



THE LEGION OF MARY
BULLETIN

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LEGION OF MARY
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DATES TO REMEMBER 2021

21ST JAN: Death Ann of: Alfie
Lambe

12TH FEB Lake Monger

Procession:

13TH – 14TH FEB Senatus Summer
School:

20TH MAR 80th Celebration of the
Legion in Perth WA and
Combined ACIES:

Comitium Monthly Meeting 3rd
Monday of the Month 1pm

For the 150th Anniversary of Saint Joseph being proclaimed Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has declared a 'Year of St Joseph' from 8 December 2020 until 8 December 2021, publishing for the occasion the Apostolic Letter Patris Corde ('With a Father's heart')

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Glorious Saint Joseph,
spouse of the Immaculate Virgin,
obtain for me a pure, humble, charitable mind,
and perfect resignation to the divine Will.
Be my guide,
my father,
and my model through life
that I may merit to die
as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Amen.



Allocutio given by Father Doug Harris – Gods plan and purpose is to re-establish His Kingdom

This kingdom on earth which we live in is not our true home. God's kingdom, heaven is our true home. This kingdom only came about due to sin. God's plan and purpose is to restore us to His Kingdom. Our aim is to not live according to the culture of this kingdom on earth but according to God's will or according to the Holy Spirit, which is to live as the Angels and Saints do in heaven.

The Angels and Saints in heaven adore God with all their heart and mind at every moment for all eternity because God is so beautiful, so much Love. That is God's plan and purpose for us, to live as the Angels and Saints in heaven do. Which is adore God with all our heart and mind at every moment, at all times.

Allocutio (from the Concillium Bulletin) by Fr. Paul Churchill He delights to be in our presence "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn 1:14). All we celebrate at this time of year is captured in those words. God's own Son has joined us and united himself to the mode of life we have here.

Why? Because he loves us so much that he wants to be with us and share our life. And then, after visiting our world he wants to take us back with him to his home in Heaven. As we stand or kneel before the crib (or indeed the Tabernacle) we might pray along these lines: "Lord, what a joy to be in your presence. Help us understand one thing Lord, and that is how much you desire our company. We need you, yes, but you seem to desire us more than we do you. Perhaps our delays in seeking you are due to our creatureliness and our sinfulness. But you desire us with a love greater than any lover here could love. Already, centuries before you came among us, you sent a message through a prophet in which you said, 'When my Father laid the foundations of the world I was close beside him '(Prov 8:29-30). Yes Jesus, as both St John and St. Paul said, all things were made through you and nothing came to be without you (Jn 1:3; Col 1:16).

And that includes me. You had already chosen me before my conception because you so

desired me. I mattered to you. But then you add that you “were delighting to be with the sons of men” (Prov 8:31).

You were so in love with us all that you could not wait to join us. Like a child that looks out and sees his friends on the street and wants to go out and join them and play with them even more did you earnestly want to be with us and share our life . And finally you were there, in your mother’s arms in the stable at Bethlehem. You had achieved the first step. You are part of a human family which you always wanted to be. You opened your eyes and saw your mother and St. Joseph and the shepherds and some of those who dropped by from the Inn and the wise men and the animals. I look into the crib and see you there, delighting to be among the sons of men. But your mission was not fully achieved yet. You had seen how we suffered and went through so many traumas. When the leper came to you and asked to be cleansed you said, “Of course I want to heal you!” You so felt for us that not only did you want to heal us but you wanted to enter into the pain of our lives and suffer all we go through. It was through your love and desire to identify with us that you submitted not just to the physical pains of the Cross but to every mental, emotional and deeply spiritual misery we could suffer so that you could be one with us. Oh Lord, we spend our lives trying to avoid such pains. But you wanted to partake of it so you could reach every one of us and understand us and love us. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. I have to remember, Lord, that you so loved us that we are all chosen by you. Help me to accept what this means for myself and really believe you so love me that I can depend totally on you. But help me to see too that you love everyone else. Every other soul, even the ones who seem to me to be unattractive and repulsive, was made by you because you love them. Help me to look and see in them what you see and love. But I notice something else as I gaze on the scene in the crib.

On one side of you stands Joseph, standing as the representative of your heavenly Father. And I see your mother Mary resting, she who allowed the Holy Spirit work in her and whose representative she is. And that scene contains an invitation card from you. You are saying that you are inviting us to come back to your heavenly family to meet your Heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit. Later at the Last Supper you say that you will go to prepare a place for us and then come back to take us there so that where you have gone, we too can come to (Jn 14:2ss). You have indeed made your home among us but you invite us to make our home with you (Jn 14:23). And I reckon Lord that is one of the reasons you have given us yourself in the Eucharist, to help us build up a close relationship with you so that indeed we can make our home with you and enjoy your company.

So as we reflect on your coming among us this Christmas help us understand and take to heart that you desire our company, even when we sin, and by the help of your Spirit may we build up our relationship with you so that in death we can have a seamless Passover to your

home.

Lord, you love us. Help our love for you grow”. Amen.

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Dear Legionaries,

As we start 2021 I wish you all the blessings of Jesus and Mary on your works and thank you for all that you were able to do in 2020. It is my prayer for you that you remain safe and that we are able to continue with our work.

