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Dates to remember

September 5-7 Praying the Rosary for Our Lady's 48hr Rosary Bouquet.

September 7th All pledges sent to Legion of Mary

September 9th Presentation of the scroll of pledges at Mass in St Mary's Cathedral 12.10 pm

Oct 21st AGM at the Comitium meeting

Nov 9th Annual Mass and celebration of Frank Duff's Life St Bernadette's Church Jugan St Glendalough Time to be advised.

Dec 14th AGR at VEQC 2-4pm

2020

7th Feb Our Lady of Lourdes procession around Lake Monger

16th May Annual One Day Retreat.

June celebration of 80 years of Legion of Mary in WA

Allocutio was a personal testimony given by Fr. Doug Harris.

Fr Doug Harris' journey to the Priestly Life: The eldest of five children, Fr Doug grew up in Newcastle, New South Wales. During his early twenties, he attended mass daily. He was naturally devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. At the age of 23, he joined the Disciples of Jesus' Community. In 1992, at the age of 32, Fr Doug moved to Perth to join the Youth Mission team to share his faith with high school students. A year later, he joined the Missionaries of the Blessed Sacrament, a religious community in the Philippines, which promotes Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Four years later, at the age of 37, he completed a Theology degree in the Philippines. The following year, Archbishop Barry Hickey requested Fr Doug return to Perth.

From 1998 to 2000, Fr Doug attended the seminary in St. Charles, Perth. At the age of forty, he was ordained at St. Mary's Cathedral in Perth with seven others. As a priest administering the Sacrament of Reconciliation to those attending the Cathedral, his spirit was greatly enriched.

Fr Doug testifies that there is no limit to what God can do for us today. God is providing the abundant graces which requires us to heed the need to live not only a life of human holiness, but be exemplary to his divine nature as well. We are called to be full of the Holy Spirit or full of God, open to what

our God is calling us to encounter and acknowledge what he is doing today.

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Dear Legionaries,

As the month of September approaches, we prepare to celebrate Our Lady's birthday. We once again are preparing the 48hr Rosary Bouquet. All information has been sent to parishes, but I will confess to a mistake. I forgot to put the date of the Mass on the Poster and the name of the celebrant. Fr Conor Steadman will be celebrating the Mass and the date is Monday 9th September at 12.10pm. If you should see the poster in your churches and the Roster could you please print this information on it and ask you Parish Secretary to put it in your bulletin. We hope once again to offer many rosaries for Our Lady's use as at this time her intercession is soooo needed. Might I encourage you, if you are familiar with Face Book to like a page Perth Catholic Event Notice Board where you will find many interesting events happening in our churches and where we will also be posting. I also encourage you to like our Face Book page for information and some spiritual readings of interest. You will also find all information on our website www.legionofmarywa.org about events etc happening within the Legion of Mary.

On August 2nd we were invited to attend the 1000th meeting Anniversary of Our Lady Help of Christians. Fr Annabel D'Cunha celebrated a lovely Mass in which we remembered Sr Maureen Willians and Lorna Langley. Mass was followed by a lovely morning tea. We congratulate the praesidium on this wonderful achievement.



The soak wells are being worked on and so far the work done has prevented any further damage to the building. I would like to say a huge thankyou to Alf who has generously

offered to do all this work just for the cost of the materials. This will take time but I am sure that Our Blessed Mother directed Alf to us. Further work at the building will be undertaken once the carpark is sorted.

As you can see by the calendar, we have much planned for the rest of 2019 and have started planning for 2020. If you want input into anything, please make the effort to come to the monthly meeting to have your say. Members who are in the country please email or write to us. The next 2 years are very exciting times for the Legion of Mary and we encourage you to have your say.

Both Sr Judy and I will be away from 21st Aug to 30 Aug should you have any questions please either email perthcomitium@inet.net.au or contact Sr Cynthia Gauci her details are in the bulletin contact list.

On Friday

I thank you all for the work that you undertake for Our Blessed Mother.

God bless and Mother Mary protect you

Rosemary

REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Northern Districts Curia

Canning Vale: Ark of the Covenant

Report of Curia of Comitium To Jesus through Mary

Council:	Our Lady Assumed into Heaven, Northern District Curia	Meeting No: 754-759 January – July 2019	Spiritual Director Fr. Demitri Roh
President:	Sr. Linda Westwood	Vice President:	Br. Joe Gonsalves
Secretary:	Sr. Pat Nerva	Assistant Secretary:	Sr. Celia Joan Salinas
Treasurer:	Sr. Wilhemina Hedzik	Asst .Treasurer	Sr. Judy Woodward
Meeting Time:	4 th Sat of the month at 10:30am	Place of Meeting:	Venerable Edel Quinn Centre, Windsor Street, Perth
Number of Praesidia:	7	Officers:	23
Active Membership:	43	Auxiliary:	200 (approx.)
Adjutorian:	1	Praetorian:	5

Two praesidia have been visited and three praesidia reports have been received.

Events for the months of January to June 2019:

Lake Monger torchlight procession on February 2nd was well attended (about 330) and priests in attendance too.

Northern Districts Curia ACIES was hosted by Immaculate Heart of Mary praesidium at St. Lawrence Parish church in Balcutta. Attendance was good.

The one-day retreat on May 18th at Glendalough parish was also well attended.

