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FOUNDED 7 SEPTEMBER 1921



Date's to remember

Ann. Death of: Alfie Lambe 21st January

Lake Monger Procession: Friday 12th February 7pm

Summer School: 13 and 14th February 2021

80th Celebration of the Legion in Perth WA and

Comitium ACIES: 20th March 2021

Bless our Friends (to the tune of Edelweiss)

Bless our friends, Bless our food,
Come O Lord and sit with us may our talk glow with peace.
Bring your love to surround us.
Friendship and peace, may it bloom and grow
Bloom and grow forever
Bless our friends, Bless our food,
Bless our loved ones forever.

Allocution given by Father Doug Harris –

Nov 2nd All Souls Day – Purple Vestments. During the month of November let us try to release as many souls as we can. Firstly, by praying as much as we can and by trying to our own will, as much as we can, have the intention of offering our thoughts, words and acts for the Holy Souls. The souls in purgatory can do no more for themselves, therefore they are dependent on our prayers and sacrifices for them, especially the Mass. Secondly by offering Masses for them, they will in their gratitude pray for us and their prayers are powerful, particularly if our prayers helped them get to heaven. The Holy Souls are also powerful intercessors. We should ask the Holy Souls to pray for our needs. During the month of November, one Mass per day is offered for Holy Souls and recorded in the “Parish Remembrance Book”. We can also release a soul from Purgatory through a “Plenary Indulgence”. Thirdly, by making Plenary Indulgences once a day, every single day, thereby releasing one soul every day.

- Receive Holy Communion.
- Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation every 2 weeks.
- Say an Our Father for the Popes Intentions.

- A work, for example, 30min of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, 5 decades of the Rosary prayed before the Blessed Sacrament, Pray the Stations of the Cross, Visit someone in prison.

But on All Souls Day, work is not required by praying the Apostles Creed. November and especially today, let us pray as much as we can for the Holy Souls.

In Conclusion: St Gertrude The Great, Prayer

Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of thy 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, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen.

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Dear Legionaries,

As 2020 draws to a close we give thanks to Our Heavenly Father and our Mother, Mary for keeping us safe during this very difficult year. For the first time in many of our lives we saw our churches closed and attended Mass sitting in the comfort of our armchairs in our homes, we were unable to join together as a Catholic Community and remember the gift that Jesus gave us at the Last Supper, the ultimate act of sacrifice of His life upon the Cross on Good Friday and the joy of His resurrection on Easter Sunday. As a Legion we were unable to meet together but many found innovative ways to gather and as soon as we were allowed, we once again gather. As I said these are unprecedented time but with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and trust in God we will travel through this time and come out a stronger “army set in battle array.”

2021 we will gather for many events beginning with the Lake Monger Rosary Procession in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday 12th February at Lake Monger commencing at 7pm. Please put this date in your calendar and encourage members and friends to come along.

We will also be celebrating our 80th Anniversary on the 20th March. I strongly encourage all Praesidia and Curiae to attend this very special occasion. We will gather as Mary’s Army, make our commitment to her in our ACIES ceremony and join together in the celebration of Mass in thanksgiving for 80 years of service by the members of the Legion of Mary in WA. What a wonderful testament if we could all stand together as her army. Further details will be made available in January.

The Legion calendar have been put into your envelopes and are available. Please make note of dates and place them in your personal planners.

I thank those who contributed to the success of the AGR last Saturday. Singing that was fit for the Cathedral, food aplenty and friendship shared and made. A special thank you to Philip Goes, our lovely kitchen elves and the executive for the wonderful work you put into ensuring all went well. A very special thank you to those who attended. Your gifts were given to Homeless Healthcare and very much appreciated.

The Centre will close following the Comitium meeting on the 14th Dec and reopen on the January 12th, 2021. Members of the Executive will call to the office and check on things and should you need anything please do not hesitate to give us a call on our mobiles. Our first meeting for 2021 will be Monday 18th at 1pm.

