



THE LEGION OF MARY  
BULLETIN

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**Dates to remember**

**21<sup>st</sup> March** Monthly

Comitium Meeting 1pm  
VEQC

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

ACIES Cloverdale at 3pm

**28<sup>th</sup> April** Feast of St.

Louis-Marie de Montfort

**21<sup>st</sup> May** One Day Retreat

Glendalough TBC

**Sept** 48 Hour Rosary

Bouquet

**8<sup>th</sup> Sept** Mass celebrating

Mary's Birthday

Lake Monger Procession

Postponed

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

Victoria Park

**10<sup>th</sup> Dec** Annual General

Reunion at Edel Quinn

Centre

**Allocutio** as given by Bro, Jeevan Frank Ex. **All to Jesus through Mary Vol 4, No 1**

**ALLOCUTIO IN JANUARY 2022 given by Fr Justin Ford, Spiritual Director of Senatus**

Baptised – imprinted with the image of Christ, and graced in the likeness of Mary On this day when we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, it's good to reflect on the meaning of our own Baptism. As legionaries, we can reflect in particular on how Baptism not only brings us into the life of the Holy Trinity, and spiritually imprints us with the seal and image of Christ, but therefore also forms us in the likeness of Mary. She was the one most perfectly imprinted with the image of her Son, the one who, of all disciples, lived most fully in the life of the Holy Trinity; and so she is the model for living out our own baptismal grace. It can be discussed which Sacraments Mary would herself have received. Regarding Baptism, she did not need to be sacramentally cleansed from any sin, original or personal. Yet Sacramental Baptism also imprints the indelible character, permanently marking the baptised with the spiritual image of Christ. It incorporates them into the Church (of which Mary is the pre-eminent member). And, it is the gateway to the other Sacraments, such as the Eucharist. So from those points of view it seems reasonable to think that Mary would have received the Sacrament of Baptism, conforming her as closely as possible to Jesus her Son. Indeed, there is a tradition going back to the second century that Christ himself baptised his Mother. Mary, the sinless Mother, receiving the washing of Baptism, would

parallel Jesus, the All-Holy One, consenting to receive John's 'baptism of repentance', and 'being numbered with sinners'. But in any case, we know of course from the dogma of the Immaculate Conception that from the first beginning of Mary's existence, she was already preserved free from original sin, in virtue of the foreseen merits of her Son – the most perfectly redeemed of all disciples. At the heart of original sin is the deprivation of sanctifying grace, resulting from the sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve. So conversely, Mary, by reason of the merits of her Son, had sanctifying grace from the first moment of her conception: she was full of grace, and in relationship with the Holy Trinity, from the start of her existence. So in that aspect at least, it is as though she was 'baptised' from that first moment.

The purpose and effect of the Sacrament of Baptism is indeed to bring us into this life of the Trinity – making us adopted children of God the Father, sharing in the divine nature; members of Christ the eternal Son, imprinted with the sign of his Death and Resurrection; and Temples of the Holy Spirit, who brings us sanctifying grace, the seed of life in heaven. The Second Vatican Council spoke of Mary's relationship with each of the persons in the Blessed Trinity. In the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church *Lumen Gentium*, the Council teaches: 'Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth.' (53) So our own baptismal relationship with the Holy Trinity is reflective of Mary's pre-eminent relationship with the Trinity, and her living of the Trinitarian life.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church also speaks of the virtues and gifts that flow from baptism. We read (n. 1266): 'The Most Holy Trinity gives the baptised sanctifying grace, the grace of justification: – enabling them to believe in God, to hope in him, and to love him through the theological virtues; – giving them the power to live and act under the prompting of the Holy Spirit through the gifts of the Holy Spirit; – allowing them to grow in goodness through the moral virtues. Thus the whole organism of the Christian's supernatural life has its roots in Baptism.'

So Mary, receiving this sanctifying grace of justification at the moment of her Immaculate Conception, is the model disciple for all of us in respect of all these virtues as well – of faith, hope and charity; of all the moral virtues, governed by the four cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance; and the Holy Spirit's gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, may our Blessed Mother intercede for us, that we may truly live out our own baptismal grace after her perfect example, and being fully conformed to Mary, being thereby most fully conformed to Jesus

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## REPORTS DUE TO COMITIUM JAN TO JULY 2022

