

## **Annual Report for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 for Our Lady Of The Sacred Heart Praesidium (OLSH), Epsom**

Officers:

Sr Louise Valladares	President
Sr Josie Mijares	Vice President
Sr Louisa Rani	Secretary (up to August 2022)
Sr Maria Carbonilla	Secretary (from Sept 2022)
Br Justin Suh	Treasurer (up to November 2022)
Treasurer position currently vacant	

Current active members including officer positions – 8

Number of active members lost during the year - 2 (Sr Louisa and Br Justin due to work commitments and Br Justin shift of residence)

Number of active members gained – 1 (Sr Marlene Parejas). Took her legion promise on 15/8

We currently have 57 auxillary members on our list, but are in the process of tidying this up and will remove names of those we're unable to get in contact with for reasons of either change in residence or moving overseas.

### **Meetings**

Our meetings are held on Mondays @ 6.30pm in the parish foyer (earlier @ 7pm but adjusted to a time better suited for all members).

Number of meetings held for the current reporting period 1 Jan to 31 Dec – 50

Member attendance at weekly meetings – 85%

OLSH praesidium officer attendance at monthly senatus meetings – 70%

We do not have a spiritual director but we're blessed to have Sr Annemarie - our long standing legionary who gives us the Allocutio which is always well prepared and relates it to the handbook reading/feast days/Mary-centred. We're very grateful to Sr Annemarie for doing this for us.

### **Assigned works**

#### **Eucharistic Ministry**

6 out of our 8 active presidium members are commissioned Holy Eucharist Ministers. Holy Communion is taken every week (4\* fortnightly) to the following Resthomes and have included the numbers (on an average) at each Resthome who receive Holy Communion

- Ranfurly Retirement Village - 3
- St John's Christian Hospital Trust\* (Pah Road) – 6
- Arvida Aria Park Apartments and Resthome (Pah Road) – 8

- Greenwoods House (Pah Road) – 3
- Rose Lodge\* (Liverpool Street, Off Pah Road) – 3
- Parkside Village (earlier called Selwyn Heights) (Hillsborough) - which we do jointly with Hillsborough praesidium). 8-10

AND

- 3 housebound ex-parishoners.

During the year we've not been able to return to Turama Resthome but have added

- Cromwell House\* to give Holy Communion to Sister Theresa Santos (and one ex-parishoner Genevieve O'Brien)
- Epsom South Resthome\* - 1

We also pray with those who are not catholics in these resthomes (at their request)

#### Rotation of the Rosary Statue to homes to promote family prayer time

We take the statue of Mother Mary to parishoner's homes every fortnight to encourage family prayer time and to promote the rosary. Through this work we encourage parishoners to join either as active or to become auxiliary members. We've had more success in gaining auxiliary members and no success with anyone joining as active members.

#### Works of consolation

Funeral masses of parishoners and/or people known are attended by members.

#### Apostolate in the parish

- Sr Josie and Sr Annemarie assist with the setting up of the altar for weekday and weekend masses
- Sr Josie does the washing and ironing of altar linen every week
- Sr Annemarie is on the parish Music Ministry and is rostered to play the organ for weekend masses and as well as at the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph when assigned.
- Sr Louise assists with the overhead projector at weekend mass when rostered
- Sr Louisa (while she was an officer) assisted with the Diocese Ethnic Chaplaincy ministry, parish safeguarding process and as Treasurer of the Senatus.
- Sr Marlene is a commentator and reader at weekend mass when rostered
- Sr Marlene and Sr Josie are Eucharist Ministers at weekend masses when rostered
- Our praesidium led the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent and also lead the Good Friday stations of the cross in the parish
- Sr Annemarie visited the Abortion Centre during Lent
- RCIA program - Under the guidance and training of Sr Louisa 2 candidates were brought into the Catholic faith
- Our praesidium led the Coast to Coast Rosary on 3 December in our parish.

#### Other works/event attended

- World Prayer Day (4 March 2022) at St Andrews Anglican Church, Epsom – Sr Anne represented our parish
- Acies at praesidium level on 28 March – renewal of legion promise

- Chrism mass on 11 April – Sr Louisa and Sr Annemarie represented our parish
- Mass for the Neophytes on 29 May – Sr Louisa and Sr Annemarie represented our parish

#### Legion functions attended

- Legion Centenary Celebrations at St Michaels Church, Remuera – 18 June
- Plenary Indulgence Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Meadowbank – 20 August
- Frank Duff mass at Christ the King Church, Owairaka – 11 November

#### Promoting the Legion

We promote the work of the Legion in our parish by word of mouth and inviting parishoners to come to our weekly meeting as a Guest with no obligation to join on a permanent basis. Our meeting time is also published in the parish weekly bulletin. We also have a poster with our meeting time pinned up next to Mother Mary's status in the foyer.

Our praesidium is blessed with 8 very dedicated soldiers of Mary. With Mary by our side, we will march on in faith and continue to do our work for her glory.

Approved and signed

Sr Louise Valladares. President

Sr Maria Carbonilla, Secreatry

Dated:

**Annual Financial Report for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 for  
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Opening Balance	\$113.40
Secret Bag	\$474.40
	<u>\$587.80</u>

Expenses

Senatus (\$230.00)	(\$400.00)
Building Fund (\$170.00)	
Masses x 3 (30.00)	(\$ 30.00)
Candles	(\$ 10.00)
Medals	(\$ 5.00)
Tesseras	(\$ 6.00)
Legion pamphlet	(\$ 3.00)
	<u>(\$454.00)</u>

Closing balance as on 31 Dec 2022 \$133.80 \$

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Edition 2 2021 x 15	30.00 (paid)
Edition 3 2021 x 15	30.00 (paid)
Edition 1 2022 x 15	30.00 (paid)

Audited by  
Sr Maria Carbonilla, Secretary