

Annual report of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Praesidium , Epsom

for the period 4 December 2019 to 6 December 2020

Current Membership:

President Sr Louise Valladares

Vice President Br Philip Dromgool

Secretary Sr Louisa Rani

Treasurer Br Justin Suh

Plus 5 active members.

Our Auxiliary membership stands at 44.

We do not have a spiritual director but Fr Matthew Vadakkevettuvazhiyil attends our meeting whenever he can. Most often Sr Annemarie with her number of years as a legionary gives the allocutio and we are grateful for it.

Our meetings are held on Mondays at 7pm in the church foyer. As we were under Covid lockdown for 18 weeks, we had only 34 weekly meetings for the reporting period. Attendance at weekly praesidium meetings has been 60%; Officers attending Senatus meetings has been at 65%.

Assigned works:

Eucharistic Ministry:

Communion is taken every week to 3 housebound and to 6 Resthomes which include Ranfurly Retirement Village, St John's Hospital and Rest Home, Aria Park Rest Home and the Selwyn Heights Resthome (which we do conjointly with Hillsborough Praesidium). Within the last three months we added 2 more resthomes – namely, Greenwoods Residency and Rose Lodge both on Pah Road, Epsom, and thereby growing our assigned works of outreach.

Communion is also taken to Auckland Hospital to sick parishioners when advised or if someone known to us is in hospital.

One of our members visits Bishop Robin Leamy at the Little Sisters of the Poor in Ponsonby and Bishop Emeritus Denis Browne and sick priests at the St John Vianney homes.

For the current reporting period, we administered a total of :

- 998 Holy Communions;
- 131 blessings (for those who are Catholics but due to medical conditions cannot receive Holy Communion);
- 51 anointings administered by our parish priest which is done around Christmas time.

Rotation of Rosary Statue to homes to promote family prayer time:

We also take the statue of Mother Mary to parishoner's homes on a fortnightly basis to encourage family prayer time and to promote the rosary. Through this work we've been able to enrol 22 new auxiliaries since our last report.

Works of Consolation :

The funeral of 6 were attended in the year. Masses were also offered up for Fr Rua Ambo, Br Frank Duff and for deceased legionaries .

Apostalate inthe Parish:

Two of our members – Sr Josie and Sr Annemarie assist with the setting up of the Altar for Mass and with the washing of altar linen every week.

Sr Annemarie plays the organ for Sunday mass and at the Cathedral when assigned.

Sr Louisa Rani is our Parish Safeguarding coordinator and in line with the request of the Catholic Bishops conference safeguarding standard requirement, those ministering to the young people and vulnerable adults received police vetting clearances and attended a safeguarding presentation that Sr Louisa helped organise for our parish. We are pleased to report that all our active members have been police vetted.

Sr Louisa is our Parish Children's Liturgy Coordinator and is also involved with Cook Island Youth Camp Ministry, the Diocese Ethnic Chaplaincy Ministry, the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs Hui conference on the Christchurch social inclusion policies and is an organiser for the Ecumenical week of prayer service.

Our Praesidium led the National Coast to Coast Rosary day for the parish in July which was well attended .

We also helped with the Say No to End of Life Referendum and No to Abortion in our Parish and distributed around 500 flyers in our neighbourhood.

Legion functions attended:

We attended :

- The Acies in July, Br Frank Duff mass in November and the Annual General Reunion in December. It was great to see so many junior legionaries in attendance.
- The Marian Day and the Auxiliary Day were cancelled due to Covid lockdown.

Promotingthe Legion:

We ran a legion recruitment drive in our parish in the last weekend of November where our praesidium officers spoke at each mass to encourage parishoners to join either as active or auxiliary members. We got 6 sign up as auxiliary. We hope to follow this up with a visit to their homes in the new year .

At one of our visits with the Rosary statue, one family gave us \$50 to advance the legion; so we intend to purchase copies of the Legionis Mariae and will give to priests in parishes where there is no Praesidia at present (St John the Baptist in Parnell).

We thank Fr Rob O'Brien and Fr Matthew Vadakkevettuvazhiyil and all those who have prayed and supported us in this difficult year and we look forward to a Blessed and Hope-filled 2021 seeking Mother Mary's continued guidance and protection.

Signed: 10 January 2021

Sr Louise Valladares, President (Sd/-)

Br Philip Dromgool. Vice President

Sr Louisa Rani, Secretary

Br Justin Suh, Treasurer

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Financial Statement for period 4.12.2019 to 6.12.2020

INCOME

Balance brought forward	\$ 81.30
Secret Bag	\$379.10
Total Income	\$460.40

EXPENDITURE

Donation to General Fund	\$200.00
Donation to Building Fund	\$120.00
Mass stipends	\$ 30.00
Handbooks	\$ 24.00
Total expenditure	(\$374.00)

BALANCE IN HAND: \$86.40

Maria Legionis paid separately

Signed : 10 January 2021

Br Justin Suh, Treasurer

Br Philip Dromgool, Vice President