JAN MANNING: OUR LADY OF THE WAY  
NORTHERN DISTRICTS CURIA: MARY ASSUMED INTO HEAVEN

FEB CLOVERDALE: REGINA COELI

MARCH CANNING VALE: ARK OF THE COVENANT

APRIL EASTERN DISTRICTS CURIA: OUR LADY OF CHRISTIANS  
FREMANTLE CURIA: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MAY ALBANY: OUR LADY OF GRACE

JUNE VICTORIA PARK: OUR LADY QUEEN OF PATRIARCHS

JULY BROOME  
NDC: MARY ASSUMED INTO HEAVEN

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Legionaries,

It was with great sadness that we said farewell to 3 of legionaries during the month firstly to Legionary Sr. Bridie Cahill (Bridget). Sr. Bridie was a very active member of the Ark of the Covenant, Canning Vale Praesidium and attended all meetings until ill health stopped her. Before joining the Ark of the Covenant Sr. Bridie belonged to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. I can remember Sr. Bridie from a pilgrimage the Canning Vale Parish went on about 15 years ago I remember her being in the front of the group and the only people keeping up with her was my 3 sons (who at the time were at school). We have also learnt that Her Husband Pat, Passed away on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. We offer our condolences to her daughter and son and their families. We also

said farewell to Legionary Sr Hazel Callahan. Sr Hazel was a faithful active member of the Mother of Divine Mercy Praesidium in Belmont. We offer our condolences to her family. And finally we say farewell to Ruth Gemmy, Ruth was a former active member of Our Lady of the Missions, Willetton Praesidium and then an auxiliary member. We offer our condolences to her Daughter Sr. Clara Gemmy and her family. May they all rest peacefully in the arms of Mother Mary and her loving Son. Thank you, Sr Hazel, Sr Bridie, and Sr. Ruth, for your faithful service to the Legion of Mary.

On Saturday we gathered, and our Grotto and Statue was blessed. By the Comitium Spiritual Director Father Doug Harris. We followed the blessing by fellowship.

Our next function will be ACIES which this year the Comitium will hold in Cloverdale on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March at 3pm. Followed by fellowship.

The Legion of Mary in WA is committed to providing and maintaining a safe workplace that is free from known hazards and safeguarding the health of all members, volunteers, and the homebound/homes we visit. Therefore, after careful consideration, the Executive have decided that all Legionnaires must have had all their Covid Vaccinations to do **any Legion of Mary work** and attend any function at the **Venerable Edel Quinn Centre**. Legion of Mary members who have not been Vaccinated may attend their local Legion Meeting. All members are currently required to wear a Mask and social distance at all meetings.

LOMWA Executive understands that some members and volunteers may have a hesitancy to vaccinate on the advice of medical and government orders due to historical injustices. Whilst LOMWA is empathetic to these institutional impacts, our commitment to providing the safest possible workplace remains firm. Where requested, LOMWA Executive will assist a Member by providing access to accurate and culturally appropriate advice relating to vaccination.

Please do remember to scan in using the SafeWA app/ServiceWA App or by filling in the Register provided at the doors of the Venerable Edel Quinn Centre when attending the centre.

Finally, a note from our Archbishop.

Perth Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB last week spoke with 6PR Radio host Liam Barlett answering several questions about the Catholic community and the various challenges posed by the pandemic over the past two years. Looking at Pope Francis for guidance, Archbishop Costelloe reiterated the Holy Father's message citing that "**being vaccinated with vaccines authorized by the competent authorities is an act of love** (and contributing to ensure most people

are vaccinated is an act of love - love for oneself, love for one's family and friends, love for all people)." *By Amanda Murthy.*

God bless and Mary protect you and all your work.  
Sr. Cynthia

**REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF Jan** MANNING: OUR LADY OF THE WAY  
NORTHERN DISTRICTS CURIA: MARY ASSUMED INTO HEAVEN deferred until  
February

### **SPECIAL PRAYERS**

***Prayers for the Sick:*** Thanks giving for Robert Bruce after a heart attack. Koviljka Gvubelich, Michella, Anna – suffering from cancer

