



Legion of Mary

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Sr Lucy Waty

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Living in Love through Service

Dear brother and sisters,

Today, let's think about a special verse from *Ephesians 5:2*: "Live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us." This verse, isn't just beautiful—it asks us to show deep love through our actions.

True love means doing something, not just feeling it. It might be as simple as saying hello to someone we've met in tough times or sharing a meal in a modest home. These small actions show big love.

Real love faces challenges. Avoiding tough moments can make our friendships seem shallow. But when we embrace these challenges, we truly show our love.

Remember, loving like Jesus means giving without limits. He asks us if we're ready to give it all, just like he did. Our actions prove our love.

In our faith, we learn from both Christ and Mary that we cannot just pick the parts we like. Christ and Mary show us that joy and suffering go together.

Christ is both glorious and suffers. We can't have one without the other. True glory involves challenges and sacrifices. Following Christ means we sometimes find joy but also face suffering. Mary's life teaches us that joy comes with sorrow. We share in both her happiness and her hardships. Like Christ, we blend the happy and hard times in our faith, trusting in God even when it's tough.

Let's remember to "live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us." Let's show this love in how we live every day.

Jesus asks us, "Will you lay down your life for me?" (John 13:38). He's asking if we're ready to give everything for others every day, not just in big ways, but in small acts of kindness and love.

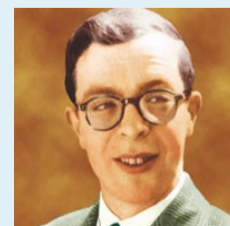
Let's try to show our faith by loving others actively and without conditions. Let this love guide all we do, helping us connect deeply with others and make a real difference in our communities.



**Pray for
Beatification of :**



The Servant of God
Frank Duff



The Servant of God
Alfie Lambe



Venerable
Edel Quinn

REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024

1. Vietnamese Curia (Queen of the Rosary) - active work:

- ♦ Weekly visits to patients at hospitals located in Camperdown, Balmain, Liverpool, Bankstown, Canterbury, Fairfield, and Braeside Fairfield.
- ♦ Visit patients at their home and nursing homes located in Marrickville, Canley Vale and AVACS (nursing home) Smithfield
- ♦ Visit the elderly and sick active and auxiliary members
- ♦ Cleaning up churches
- ♦ Help non-religious to convert to Catholics

2. Pennant Hill Praesidium (Legion of Mary Undoer of Knots) - active work:

- ♦ Visit retirement villages, nursing homes, hospital and home visits for elderly and sick
- ♦ Catechism, teach scriptures at local public school and RCIA for Indonesian community
- ♦ Lead rosary prayer in pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, Penrose Park
- ♦ Provide transport to/from medical centre and shopping for elderly
- ♦ Acolyte service and assist in liturgy during mass at local church and Indonesian church
- ♦ One active member routinely leads music for Indonesian mass and during bible study
- ♦ Praying and attending funeral mass
- ♦ Bereavement visit

3. Cathedral Praesidium (Immaculate Conception) - active work:

- ♦ Work at CIC shop
- ♦ Visit Sydney eye hospital, talking with patients, distributing miraculous medals, prayer cards, Rosary beads and saying prayers with patients and getting to know patients who are in hospital for extended time.
- ♦ Help with recruitment drive at Enmore Parish
- ♦ Help with the Legion of Mary stall during Paschal Eucharist Celebration at St Mary Cathedral
- ♦ Regular visit to see Fr Brendan who is unwell but recovering



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.



1. May 2024 Senatus Meeting will be **Sunday, 26 May 2024 at 1:30pm**
2. Reporting for Sunday, 26 May 2024 (Meeting no 732): Cabramatta Curia, Campbelltown C, Chatswood Praesidium, UniSyd Praesidium, Broadway Praesidium, Murwillumbah C, Bathurst C.
3. Edel Quinn's Anniversary Mass Saturday, 11 May 2024 at 10:00am, Immaculata House Broadway
4. 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**

Paschal Eucharist Celebration on Sunday , the 21st of April 2024, at St Marys Cathedral



Happy 2nd Anniversary to Praesidium Mary Queen of Heaven !

