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Dates to remember

20th February 2023

Comitium Meeting

18th March EDC ACIES

26th March 2023 Comitium

ACIES Manning

15th April 2023 dedication

of Grotto

6th May 2023 Half Day

Retreat Edel Quinn Centre

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15th July 2023 pilgrimage to

Bindoon TBC

Sept 48 Hour Rosary

Bouquet

8th Sept Mass celebrating

the Nativity of the Blessed

Virgin

27th Oct 2023 Lake Monger

Procession

4th Nov 2023 Annual Mass

Vic Park

2nd Dec 2023 AGR Annual

General Reunion at Edel

Quinn Centre

Allocutio as given by Fr. Doug Harris December 2022:
God's Kingdom has come.

God's plan is to restore His Kingdom

Jesus said: "Of all children born of a woman,
greater than John the Baptist has never been seen."

The question begs:

What about Our Lord?

He was born of a woman, surely,

He is greater than John the Baptist and what about our
Blessed Mother?

She was born of a woman, surely, she is greater than
John the Baptist?

Our Lord clarifies His statement by immediately
saying:

"Yet, the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater
than he (John) is."

Although Our Lord and Our Mother lived on earth
they also lived in the Kingdom of Heaven. Our Lord
and Our Mother were more of heaven than of this
earth. They were completely 'of' the Holy Spirit and
nothing of this world or the desires of the flesh.

Our Blessed Mother was, as the Bible says,

"Full of Grace" or full of God or full of the Holy Spirit.

This is also the state of the angels and saints in heaven.

Jesus told us that our guardian angel, while with us on

earth,

“always sees the face of God.” (Matthew 18:10)

When Our Blessed Mother appeared to our St Bernadette in 1858, she called herself “I am the Immaculate Conception.”

The title “I Am” can only be said by God.

On Mt Sinai, God told Moses that his name is “I Am Who Am.”

On a number of occasions Jesus called Himself “I Am.”

For example, “Before Abraham existed I Am.”

And, on that occasion because Jesus claimed He was God, the Jews tried to stone Him to death, for the crime of blasphemy.

Our Mother could call herself “I am” because she is full of God, full of the Holy Spirit, full of Jesus.

Our Mother is one heart with God. Also, one will and one mind.

God wants to work in and through us as powerfully as He did in His Son, Jesus (As he did in his Blessed Mother).

God wants to work as powerfully as possible today.

As we say no to our will and yes to God’s Will we give permission, if you like, for God ‘to take the reigns’.

God’s plan is for Him to live and reign in us, and Him alone, above all other gods.”

St John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church:

“The entire matter of reaching union with God consists in purging the will of its appetites and emotions so that from a human and lowly will, it may be changed into the divine will, made identical with the will of God.”

Our Lord said to Venerable Conchita de Arminda, a mother of 9 children, in Mexico, in 1906:

“I want to incarnate Myself mystically in your heart ...

the grace of living and growing in your soul, never to leave it,

to possess you and be possessed by you as one and the same substance ... it is the grace of graces.

Bl Dina Belanger who died in Canada in 1929:

“We are no longer two, Jesus and I, we are one, Jesus alone.”

This anointing of the Holy Spirit has been given many terms.

Our Lord, when he gave this gift to Ven. Conchita called it,

“Mystical Incarnation”.

The word incarnation means to be “made into flesh.”

At the incarnation, Our Lord was made flesh, or became a human, in the womb of His Mother.

In these times, Our Lord changes our flesh into Himself.

We become living hosts, if you like.

When the Lord spoke of this gift to St Maximilian Kolbe and Bl Dina Belanger, he called it “Divine Substitution”.

St John Paul II recognised this Grace and called it a

“New and Divine Holiness”.

He wrote: “God Himself had provided to bring about that

“new and divine holiness” in which the Holy Spirit wishes to enrich the church at the dawn of the third millennium,

in order to make Christ the heart of the world.”

Our Mother described herself (to a Luisa Piccarreta in the 1920s):

“I have my heaven within Me, which was the Divine Will, and I was inseparable from my Creator.

