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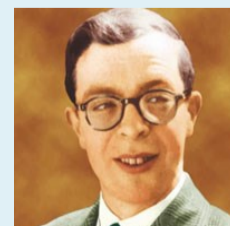
God is love in as much as He is a communion of persons. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. And it is this perfect communion of love. If God, if one of God's central themes in the Scriptures is unity and oneness, then that is something that we are to try and live out in our own lives, is unity. So, the first unity we all share is that we are baptized. We are baptized members of the Church. Christ is our head, and we are the body. And that is why you and I are here today, because we are part of the Legion of Mary. When we come together in this manner, it is very possible, very possible that people come in with different ideas, which is great. It's also very possible that sometimes we can misunderstand those ideas. It is so important, when we come to that period of growth and adjustment, that each and every one of us be patient. To want resolutions now, to want to fix things now, that is not the way God works. I wanted to re-endorse and re-emphasize that message of just being patient in this time. All things were left in the hands of God. Even when mistakes are being made, even when there are misunderstandings, to remain unified. We are growing in a way that we haven't before, but we are constantly growing in love. It's so important to note, especially when we have new presidents, new panel members, it must be remembered always just patience and patience. For those of you that have sat in these seats before. Patience is indeed key during these times of change. Drawing on the wisdom and experience of those who have served before can provide valuable insights and guidance as the group navigates through transitions. It's natural to reach a point where you have to accept decisions and trust that you've done your best while serving in your role. Reflecting on your efforts and contributions with a sense of hope and gratitude is a meaningful way to honour your dedication and commitment. Because we serve, we are servants to us, always servants to us. But we can say, why do not? The ministry becomes fruitful when we say this is not mine. I am just a servant of God. And I am working as best I can with the gifts that God has given me to do the best we can for the Legion of Mary and by extension for our communities. This must be the mindset in everything. I do everything that I have in the capacity that I can, but I pray that we all remember that we should have that approach to everyone in the Legion of Mary. Be patient with one another, we do the best that we can, and know that this is God's work. It is not our work, it is God's work. But what does the hating spirit bring in? It should never be in a better place, but the world will be in a better place. And that is our call as baptized Christians. So I leave you with that message today, and I wanted to be here to personally deliver it. Unfortunately, I have another appointment to go to with the mission, but I will do my best to be here in the capacity that I can. And I thank you in advance for being very patient with me. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. 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 MAY 2024

1. Campbelltown Curia (Our Lady Queen of Peace)- active work:

- ♦ Rosary statue visitation to homes
- ♦ Visitation to nursing home and Auxiliary members
- ♦ Visiting home bound parishioners and taking Holy Communion to them as requested by the Parish Priest
- ♦ Catechism instruction to two primary schools
- ♦ Door to door

2. Chatswood Praesidium (Mother Divine Mercy) - active work:

- ♦ Consolation visit to nursing home and aged care community
- ♦ Visit Indonesian who don't have relative and pray with them
- ♦ Organise Rosary prayers via Zoom
- ♦ Help with the local church piety shop
- ♦ Make calls to Auxiliary members
- ♦ Organise classes to make Rosary and supply Rosary to Catechist classes
- ♦ Catechism

3. Kensington (Indonesian) Praesidium (Our Lady of Perpetual Help) - active work:

- ♦ Visit elderly at nursing home, funeral of auxiliary member, sick active member, sick at two hospitals
- ♦ Lead Rosary prayers before mass and at funeral
- ♦ Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion serve communion at nursing home and mass
- ♦ CIC shop at Broadway
- ♦ Maintain relationship with Auxiliary members and staying in contact with members who are not in Australia

4. Mascot Praesidium (Our Lady of Fatima) - active work:

- ♦ Visit the elderly, house bound, sick in hospital and keeping in touch with our parishioner by regular phone calls especially the sick and lonely
- ♦ 3 of our member are Catechists in Eastlake Public School
- ♦ Recruitment Drive in May24— gained 18 Auxiliary members and 23 potential active members

5. Murwillumbah Curia (Our Lady of Grace) - active work:

- ♦ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) team member in 2 Parishes.
- ♦ Baptism gift pack: prepare and give to the newly baptised in all Parishes.
- ♦ Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the home for 2 Parishes (coordinating with parish priest).
- ♦ Lead the Rosary before mass and funeral when appropriate.
- ♦ Blessed Rosary beads and prayer cards are distributed and made available in all churches.
- ♦ Sacramental such as Miraculous Medal and leaflet, Novena of the Divine Mercy and others are distributed.
- ♦ A travelling Statue of Our Lady in 2 Parishes: Legion active member attending weekly roster and handover when necessary ie. If the parishioner is housebound.



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 Soft copy of reports to be sent to Secretary (Sr Gabrielle) a week before the Senatus Meeting at
Email: SecretarySenatusSyd@gmail.com
5. 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



**LEGION OF MARY
SENATUS OF SYDNEY**

Cordially invite all active &
auxiliary members to.....



