off to the Legion's influence.
3. **\*\*Focus on Spiritual Aid:\*\*** Even though the Legion encounters cases of poverty and need during visits, its primary task is to spread spiritual goodness, not material aid.

The Legion of Mary acknowledges and respects the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which focuses on material aid. However, the Legion has a different calling, which is to spread spiritual goodness to every individual.

#### **\*\*Allowed Forms of Help:\*\***

While the Legion does not provide material aid, its members are not prohibited from showing care. The Legion encourages that if members wish to provide aid, they should do so anonymously through an agency or third party to avoid complications and ensure that the aid is not associated with Legion activities.

The Legion also urges its members to remain sensitive to the needs around them and engage other organizations more suited to handling the type of need in question. Thus, the Legion remains focused on its spiritual mission while demonstrating genuine concern for community needs.

**to study, the Legion By dedicating ourselves handbook, we can grow as individuals and as a community, bringing more light and service into the world.**

#### **Inspiration from Saint Teresa of Calcutta**

In the spirit of selfless service that we carry out in the Legion of Mary, let us reflect on the words of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, a modern saint who dedicated her life to serving the most needy in our society:

***\_"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."\_***

This quote reminds us all that every small action, performed with love and sacrifice, contributes to greater change. Although we in the Legion do not provide material aid, every visit, every prayer, and every word of encouragement we share is a drop in the ocean of our world's spiritual needs. Let us continue to strive with the same spirit shown by Saint Teresa, remembering that each small contribution we make has a significant impact.



**“Celebrating Holy Mass at the Men’s Hostel Next to De Montfort House “**



**“At Radio Maria Station with Sister Mary Stenson After ‘ALL THINGS LEGION’ Program”**



**“ Shared Joy and Unity: Holy Plaques and Smiles at De Montfort House with Br. Phelim**

## Sr. Mary Nguyen Enlightening Journey to Dublin

Sr. Mary Nguyen, accompanied by her son Fr. Dominic, recently undertook a spiritually enriching trip to Dublin, which included a meaningful visit to the Radio Maria station for the "ALL THINGS LEGION" program with Sister Mary Stenson.

The day began with Fr. Dominic celebrating Holy Mass at 10 AM at the Men's Hostel next to De Montfort House. The Mass set a reflective tone for the day, surrounded by familiar Holy Plaques that are also found in our Senatus meeting room, creating an atmosphere of spiritual connection and communal joy.

Later at 1 PM, Sr. Mary N participated in a recorded interview for the "ALL THINGS LEGION" program with Sr. Mary Stenson. Sr. Mary described the experience as akin to chatting with friends, where the time seemed to pass quickly. She beautifully sang "Sub Tuum Praesidium" during the broadcast, filling the moment with profound love and devotion. Sr. Mary shared anecdotes about her early days in the Legion, humorously recounting how Anne Boyce rigorously taught her the Tessera and the Handbook's contents.

Continuing their spiritual journey, Sr. Mary Nguyen and Fr. Dominic visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock independently. This visit allowed them personal time to reflect and pray at this revered site, deepening their faith and commitment.

Responses from Dublin were equally warm. Sister Helen Murphy, the Concilium vice president, shared her pleasure about the visit, emphasizing how well everything went. Sr. Mary Stenson from Radio Maria also reflected on the visit, praising Sr. Mary Nguyen for her ability to convey the true spirit of the Legion. Her stories, including those about her husband's conversion from Buddhism and their experiences during the war, were highlighted as "brilliant radio content."

This trip not only strengthened bonds but also showcased the global reach and unified spirit of the Legion, inspiring all members to live and share their faith actively.

Please continue to keep Sr. Mary and Fr. Dominic in your prayers as they continue their travels and mission.





# mark your calendar 2024

**saturday  
06 July 24**

**Reatreat**

This event is about  
Talk on  
Mary  
" Walk by  
Faith and  
not by  
Sight"

**Saturday  
10 Aug 24**

**Officer School**

"Let's  
meet to  
share  
tips, and  
learn how  
to starting  
Junior  
groups ."

**saturday  
14 Sep 24**

**Praesidium  
function**

Gathering  
to get to  
know one  
another

**saturday  
09 Nov 24**

**Frank Duff  
Mass**

Anniversary  
Mass

**saturday  
07 Dec 24**

**AGR**

Annual  
General  
Reunion



Senatus of Sydney  
Retreat 2024

*Calling all legionaries*

**Join Us for a Day of Reflection  
and Renewal  
Saturday, 6 July 2024  
Time 10:00AM**

VENUE :  
St. Agatha's church  
20 Boundary Rd, Pennant Hills NSW 2120.

Celebrant: Fr. Renante S



Dear God,  
Please guide us today, Help us to do good,  
Give us strength when things are tough,  
And show us the way to love and kindness.  
Thank you.  
Amen.

## Feedback Section

We value your opinions and suggestions! If you have any ideas, questions, or comments about our activities, feel free to share them with us.

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Thank you for your participation!