The Divine Will being in Me, I felt the rights of daughter, of being with the Divine Persons,

of participating in all the joys and happiness,

riches and sanctity which They possess,

for as much as I could partake of them,

filling Me so much as not to be able to contain more.

Our Lord’s plan to is restore each of us to the state of the saints in heaven and therefore, to restore His Kingdom on earth, which was God’s original plan.

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REPORTS DUE TO COMITIUM 2023

FEB CLOVERDALE: REGINA COELI , THORNLIE:
MARCH CANNING VALE: ARK OF THE COVENANT

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Legionaries,

As we start 2023, 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 2022. It is my prayer that you remain safe and well and that you can continue with your work.

On behalf of the Perth Homeless Support Group, I thank all those who donated items to our collection at the AGR. All gifts have been picked up and the volunteers were very generous in their thanks and appreciation.

I also thank the Praesidia and Curia that sent in Christmas cards and greetings. It is only through your help and prayers that we can undertake the tasks assigned to us. I ask Our Blessed Mother and the members to remember us in prayer and thoughts as we continue to do work for the Legion of Mary in WA

It is with deep sadness that we have heard the news that Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI passed away on the 31st December in Rome.

We remember Pope Benedict XVI fondly as the Pontiff who led young people from around the globe in prayer at World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008.

Pope Benedict, born Joseph Ratzinger, led the Church from April 2005 until February 2013, becoming the first Pope in centuries to resign.

He had earlier served as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, one of the Vatican's most influential departments, for more than two decades.

From his time as an expert adviser – or peritus – at the Second Vatican Council onwards, there was no question that Joseph Ratzinger was a major figure within the Church around the world.

His papacy will be remembered as one of rich teaching, including his encyclicals on love, hope and truth, as well as his book series Jesus of Nazareth, and for important reforms in areas like liturgy and in the handling of child sexual abuse.

May he rest in peace.

It was with saddest that we heard of the death of Legionaries Yvonne Holmes, Josee Mather and Bonnie Roach who passed into the loving arms of our Lord in December.

May they rest in peace and our prayers go out to the members of their families.

We remind all members that all members must lodge with the Comitium Office either a copy of their WWC or a copy of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Safeguarding Personal Declaration form. No Legion Member may do any work for the Parish or Legion of Mary without first lodging one of these forms.

God bless and Mary protect you and all your work.

Cynthia

***From Tales Worth Telling written by GD James
I missed the chance***

England's Queen Mary was strolling through London with some children when the group was caught in a violent storm, and the British monarch was forced to take shelter in the porch of a nearby home. Realising that the rain would not stop for some time, she knocked on the door of the house and asked the woman who answered it for an umbrella.

The Queen's deliberately casual clothes and the hat that partially covered her face disguised her true identity, so that the women offered her an old, moth-eaten parasol which had been lying in the attic for many years. After all, she thought, no one would expect her to give the new and expensive umbrella she had to a perfect stranger.

The next day, a man with gold braid on his uniform and the insignia of the Palace Guards visited her,

"The Queen sends you this letter and also thanks for the loan of your umbrella," he said

The woman was so overcome with shame and regret that she burst into tears.

"Oh, what a marvellous opportunity I missed to give my best to my Queen," she wailed.

How many of us will be forced to make the same confession when we stand before the King of Kings?

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SPECIAL PRAYERS

Prayers for the Sick:

Bonnie Roach, Tess and David McIntyre, Robert Bruce Op on 20th, Justin Khoo, Fr Annabelle, Br Julienne, Mr. Trafalski, Mr. Cameron, and son - Albany

Repose of the Souls:

Doreen Roberio, John Foy, Fred Gomez, Gaye Kenworthy

Special Intentions:

Deacon Sheldon Burke

Children's Corner

The Marian Apparitions at Lourdes were reported in 1858 by Bernadette Soubirous, a 14-year-old miller's daughter from the town of Lourdes in southern France. From 11 February to 16 July 1858, she reported 18 apparitions of "a Lady". ... Soubirous was canonized a saint in 1933 by Pope Pius XI.