EDEL QUINN'S ANNIVERSARY MASS

Saturday, 11 May 2024

Time: 10am Prayer, 10:30 am Mass
Venue: Immaculata House
243 Broadway, Glebe 2037


Celebrant : Fr Emmanuel Lubega



Edel Quinn's Mass— Saturday, 11/5/2024

*World Apostolate of
Fatima*

*"Recruitment Days at St. Therese Catholic Church ,
Rosebery NSW 2018 — Sunday, 19/05/ 2024"*

WALK WITH CHRIST
FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

2ND JUNE
SUNDAY 2024

VISIT: SYDNEVCATHOLIC.ORG/WALKWITHCHRIST

FESTIVAL:
Martin Place from 1:00PM.

PROCESSION:
Begin at 2:30PM sharp,
Corner of Martin Place and Pitt St.



*Mary of Nazareth Praesidium with
their Spiritual Director (he attends
and bless us weekly). Our
Praesidium participated in the
Scriptural Living Rosary.*

United in Faith : Senatus's Visit to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Praesidium.



Mona Vale Praesidium—We have 2 new members ,Sr Yvonne and Sr Carmela . Sr Marta Bizubova is missing from the picture as she had a medical appointment. The Mona Vale Praesidium has now a total of 8 Members. We are very blessed to have our weekly meetings by the grace of our dear Mother.



Edel Quinn Mass - Saturday, 25/05/2024 at Dom Bosco Comoro - Capel, Dili - Timor Leste



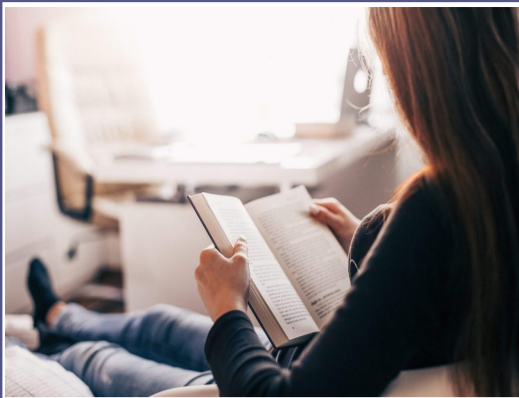
Please pray for:

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.

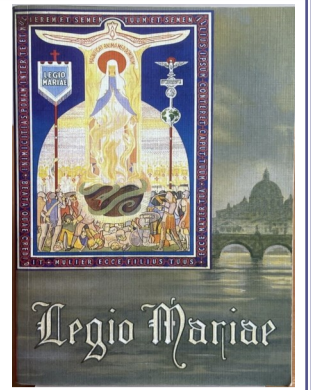
Thank you for praying with us.



LEGION HANDBOOK REVISITED

Handbook Revisited: Chapter 36 – Page 222

Special Praesidia for the Young



In our Legion's journey, Chapter 36 of the handbook highlights a crucial aspect: the formation and operation of praesidia specifically for young members, those under 18 years. This chapter is essential as it guides us on how to involve our youth in meaningful activities that not only align with our faith but also prepare them for future leadership roles.

Key Points from Chapter 36:

1. **Starting Young**: Praesidia for those under 18 need approval from the Curia, and sometimes special rules apply. This ensures everything is suitable for their age and beneficial for their growth.
2. **Learning by Doing**: The best way for our youth to understand the Legion is by actively participating, not just listening to talks. Practical involvement helps them grasp the essence of our mission and grow spiritually and socially.
3. **Adult Supervision**: Each junior praesidium should have at least one adult leader, preferably with Legion experience, to guide and inspire the young members. This adult presence ensures the praesidium runs smoothly and effectively.
4. **Education Through Action**: Since younger members might find the handbook challenging, leaders should focus on making discussions simple and engaging. Each meeting should include a lesson from the handbook explained in a way that everyone can understand.
5. **Adapting Activities**: Junior members can do many of the same tasks as adults, tailored to their capabilities. This includes distributing miraculous medals, teaching catechism, or even bringing peers to Mass. It's about giving them responsibilities that match their enthusiasm and potential.
6. **Building for the Future**: By engaging in these activities, young legionaries are not just doing work; they're training to be the future pillars of both the Legion and their own communities. The experience they gain now will empower them to lead and inspire others as they grow.

This chapter urges us to view our young members not just as participants but as integral parts of our community whose development is vital. By investing in them, we're nurturing future leaders who will carry forward the mission of the Legion with vigor and faith.

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Legion of Mary
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

****A Journey of Faith and Fellowship: Sr. Fanny Morandarte Visit to Dublin****

In the heart of Dublin, a city steeped in religious history and fervor, Sr. Fanny embarked on a remarkable journey that brought her face-to-face with the legacy of the Legion of Mary and its dedicated members. Her visit was marked by a series of engaging encounters and profound experiences that highlighted the enduring spirit and commitment of the Legionaries.