Acies at Brisbane Comitium in April 2024



Marrickville Curia - visitation from Sr Acu and Br Edmund

Mary of Nazareth Praesidium - visitation from Sr Jojo



New Praesidium—Mother Mary of God at Paroquia Atauro - Dili Tomor Leste



Mother of Good Council, Solomon Island, Honiara Comitium functions & events 2023

**Acies Celebration at Dala – Our Lady of Sorrow Curia
25.03.2023**



**Acies Celebration at Tanaghai– Mother of Good
Counsel Comitium 25. 03.2023**



**Buma First Officers Annual Retreat by Fr Francis
Hou at Buma Station -25/06/2023**



**Banny Hill – Auxiliary Retreat by Spiritual
Director - Fr Michael Toisuta 1/07/2023**



**Mary Mother of Christ Curia Formation 22.07.2023 -
Officiated by Fr Francis Hou & Comitium Officers
(Asimana District)**

Legion of Mary 102 Anniversary – Holycross



Annual Senior Retreat 2023 – 18th – 20th August

**Annual Junior Retreat 2023 @ Banny Hill 26-28/05/2023
(Tamboko Church)**



“In Loving Memory of Sr. Carrie Luke “

Sr. Carrie Luke, (22nd June,1957 - 11th April ,2024) was born on Ferguson Island, PNG. Carrie’s commitment to the church, through roles in the choir, the Legion of Mary, and beyond, touched many lives. Her legacy of faith and services will continue to inspire us. May her soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Eulogy from Sr Angeline Arellano-Lopez

Good morning Fr John, Daniel, Dylan and all relatives and friends of Carrie. My name is Angeline.

The 2 chaplains of RPA were talking about a Caroline Luke at the ICU, I quickly turned around and ask if that could be Carie Luke?

Then that very day, I got a text message from Angela and Elizabeth Chung re Carrie’s condition and her passing.

The difficulty for me in writing this Eulogy is to make a befitting honour to Carrie.

Funny that, though we should be joyful that she is now with our good Lord, and void of pain and sufferings, we still feel this sadness and heaviness of heart of her passing.

I am sure, Sr Carrie worked and lived a saintly life looking forward for an eternal joy with the Lord.

Carrie like our Blessed Mother is a very soft spoken and devoid of arrogance and pride. She is so humble, a woman of few words and if she will say something, it is always positive , fun loving, and she will never bad mouth anyone for she is so patient and understanding.

Sr is so warm hearted and full of love that she will always give wide, nice warm smile. She would go across a hall, church, road to give you the warmest and tightest hug and kiss. I could just feel her embrace.

Carrie was a devoted daughter of Our Lady in her Legion. In spite of her medical condition, she soldiered on for so many years leading and working for the Legion of Mary.

Sr Carrie, your dedication to Our Lady and wisdom will be missed and indeed a great loss for Legion of Mary. The great works that you do for the parish and the apostolate will be greatly missed.

Though we will miss you, we will endeavour to have a little of Carrie in us, big faith, beautiful heart, great love for all and hard work in silence and full of wisdom. We will miss you Sr Carrie, we honour you with your great works for Our Lord and the testament of that is the number of people, caring enough to joining us today to say Vale, goodbye, farewell, see you. We love you Sr Carrie Luke.

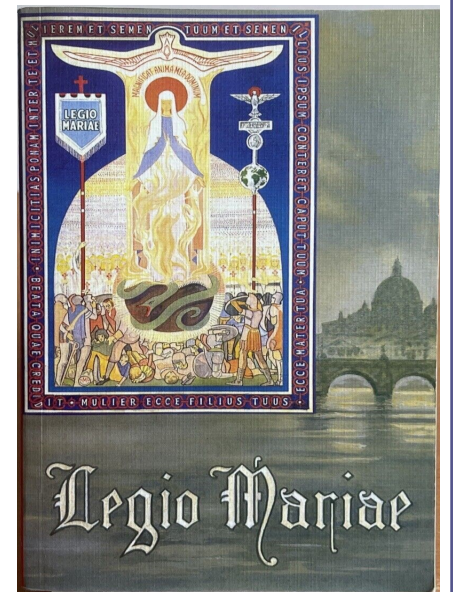


LEGION HANDBOOK REVISITED

THE PATRONS OF THE LEGION

ST. JOSEPH

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Honouring St. Joseph in the Legion of Mary

St. Joseph is celebrated in the Legion's prayers right after the invocations to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, highlighting his esteemed position in Heaven's Court. As the head of the Holy Family, St. Joseph played a unique and crucial role in the lives of Jesus and Mary. His ongoing mission extends to the Mystical Body of Christ and its Mother, the Church. The Legion's existence and vitality are underpinned by his steadfast, fatherly care—second only to Mary's nurturing.

