



THE LEGION OF MARY  
BULLETIN

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## **Dates to remember**

**17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** Monthly Comitium Meeting 1pm VEQC

**11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022** Lake Monger Procession

**19<sup>th</sup> February** blessing of Statue

**20<sup>th</sup> March** Comitium ACIES Cloverdale

**28<sup>th</sup> April** Feast of St. Louis-Marie de Montfort

**21<sup>st</sup> May** One Day Retreat to be confirmed

**Sept** 48 Hour Rosary Bouquet

**8<sup>th</sup> Sept** Mass celebrating Mary's Birthday

**5<sup>th</sup> November** Annual Mass

**St Joachim's Victoria Park**

**10<sup>th</sup> Dec** Annual General Reunion at Edel Quinn Centre

**Allocutio** as given by Fr. Doug Harris on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

November is the month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

There is evidence in Scripture that there is a purgatory. In the Old Testament 2nd Macabees says, "it is a holy and wholesome thing to pray for the dead ..." The Jews believed in purgatory. Purgatory is not an invention of the Catholic Church.

In the New Testament, Our Blessed Lord spoke about purgatory. For example: Our Blessed Lord said: "the sin against the Holy Spirit would not be forgiven in this life or in the next," meaning that some sin is forgiven in the next life. In heaven, there are no sins to forgive. In hell, the souls don't want their sins to be forgiven. Therefore, there must be another place after death, where sins can be forgiven.

The only prayers that can help the souls in purgatory are the prayers of us who are still living on this earth. The souls in purgatory cannot do anything more through their own prayers to release themselves from purgatory. The Holy Souls are already praying and suffering as much as they can to be released. For this reason, the holy souls plead for us to pray and make sacrifices for them. We need to give all our heart to prayers and sacrifices for the souls in purgatory. We need to plead to others to also pray and make sacrifices for the souls in purgatory.

The State of Purgatory St Augustine: "The time of purgatory will be more painful than anything man can suffer in this present life." St Catherine of Genoa: In the 1st Century she was a great mystic who actually experienced purgatory. She said: "The souls in purgatory endure a pain which no tongue can describe, and no intelligence comprehend."

It is generally understood that the souls in purgatory are not immersed in a physical fire but a fire wholly different from anything known on earth. However, there are many reports of souls in purgatory being immersed in fire. For example: There was a French nun in purgatory who appeared to her nuns in their convent. She put her hands on a cupboard door leaving her handprint and fingerprint burnt into the door. These stories and many other are verified and kept in the “museum of purgatory” in the Vatican.

The chief pain in purgatory is the pain of separation from God. At Judgment, the Holy Souls, have an experience of God. To be deprived of His Presence, after experiencing Him, is an unimaginable pain. Even though the pains in purgatory are great, the souls in purgatory are at peace because having experienced Our Blessed Lord at Judgment, they want to be in purgatory to repair or make up for their sins, and they are prepared to suffer any pain in order to be with Our Lord again.

Power of intercession to the souls in purgatory: When we pray for the souls in purgatory the souls in purgatory pray for us and their prayers are very, very powerful. Their prayers are powerful because their suffering is great. For example, St Catherine of Bologna said that whatever favour she asked through the souls in purgatory she was granted immediately.

The souls in purgatory look on us with remorse, if not despair, because those of us who live our faith only lukewarmly are making the same mistake that they made. The souls in purgatory, says St Catherine of Genoa, who had visited Purgatory, look down on us and say, “O wretched creatures, why are you so blindly attached to the things that pass? Why not make provision for the future?”

So, what should we do to release souls from purgatory? 1. As often as possible pray and make sacrifices. Also, offer all one’s daily trials or sufferings for these souls especially during the month of November. When we have a cross during November, offer it up for the Holy Souls.

2. Have a mass said for the souls in purgatory.

3. Make a plenary indulgence

The St Gertrude prayer: The Church says that many, perhaps one thousand souls will be released by this prayer: ‘Eternal Father, I offer You The most precious blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, Those in my own home and within my own family.’

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Legionaries,

On Saturday we once again met for a wonderful Annual General Reunion with those attending having a good time and bringing wonderful supplies to the Homeless. As always we thank Philip Goes for organising the singalong, we thank all those who were behind setting up the hall, cleaning up afterwards and for all the wonderful food supplied.

Please put the 11th February in your diaries when we will once again gather for Our Lady of Lourdes Procession around Lake Monger. If you can assist please let either Sr. Christyne or myself know. Jobs that need to be covered are First Aid/Wheelchair, Flowers, transport and crowd control. All posters and information will be posted to the Parishes via email, and Archbishops Office early in January. Please encourage parishioners and friends to attend.

The Centre will close following the Comitium meeting on the 13th of Dec and reopen on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Members of the Executive will call into the office and check on things and should you need anything please do not hesitate to give us a call on our mobiles.

Finally, I wish you all a very Holy, happy and safe Christmas. May the newborn Jesus and his Mother bless you during this special time. May you be showered with blessings for your work for Our Lady and may you once again gather at your Praesidium with the Joy and love that you share.

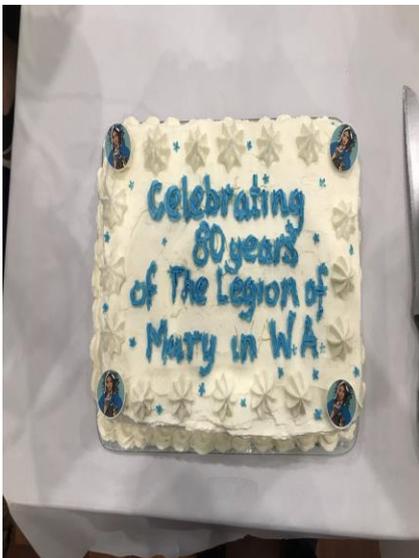
God bless and Mary protect you and all your work.

Cynthia

**A few highlights of celebrating the Legion around for 100 years**



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**REPORTS FOR November  
(EDC and Fremantle Curia)  
will be issued in January**



## **Children's corner**

**Christmas is a Christian festival that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, who Christians believe was the son of God. For most people, it takes place every year on 25 December – the day that the Roman Catholic Church chose to mark Jesus' birthday.**

**But, in fact, no one actually knows the exact date Jesus was born!**

**Did you know that not all Christians celebrate Christmas on the same day? In countries with large populations of Orthodox Christians\*, such as **Russia**, the Ukraine and Romania, Christmas Day falls on 7**

January. **Some Greek** Orthodox Christians **celebrate Christmas on 7 January, too.**

**Christmas trees were first used by ancient Egyptians and Romans. ...The term 'Xmas' simply means Christmas. ...**

Santa Claus was known as Sinterklaas in Dutch. ...Santa Claus did not always dress up in red clothes.



**"Rezem o terço todos os dias".**



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