****Engaging with the Concilium Officers**** Sr. Fanny's trip included a visit to the De Montfort Legion of Mary Dublin House, where she met with esteemed Concilium officers such as Bro Declan Lawler, President, Bro John, who oversees the Legion's activities in Ireland, Sis Mary Murphy, a former Concilium President now serving as an Adviser, Sr Helen Murphy, Vice president and Sr Miriam McKane, Secretary. Sr Betsy Vonatzigen, President of the Zurich Comitium accompanied Sr Fanny to Dublin. In a short meeting with the Concilium officers, Sr. Betsy unveiled plans for establishing a Curia in Norway and championing online nightly rosaries to engage more members, illustrating the Legion's adaptability and reach in the digital age. Sr. Fanny conveyed the message from the Sydney Senatus on strengthening ties between the Senatus and the Concilium, a testament to the global interconnectedness of the Legion. Despite missing Bro Declan Lawler in the photo due to his other commitments, his presence was felt through his insightful comments on balancing traditional Legion work with new initiatives.

****Visits That Touched the Heart****

The journey was spiritually enriching, with visits to significant sites like the home and gravesite of Frank Duff, the Legion's revered founder. Sr. Fanny described the awe of walking through the home where Duff lived and died—a place still rich with his personal memories and the essence of his devotion. The visit to his gravesite at Glasnevin Cemetery was a poignant moment, reminding all present of the personal sacrifices behind the Legion's global impact.

****Memorable Moments and Lasting Impressions****

The highlight of the visit was undoubtedly the talk on Edel Quinn by Sr Mary Murphy held at the Mountjoy Square Curia Dublin House. This event not only celebrated the legacy of another stalwart Legionary but also fostered camaraderie among Legionaries from various parts of the world. Such gatherings underscore the unity and shared commitment to serving through faith, a core principle of the Legion.

****Lessons for Our Legionary Life****

Reflecting on her experiences, Sr. Fanny emphasized the vibrancy of the legionary spirit she witnessed in Dublin. The dedication of the Concilium officers and the warm reception from local Legionaries (special mention, Sr Anne Carney, correspondent to Frankfurt Senatus who was their tour guide to legion activities and ensured that the visitors were cared for during their visit) showcased a living tradition of service and spiritual depth. These encounters have reinforced the importance of humility, prayer, and active participation in the Church's mission, qualities that Sr. Fanny believes should inspire every Legionary. Through her narrative, Sr. Fanny not only recounts her fulfilling visit to Dublin but also invites every member of our community to renew their commitment to the Legion's ideals. Her experiences remind us that we are part of a larger, global family united in faith and love under the mantle of Our Lady. As Sr. Fanny M continues to share more about her travels and insights, let us all draw inspiration from her journey and strive to embody the true spirit of the Legion of Mary in our lives.

A Gathering of Dedication: Our Visit to De Montfort Legion of Mary Dublin House with Concilium Officers - Bro John, Sis Mary Murphy, Sr Betsy Vonatzigen, Sr Helen Murphy, and Sr Miriam McKane

Mt Olivet House Legion Accommodation





A Warm Welcome: Sr. Anne Carney Greeted Them at Dublin Airport and Guides Them to Mass at Our Lady Queen of Haven Church.



A Shared Journey: "Attending the Edel Quinn Talk with Her Husband"

"Inspiring Word: At Mount Joy Square Curia Dublin House, Sr Mary Delivers a talk on Edel Quinn, May 8, 2024"



"Legacy in Memorabilia: Frank Duff's Personal Items"



Legion meeting room at Mt Olivet House



"A Moment in History: Inside Frank Duff's Bedroom with Sr. Anne Carney, Sr. Helen Murphy, and Sr. Betsy"



United in Service: "With Sr. Mary Murphy at Legion Headquarters"



"In Reverence: Visiting Frank Duff's Grave at Glasnevin Cemetery with Sr. Betsy Jance Vnatzigen, President of Zurich Comitium"



****Fr. Richard Leonard Talks About Mental Health and Christian Hope at Women’s Conference****

At the latest Catholic Women's League conference, Fr. Richard Leonard spoke about the serious issues young people face today. He mentioned a report by the Federal Government showing that more young people are feeling very sad, anxious, and have low self-esteem.

Fr. Leonard criticized the modern obsession with always being happy and explained that it's okay to feel anxious sometimes and that feeling sad doesn't always mean you are depressed.


He discussed how society is focusing too much on what people do for work and how much money they make, and how young people feel more alone even though they are often online. He also talked about new problems like being addicted to technology and inappropriate content online.

Fr. Leonard encouraged Catholics to remember that we are all part of a big Christian family worldwide. He reminded us that even though a few have made mistakes, most people are trying their best. He talked about Jesus' promise of a joyful life and mentioned stories from the Bible about God caring for everyone, even when they feel lost or alone.

He also talked about St. Paul, who was brave in standing up for his beliefs even when many opposed him. St. Paul was flexible in how he spoke to different people and showed love through his actions.

Fr. Leonard finished by quoting Brian Grogan SJ, who said, "the best is yet to come," reminding us that our actions now help build our future in heaven.

This talk gave great insights on how Christians can bring hope to others, especially during tough times.



Heavenly Father, in the quiet of this moment, we seek Your presence.
 Guide our hearts and minds in the path of Your peace and wisdom.
 Grant us the courage to face each challenge with grace and the strength to embrace Your will in all we do.
 Bless us with clarity and purpose, as we strive to reflect Your love and light in the world.
 In Jesus' name, we pray, 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!