Celebrating St. Joseph's Solemnities

- *St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary:* Celebrated on March 19, this solemnity honors his role as a devoted spouse and guardian.
- *St. Joseph the Worker:* Observed on May 1, this day reflects on his life of diligent labor and his patronage of workers worldwide.

St. Joseph: Protector of the Church

Pope Leo XIII declared St. Joseph the protector of the Church, acknowledging his timeless duty as the guardian of Christ's Church on Earth. From the days in Nazareth to the present, his paternal care has grown, embodying the promise made to Abraham of countless descendants. St. Joseph continues his earthly mission, protecting and nurturing the Church as it expands across the globe.

Cardinal L. J. Suenens emphasized that "Joseph, the spouse of Mary and foster-father of Jesus, remains deeply united to the Church's ongoing mission. As legionaries working to expand the Kingdom of God, we are under the special protection of St. Joseph, the original head of God's family on Earth."

As members of the Legion of Mary, let us strive to embody St. Joseph's virtues and open our hearts to his powerful, protective love.

Reflection Questions:

- * *What qualities of Saint Joseph can you apply to your own life as a model of humility and service ?* *

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

In every moment, brief and fleet, Where heartbeats and eternity meet,
There lies a beauty, pure and deep, In the promises we choose to keep.





**LEGION OF MARY
SENATUS OF SYDNEY**

Cordially invite all active & auxilliary 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

Quick Tip:

Embracing Silence for Spiritual Growth In today's fast-paced world, finding moments of silence can be a challenge, yet it's in these quiet times that we often hear God's voice most clearly. This month, let's make a conscious effort to embrace silence in our daily routine. Whether it's spending a few minutes in silent prayer before starting the day, taking a quiet walk, or simply sitting in a peaceful spot to reflect, these moments of silence can deepen our relationship with God and our understanding of ourselves. Saint Mother Teresa once said, "God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer." Let's open our hearts to listen and allow our spirits to grow in the silence.



****Novena of Rosaries to Our Lady Help of Christians****

The Legion of Mary, Inner West Curia invites all members to participate in the Novena of Rosaries from May 15 to May 23, 2024, in preparation for the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians on May 24. This Novena is organized in response to the growing anti-Christian culture and anti-family ideologies in Australia.

Fr. Ben Saliba, from St. Mary Cathedral and Spiritual Director of the Sydney Senatus supports this prayer crusade aimed at protecting the innocent, affirming the good, and converting the errant.

****Prayer Details:****

- A specific prayer will be recited before the daily rosary over these 9 days.
- The rosary will be prayed daily.

****Join the Prayer:****

To participate, please visit [<https://tally.so/r/w42vQk>] and register yourself.

Let us come together in prayer and seek the intercession of Our Lady for the conversion and sanctification of Australia.



Gary Fagan-Secretary, Christine Fagan- Vice President of the Inner West Curia, Fr Ben Saliba and Bridget Sakr



Special Visitor from President Senatus of Scotland, Sr. Catherine Moran

We had the pleasure of welcoming the President from Senatus of Scotland as a distinguished visitor to our Senatus meeting on Sunday, 28 April 2024. It was a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences. Attached is a photo capturing our time together. Thank you for sharing your insights, and we hope you enjoyed your visit to Sydney. Looking forward to our next meeting!



Special Visitor from Ex President Senatus of Colombia, Br. Andrey Forero

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Dear Lord, In the quiet of this moment, I seek Your presence. Guide my steps, enlighten my mind, and fill my heart with Your peace. Let Your love be the compass that guides me, and Your wisdom the light that leads the way. May I walk in kindness, act with grace, and live in gratitude each day. Amen.

Contribution Wanted—"What is the Legion to me" series

Learning about the journey of other in the Legion is inspiring with many heartwarming real life stories waiting to be told. So don't hold back, send **your** story to email: PresidentSenatusSyd@gmail.com

***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!