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
Rosemary

Rosary repairs

Please note any Legionary who has given us a set of Rosaries for repair.
Please see Mignonne to pick them up.

Legion Books

The Legion handbook and Tessera are now available on an APP on the internet for tablets and the mobile phone.

Those wishing to get a copy of inside the Legion, please contact the Comitium.

REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER Star of the Sea, Busselton

Meet – Ned Kenny Centre, Busselton, after 9am Mass. No Spiritual Director

President: Sr Lolita Scott

Vice President: Sr Jan Cole

Sec: Sr Pauline Caldwell

Tres:

Active Members: 4 Auxiliary Members: 5 Probationary: 1

Praetorians: 2 Adjutorian: 0

Report from 2 October 2019 – 27 October 2020

Extension: Nil

Works undertaken:

- We visit 3 aged care facilities, Cape Care, Ellenvale and William Carey Court, except during the lockdown from March – September, when we could recommence visitations on strict conditions including having a flu vaccination.
- We also visit elderly parishioners in their homes & hospital.
- Sr Caldwell, a Communion Minister, takes Holy Communion to Ellenvale, sometimes to Cape Care & 1-2 ladies in their homes every Wednesday.

- We have restarted the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady with Mass, Rosary & house blessing on last Wednesday of the month, 10am. We have had great response with 4 Masses so far.
- Our Annual Mass said for deceased legionnaires to be said 10th November 2020 & last year on November 6th 2019.
- Our ACIES held on 16th September delayed due to Covid, was well attended by parishioners. Fr Jaybee said Mass followed by delicious light lunch in hall.
- We have been promoting new members & finally have 1 new probationer and a few new auxiliaries
- 1 active member retired due to ill health & 4 auxiliaries have died.
- Have only 2 able drivers so shared cars the order of the day.

Plans for the next year: We plan to recruit more members and feel the good attendance and participation with Pilgrim Statue/Mass, Rosary, House Blessings is creating a more positive receptive attitude in the parish. With the drive for new members, also plan to go have more auxiliaries for prayerful backups.

Other: Fr Jaybee is only priest in Busselton and being allergic to the flu vax leaves our aged care very vulnerable. New member very promising and much needed/

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Prayers for the Sick:

(For all who have been on previous lists) Emeritas Bishop Peter Elliot, Dee Fox, Thomas William Harnett, Graham Downes, Edwina Harris, Carol Jones, Nellie Bitterworth, Jim Biachini, Jim Doyle

Repose of the Souls: Patricia Marsh, Maurice Quinn, George Wanz

Special Intentions: Pauline & Dona; Molloy, Prue Roberts, Zeph, Juliana, Helen

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St Nicholas

The real Santa was born in Turkey in 280 AD. His name was Nicholas. Nicholas' parents died when he was just a teenager. His parents left him a lot of money which made him a rich young man. He went to live with his uncle who was a priest.

One day, Nicholas heard about a man who had lost all his money. He had three daughters who were old enough to get married. But in those days young women had to have money (a dowry) in order to get married. This family was so poor they had nothing left to eat. The daughters were going to be sold as slaves because they couldn't live at home any longer. They were very sad.

Nicholas decided to help this family and one night he sneaked over to their house and quietly left three bags of gold, one for each daughter. So, the girls were able to find husbands and not have to live as slaves.

Later Nicholas became a priest and then a bishop. Everyone loved Nicholas. After he died, they told stories of the good and kind things he had done. Some of the stories were about his special care for children—helping and protecting them when danger threatened. And more and more people learned about good, kind Nicholas. They wanted to be like him. He is an example of how we should live. And that is why he became a saint. 'Santa Claus' is an abbreviation of Saint Nicholas.

In the 12th Century, in France, some nuns started giving gifts to children on St. Nicholas Day. That's when the custom of gift-giving in December was started. Now some people celebrate the gift giving custom on 6th December - St. Nicholas Day and others on Christmas Day

