

THE LEGION OF MARY BULLETIN

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What is on?

5th – **7**th **September** 48hr Rosary Bouquet in honour of Our Lady's birthday

8th **September** Mass for the presentation of the 48hr Rosary Bouquet Scroll

TBA October Congress

4th **November** Annual Mass and fellowship

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was given by Br. Tony Pitchford from All to Jesus Through Mary, Volume 3.

1. Prayer

"There are many reasons why we might not pray but we could reduce them to two broad categories – opposite to each other, yet both able to act upon us – Complacency and Despair. Complacency: is any time we mistake our own personal good fortune for the state of the whole world.

Just because I enjoy my
breakfast and my morning walk
by the river and the birds are
singing in every tree — I cannot
forget that there are souls in
need of mercy, that people are in
danger of going to Hel, that
many sins will be committed this
very day; and then all the
suffering carried in the daily
news of killings and bombings
and general chaos throughout
the world.

I may be happy in my little world, but who is going to pray for all these needs if not I, who am supposed to be Christian? It is no use my saying that God will look after it, of God Himself has asked me to pray. He could do it without me, but chooses to wait on me to see what I will do. He wants us to be involved in the work of our own salvation; we

are not to be just passive spectators. If we do not pray we will not receive the promised blessings.

Despair: is any time we do not pray for want of feeling up to it, for letting disappointment and discouragement prevent us from confidently putting up our needs before Almighty God.

We are inclined to this feeling often, because we take many blows in this life, and can easily lose enthusiasm.

We must pray on regardless, believing in the power and the promises of God. His arm is not shortened; He does not weary. He is as powerful now as any other time. If we stop praying – as with complacency – things don't happen that should happen.

So the devil pays tricks on us. It sounds simple to follow the instruction – just keep praying and all things will be given to you. But we are tempted to stop praying either because we are going too well, or not well enough. And we are in one or other of those states most of the time.

So most of the time people are not praying, and that is just the believers! The unbelievers are not praying either, so the church is empty. Churches are so empty we have to lock them so no intruders can get in.

So we pray all the time, regardless of any other circumstance. Mary, always at prayer yourself, keep us always attentive to our need to pray."

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Dear Legionaries,

On behalf of the Comitium members I would like to express our gratitude to Sr Mignonne Goes for the wonderful way in which she has undertaken the duties of the Treasurer for the past 6 years. Tonight we will hopefully elect a new Treasurer to take on this very important role. Sr Mignonne will continue with her work of organising the Piety shop and the Rosary making and on your behalf I thank her for this.

Also tonight my first 3 year term is due and if there are no nominations I shall accept the role for the next 3 years and with the wonderful help offered by Srs Cynthia Gauci, Megan Duggan, Clara Gemmy and Br Jeevan Frank I will hope that with Our Blessed Mothers guidance I can undertake the role.

Our next function is the 48hr Rosary Bouquet. All promotional information will be posted to the parishes by the 1st August. Please talk to your parishioners and those you meet and encourage them to take part. This year will be the 30th Anniversary of this wonderful gift. The Mass will be held at St Joachim's Church in Victoria Park with the Rosary being prayed at 10.30am followed by Mass at 11am. Monsignor MacDonald will be our main celebrant. The Mass will be followed by fellowship in the Parish Hall and the cutting of Mary's birthday cake. Please invite all to attend.

We are at the moment discussing where the Annual Mass will be held as St Joachim's is unavailable. We will advise as soon as we have confirmation of the venue. Please mark the 3^{rd} November in your calendars.

Our Congress will be held on the 6^{th} October at St Bernadette's in Glendalough. More information will be available next month

I thank you all for your wonderful work for Our Blessed Mother. And wish you a wonderful month.

God Bless

Sr Rosemary Bennett

REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE Our Lady Queen of Patriarchs, Victoria Park (deferred to next month)

To Report in July

Ark of the Covenant, Canning Vale Northern Districts Curia Our Lady Queen of Patriarchs, Victoria Park

SPECIALS PRAYERS

Prayers for the Sick: For all who have been on previous lists) Deacon A Atkinson, Fr. Andre Nahhas, Sherman Roch, Gerard Roch, Celestine Tay Fernandez, Gerry Fernandez, Penny Fernandez.

Repose of the Souls:.

Phillis Green (anniversary), Joe Wallace (anniversary), Babsy Fraser (anniversary), Xavier Sinnasamy.

Special Intentions:

Sylvia Meyer (birthday), Plenary Council, a special intention.

REPORTS

July	August	
Canning Vale Ark of the Covenant	Eastern Districts Curia-Our Lady Help od	
Northern Districts Curia Mary	Christians	
Assumed into Heaven	Geraldton	

VISITATIONS

July	August
Manning Our Lady of the way	Thornlie – Maria Annunciata
Willetton Our Lady of the Missions	Geraldton