



THE LEGION OF MARY  
BULLETIN

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LEGION OF MARY  
FOUNDED 7 SEPTEMBER 1921

**DATES TO  
REMEMBER 2021**

**20<sup>TH</sup> MAR 80<sup>th</sup>**

**Celebration of the Legion  
in Perth WA and  
Combined ACIES:**

**Comitium Monthly  
Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: ex All to Jesus through Mary Vol 2 given by Bro. Tony Pitchford**

The Legion of Mary is work orientated, certainly, Frank Duff insists that every Legionary should do some fairly demanding work every week. He is trying to overcome a too-theoretical approach to the faith. It is not enough simply to possess the truth. We must share it with others.

He also insists on prayer, teaching that everything we do must be steeped in prayer.

Prayer is the foundation of our activity. St Joseph reminds us that prayer is important. We can infer that he must have prayed deeply, before and after the birth of Jesus.

Thus he was ready for whatever he was asked to do. Being so close to God through prayer and faith he was ready to come closer still and actually live with God in the house at Nazareth.

His level of holiness could only go up from this point, and though he was the least of the three members of the Holy Family he was far ahead of almost everyone else in holiness.

He was so integrated a person, so well put together. He was in the right place at the right time and in the right way.

Holiness is simply being close to God. The occasional person will love God more than average. Spiritual power will come from such a person.

He does good by being, good. He achieves this by being close to the fire – the fire of God's love. He draws from the fire, retains the heat for himself, but also passes it on.

The Legionary draws grace from Heaven, retains it, and passes it on.

We do not want all talk and no action, nor all talk and no prayer.

It is all about holiness: about being close to God: so that we can say, figuratively at least, I have lived in Nazareth. God is not living in my house like Jesus was at Nazareth, but he dwells in me and I in Him then I am close.

I am being rather than doing. This is important for those who cannot get around physically.

We can develop the contemplative side. One can exercise power simply by being good.

May the Lord achieve in us through St Joseph a deep contemplative spirit; so that all we pray and do will work to the same end- the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

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Dear Legionaries,

What a week for us all: bushfires, floods and lockdown, although I think some people thought it might be a famine.

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the Lake Monger Procession due to the fact that we could not meet all the requirements in the short timeline we had. We hope that as October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary we will once again gather to honour Our Blessed Mother at this time.

We are planning our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass, which will be celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Costello. I would like all Legionaries, near and far to make a real effort to attend this Mass. It is a very special celebration for us here in Western Australia to bear witness to the work of our early Legionaries and those currently working for Our Lady. All plans are in place and we pray that things remain safe so that we can go ahead with it.

We pray earnestly for all those who have been impacted by the fires and floods which were so very close to many of us in the past week. Please remember all those who have lost their homes, due to these disasters, in your prayers and should you be able to help please do so.

As we enter into the Season of Lent let us reflect on what Jesus did for us. Let us make a Lenten pledge to do something to show our love of Jesus and our gratitude for all He

did for us. Think beyond giving up chocolate, think about offering Jesus something special, kindness to others, gentle words to someone in need, time with someone who is lonely. These simple offerings are more about giving, than in giving up.

Let us pray for our Brother and Sister Legionaries in Victoria who have once again had to go into hard lockdown. This lockdown unfortunately saw the postponement of the Summer School. Much work and time had gone into this and it must have been very disappointing to Sr Sue Hyde and her executive to be forced to postpone. We pray that when the next date is set, we might be able to send representatives to attend.

I once again thank you for your dedication to your works for Our Blessed Mothe

God bless and Mary protect us all  
Rosemary

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## **REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF January     **Northern Districts Curia****

### **Report of Curia to Comitium**

To Jesus through Mary

**Council:**                      **Our Lady Assumed into Heaven- Northern District Curia**

**Meeting No:**                768 - 772    From July to December 2020.

**Spiritual Director:**    Fr Demitri Roh

**President:**                    Sr. Carol Farber

**Vice President:**         Sr Linda Westwood

**Secretary:**                 Sr. Pat Nerva

**Asst. Secretary:** Sr. Celia Joan Salinas

**Treasurer:**                 Sr. Wilhemina Hedzik

**Asst Treasurer:**         Sr Judy Woodward

**Meeting time:**            4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month, at 10:30 am.

**Place of Meeting:** Venerable Edel Quinn Centre, Windsor St., East Perth

**No. of Praesidia:** 7 **Meeting Number**  
**Approx.**

Spouse of the Holy Spirit, City Beach	573
Our Lady of All Nations, Glendalough	1127
Sorrowful Mother, Joondanna	3156
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Mirrabooka	2547
Our Lady of Grace, North Beach	2628
Our Lady of Mission, Whitfords	1909
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Balcatta	380

**Position Vacant:** 2

**Officers:** 23 **Active Members:** 43

**Auxiliary:** 200 (approximately)

**Adjutorian:** 2

**Praetorian:** 6

**Visitors:** 10

During this time of the coronavirus pandemic, visitations have been temporarily suspended, but Sr Carol (our president) has been able to visit the Broome Praesidium which has just started (September 2020). Praesidium is doing very well. Four Praesidia reports were also received. Included in the reports were visitors from the Philippines who attended the Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (Mirrabooka) meetings for about three months. Spouse of the Holy Spirit praesidium is still very involved in the interchurch services in their area

### **Events for the months of July to December 2020:**

On September 9, a scroll of 2102 hours of rosaries recited for Mary's Bouquet for her birthday was presented at Mass at the Cathedral. Those praesidia not able to attend the Cathedral held their own mini celebration with Mass at their own Parishes.