Extra actives and good works:

Northern Districts Curia are still involved with the on-going Seniors Concert for disabled and visually impaired people every 3rd Sunday of the month, with some members giving transport to the blind and disabled and help in running the concert.

Rosary making is still ongoing – every 2nd Saturday of the month.

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

Plan for this year:

To still continue to encourage all legionaries in recruiting more active and auxiliary members for their respective praesidia and to do more door knocking and evangelization.

To Jesus through Mary

Name of Praesidium:		Ark of the Covenant	
Location:		Canning Vale	
Meeting Place and Time:		St. Emilie’s church at 9.30am every Wednesday	
Spiritual Director:	vacant	Secretary:	vacant
President:	Sr. Cynthia Gauci	Treasurer:	Br. Adolf D’Souza
Vice President	(Acting) Sr. Sonia Pinto	Correspondent	
Active Membership:	4	Auxiliary Membership:	30
Praetorian:	Nil	Probationary:	Nil
Report from:	26 June 2018	To: 30 June 2019	

Work undertaken by members:

- Members contact the elderly, frail and housebound in the parish.
- Members administer Holy Communion to residents at Joseph Banks Nursing Home.

- Members transport parishioners to church for Mass and to the doctors when required.
- Two members are catechists in the after school religious program. Rosaries were distributed to those preparing for Confirmation, medals to the First Holy communicants and religious cards to those in Years 1 and 2.
- Members attend funeral services of Parishioners.
- One member with the assistance of auxiliary members circulates the Pilgrim statue to homes in the area.
- The praesidium has been represented at the ACIES and the Annual Mass
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Works undertaken other than Legionary work:

- Members are Acolytes. Eucharistic ministers, actively involved in cleaning the church, Liturgical committee, counting money after weekend Masses, working with Parish Youth, young mothers' prayer group and the choir.
- Members attend, arrange and lead the Rosary recitation before all Masses in May and October.

REPORTING IN August

Eastern Districts Curia

Geraldton Praesidium

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Prayers for the Sick:

(For all who have been on previous lists) Ken Haynes, Francisco, Amanda and baby Sonny in I.C.U, Luanna(miscarriage) Fr. Paul Carey, Gerard Aitken, Leonara Crasto

Repose of the Souls: Fr. Peter Toohy, Martha Nguyen, Alex Crasto (anniv), Anna Paone, Louis Ariokiasammy

Special Intentions: Carolyn Gonsalves and family, for All our priests, Fr. Brian Ahearn (52nd Priestly ordination)

Mitzi Schultz (96th birthday), Nyanam Gauci and Cesare Caerwyn Gauci

Saint Raphael Archangel

Saint Raphael is known as the angel of healing and is also the patron saint of travelers, the blind, happy meetings and Christian marriage. The Hebrew name Rafa'el means "God heals", from the roots rafa meaning "to heal" and el meaning "God".

He appears in the Old Testament Book of Tobit, in which he disguises himself as a man named Azarias and accompanies Tobias on his journey to Media, aiding him along the way. During the course of the journey, the archangel's protective influence is shown in various ways including the binding of a demon in the desert of Upper Egypt. In chapter 3 (Tb 3:24-25) he is mentioned as follows: "At that time the prayers of them both (Tobias and Sarah) were heard in the sight of the glory of the most high God, and the **holy angel of the Lord Raphael**, was sent to heal them both, whose prayers at one time were rehearsed in the sight of the Lord", while chapter 12 refers to his healing powers (Tb 12:14-22): " 'And now the Lord hath sent me to heal thee, and to deliver Sarah thy son's wife from the devil. For **I am the angel Raphael, one of the seven**, who stand before the Lord.' And when they had heard these things, they were troubled and being seized with fear they fell upon the ground on their face. The angel said to them; 'Peace be to you; fear not. For when I was with you, I was there by the will of God: bless ye him, and sing praises to him. ... It is time therefore that I return to him that sent me: but bless ye God, and publish all his wonderful works.' And when he had said these things, he was taken from their sight, and they could see him no more. Then they lying prostrate for three hours upon their face, blessed God; and rising up, they told all his wonderful works."

In the New Testament, John 5:1–4 refers to the pool of Bethesda, where the multitude of the infirm lay awaiting the moving of the water, for "an angel of the Lord descended at certain times into the pond; and the water was moved. And he that went down first into the pond after the motion of the water was made whole of whatsoever infirmity he lay under". Because of the healing role assigned to St. Raphael, this particular angel is generally associated with the archangel.

As a particular enemy of the devil, St. Raphael was revered in Catholic Europe as a special protector of sailors: on a corner of Venice's Doge's Palace, there is a depiction of St. Raphael holding a scroll on which is written: "Efficia fretum quietum" (Keep the Gulf quiet). On July 8, 1497, when Vasco Da Gama set forth from Lisbon with his four ship fleet to sail to India, the flagship was named—at the King of Portugal's insistence—the St. Raphael. When the flotilla reached the Cape of Good Hope on October 22, the sailors disembarked and erected a column in the archangel's honour. The little statue of St. Raphael that accompanied Da Gama on the voyage is now in the Naval Museum in Lisbon.

St. Raphael shares a feast day on September 29 with Saints Michael and Gabriel

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Hail _____ full of _____. The L_____ is with you B_____ are you among w_____ and blest is the fruit of your womb