***Repose of the Souls: Douglas,*** Elmo, Anjelito

***Special Intentions:*** Tongan disaster and families affected

### **Children's corner**

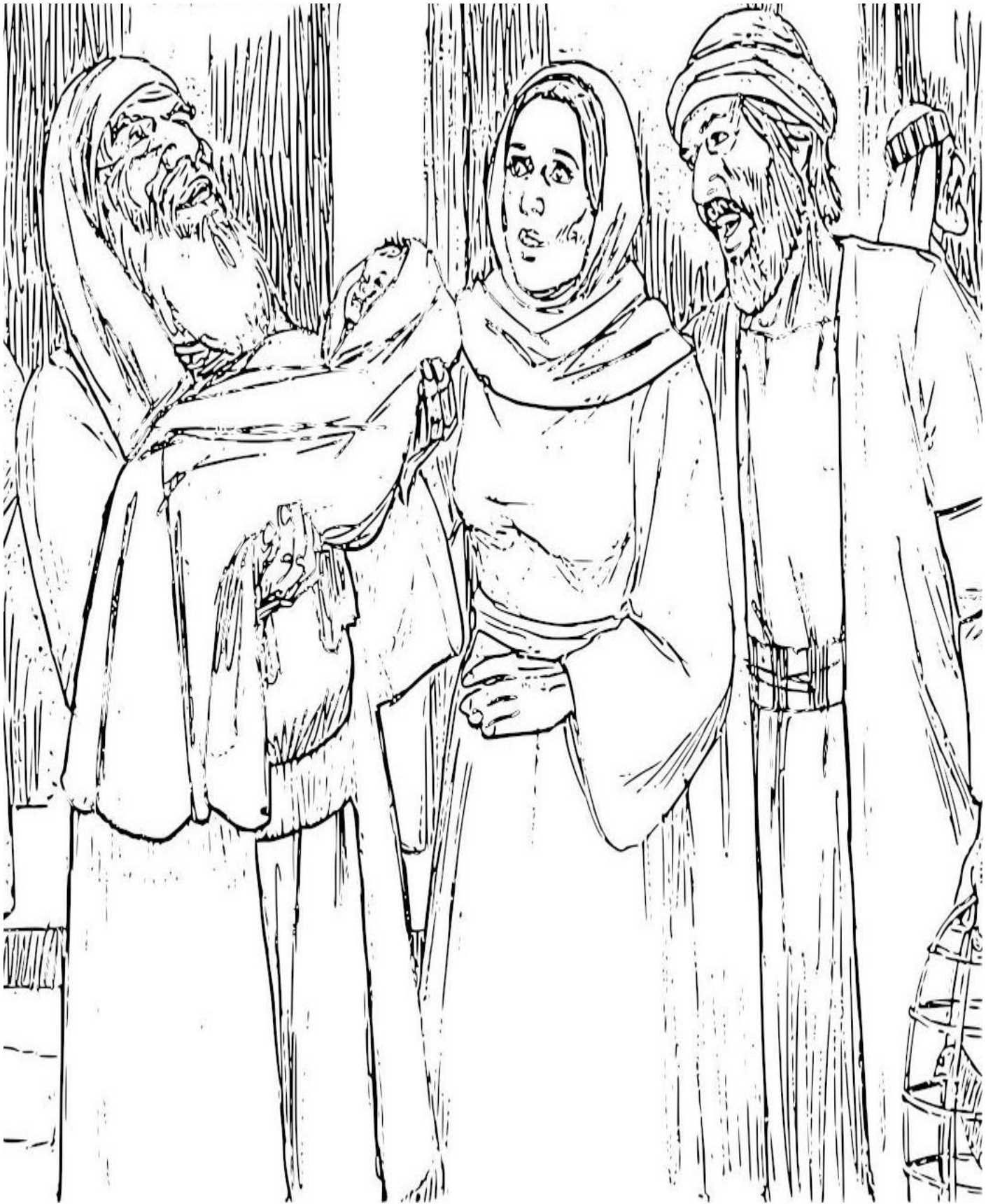
**The Presentation** – Feast Day 2nd February Forty days after Christmas, the Church celebrates the Feast of The Presentation when Mary and Joseph presented baby Jesus in the Temple. At that time there was an old man named Simeon who recognised the infant as the promised Saviour. He took Him up in his arms, blessed God and said

“At last, all-powerful Master, You give leave to your servant To go in peace, according to your promise. For my eyes have seen your salvation Which you have prepared for all nations, The light to enlighten the Gentiles And give glory to Israel, your people.”

This prayer is known as the “Nunc Dimittis” in Latin and is part of the official prayer of the Church, the Divine Office, which all priests and religious pray every day.

Simeon also said to Mary, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

The Feast of the Presentation is also known as Candlemas. On this day, Catholics traditionally bring candles to the Church to be blessed and used throughout the year. The candles represent Christ who is the light of the world. In some countries, this is also the day when the Christmas season officially ends and Nativity Scenes and Christmas decorations are taken down.



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I am all yours  
My Queen and my Mother  
And All that I have is Yours

NOTRE DAME  
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ON THE 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022  
COMMENCING AT 3PM