Because of the Covid-19 restrictions, Curia activities were curtailed. But we did manage to hold our Annual Mass on 7 November at Glendalough, beginning with Rosary at 11.30am.

We were also able to hold our Annual General Reunion – with appropriate social distancing..

**Extra Activities and good works:**

Seniors Concert for disabled and visually impaired people have been suspended

Rosary Making is still ongoing – every second Saturday of the Month.

Northern Districts Curia members still man the Venerable Edel Quinn Centre every 1st, 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, and 5th Tuesday, where applicable.

**Plan for this Year:**

With members getting on in years, it is imperative that we encourage all Legionaries in recruiting more active and auxiliary members, which seems to be a daunting task. But we carry on trying, regardless, with Mary at the helm.

**Sr. Carol Farber  
President**



***Prayer Intentions:***

**Sick:**

Kateri Byrne, Claire Nielsen, Fr Henry, Tony Muratore, Mary O’Gare, Penny Fernandez, Lorraine Footman, Menecia Rudbel, Carmela & Rosa

**Deceased:**

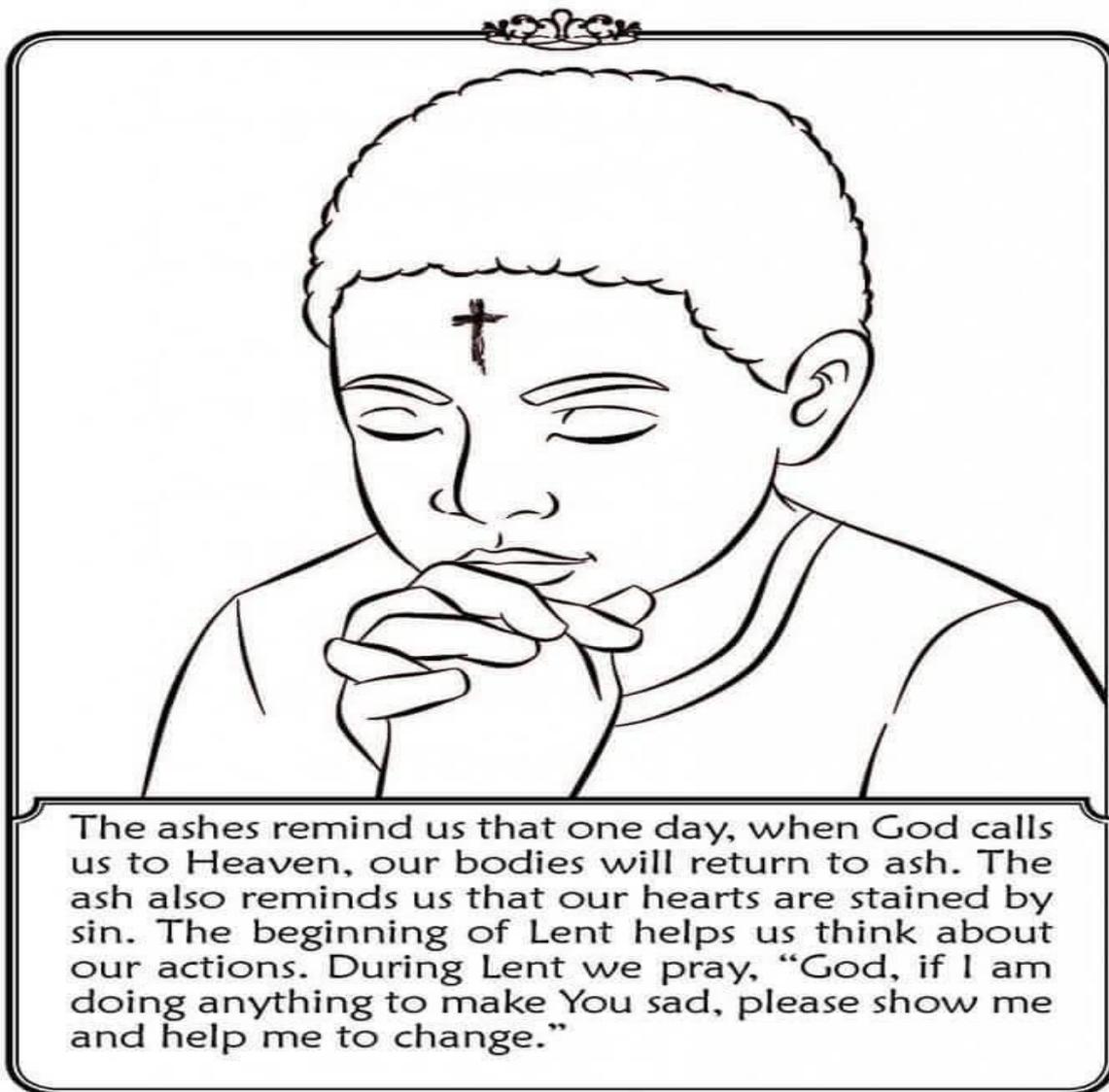
Ralph, Bryn Hitchin, James Neville, Teresa Harris

**Special Intentions:**

Ann-Marie Stineheart, Wendy, Evita & Christie

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The 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 is Ash Wednesday the first day in the season of Lent. Lent can be observed by all Christians, and it is a beautiful way to remember Jesus' sacrifice for us and prepare us for the Easter season. During Lent, we remember the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert being tempted by the devil. We do extra prayers, fasting, and almsgiving during this season of Lent. Ash Wednesday has many traditions for Catholic families and ways to observe this day, and also, anything you are doing for the length of Lent will start on this day.



# DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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