On reflecting on 2020 I think we must be very grateful that we stayed safe and that our leaders, both Religious and Secular, were able through, planning and pray keep us safe. There were many things that were first for us. The closure of our churches was perhaps the hardest thing for us to come to terms with but through the guidance and the wonders of technology we were able to have the Mass daily in our lives. I know that I took advantage of this and planned my day around attending daily Mass, be it in my comfy chair and on my TV. Easter was hard as many of us find great comfort in the Easter celebration and for the first time in my life I could not attend these ceremonies. Thank you must be given to Archbishop Timothy Costelloe and the Communications Office for making these available to us and how beautifully and spiritually uplifting these ceremonies were.

2021 has started with us ready to take on the many happy events of this year. On 12th February we will once again gather at Lake Monger for our Annual Procession in

Honour of Our Lady of Fatima. We will gather at the gazebo just down from the Dodd St Carpark at 7pm and show our love for Our Lady as we walk around the Lake and pray the rosary. This year, perhaps, more than in any other time we need Our Lady to protect us from this pandemic. I encourage to join us in this public declaration and request of Our Lady. As in previous years we will have an area for those who are now unable to undertake the walk but wish to pray the Rosary with family and friends. Please bring torches to light the way as no naked flames are allowed, water and mosquito repellent. I hope that we will see many of you join this year.

Archbishop Costelloe has kindly consented to celebrate the **80th Anniversary Mass for us on Saturday 20th March at St Columba's Church, Roberts Rd Bayswater.** We will begin our celebration with the ACIES ceremony and reconsecration of ourselves and our works to Mother Mary. As this is an important milestone for the Legion of Mary in Western Australia I strongly encourage all members to join us and to truly be Mary's Army set in battle array. I fully understand the distances but all in the inner and outer Metropolitan area are strongly encouraged to attend. The ceremonies will commence at 11am and we promise you a lovely afternoon tea and time joining in conversation and fellowship.

Another important happening is the election of a new President for Comitium. I will be retiring from the executive, after 21 years, in July. If you wish to consider taking on the role or know of a member of your Praesidium who would be suitable please ask them to come and speak with me as to the requirements of the position. The new President will be strongly supported by an excellent executive.

As you will see on the front page of the Bulletin, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has made 2021 the Year of St Joseph. I have included a prayer to St Joseph on the front and encourage you, if you are not already, to pray this daily to St Joseph. We will put little bits and pieces in the bulletin each month about St Joseph. Remember to ask him to protect us as he protected the Bany Jesus and his spouse Mary.

I ask for prayers for Sr July Woodward. Many of you will be aware that Sr Judy underwent surgery for lung cancer just a week before Christmas and although she is recovering this recovery has been a lot slower and difficult than she and her family thought it would be. I do ask that you perhaps make her recovery an intention for the beatification of Frank Duff.

God bless
Rosemary

REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF December THORNLIIE: MARIA ANNUNCIATA

Spiritual Director Nil,

Membership – Active members – 3, Probationary – 1, Praetorians – Nil, **Auxiliary** members – 47, Adjutorian – Nil

Officerships: President – Sr Joy Stoddart, VP - Vacant, Secretary – Sr Jennifer Farrugia, Treasurer – Sr Bernadette Aitkens.

Works undertaken – Frequent visitations are made to aged parishioners and auxiliary members distributing to them parish bulletins, Catholic magazines, medals, scapulars and prayer cards. During Covid 19 lockdown numerous phone calls were made to auxiliary members keeping in touch with them. One legionary is a parish catechist. Over the year another member made over 750 rosaries and our probationary member has also begun making them. Christmas 2019 Catholic residents praying with them and giving out Christmas cards. Legionnaires organized the 48hr rosary bouquet in two parishes with an excellent response from Thornlie. An anniversary of the Miraculous Medal after Mass Fr Minh Thuy blessed medals and leaflets with about 80 taken. November Mass was offered for deceased legionaries & a monthly Mass is offered for the Legions intentions.

Works other than Legions works. One Legionary is a member of the parish choir, one volunteers weekly at the blind society, two are on the Adoration roster weekly at a neighboring parish. Once leads a weekly parish cenacle and is the coordinator for the Pilgrim Schoenstatt Picture.

Extension and recruitment. Numerous efforts have been made to recruit active members with some considering auxiliary membership instead. A weekly advert is placed in the parish bulletin stating place time and contact person.

Prayers for the Sick:

(For all who have been on previous lists) Judy, Menan Gauci, Ethel Luker, Fr Lionel Henry, Margaret Harley

Repose of the Souls: Jim Doyle, Albany. Angela Correia, Vi Appleton, Hilton, Legionary 58yrs, Rufus Riley, Rose Pukis

Special Intentions:

Margaret Harley, Jose Mather, Boyd & Zalie Ackland, Judy Woodward, Mary Wilson, Bro Jeevan, Fr Joseph Priest 50yrs, Archbishop Emeritus Hickey

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Pope Francis has declared a '**Year of St Joseph**' from 8 December 2020 until 8 December 2021,

St. Joseph was the husband of Mary, the mother of Jesus and Step Father to Jesus. According to the earliest Christian traditions, he was a carpenter or woodworker. The Gospel of Matthew calls him a "righteous man," meaning he was an observant Jew who obeyed God's law.

Joseph was engaged to Mary, but when he discovered that she was pregnant with Jesus, he decided to call off the marriage—but "quietly," since the penalty for adultery was death by stoning. However, the angel of the Lord told him in a dream that he should go ahead with the marriage because Mary's child was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

We celebrate St Joseph on 2 days;

19th March St Joseph, Husband of Our Lady

1st May St Joseph the Worker.

St Joseph is also a patron the Legion of Mary

