



THE LEGION OF MARY
BULLETIN

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Dates to remember

13th Dec Monthly Comitium

Meeting 1pm VEQC

17th Jan 2022 Comitium

Meeting

11th Feb 2022 Lake Monger

Procession

19th February blessing of

Statue

20th March Comitium

ACIES Cloverdale

28th April Feast of St.

Louis-Marie de Montfort

21st May One Day Retreat

Sept 48 Hour Rosary

Bouquet

8th Sept Mass celebrating

Mary's Birthday

5th November Annual Mass

Victoria Park

10th Dec Annual General

Reunion at Edel Quinn

Centre

Allocutio as given by Fr. Doug Harris in November

2021 All Souls Purgatory Finished with the prayer

of St Gertrude

All Souls

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,

As we start 2022 I wish you all the blessings of Jesus and Mary on your works and thank you for all that you were able to do in 2021. It is my prayer that you remain safe and well and that you are able to continue with your work.

I remind you of our 2 functions in February

1st the Lake Monger Procession on the 11th February We will gather at the gazebo just down from the Dodd St Carpark at 7pm and show our love for Our Lady as we walk around the Lake and pray the rosary. As in previous years we will have an area for those who are now unable to undertake the walk but wish to pray the Rosary with family and friends. We request all those using this area to please bring a chair. Please bring torches to light the way as no naked flames are allowed, water and mosquito repellent. I hope that we will see many of you join this year

and 2nd the Blessing of our Grotto and Statue on the 19th. February at 1.30pm Fr. Doug Harris will officiate at this, this will be followed by afternoon Tea and fellowship.

In the future I encourage all members to wear a mask at their weekly meetings and to social distance. We also remind you that all members must follow their Parish Priests rules about Covid Vaccinations.

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

REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF November 2021

Immaculate Conceptio Fremantle Curia

Place of Meeting – Parish Meeting Room, Star of the Seas Rockingham.

Time of Meeting – 2nd Sunday of the month at 2pm

Active members – 70 plus 3 probationary

Junior Member – 17

Auxiliary Members – 384

Praetorian Members – 7

Adjutorian members – 13

Number of Officers – 31

Number of positions vacant – 5

Spiritual Directors vacant – 1

Report for the Period 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021

At the time of reporting there were 8 Senior and 3 Junior Praesidia attached to this Curia

They are: Maria Assumpta – Mandurah
 Our Lady of Good Counsel – Dawesville
 Mary, Queen of Angels – Dawesville juniors
 Our Lady, Mother of Divine Mercy Juniors, Yangebup
 Mary, Mother of the Church, Baldivis
 Cause of our joy Juniors, Baldivis
 Our Lady of Lourdes, Rockingham
 Our Lady Queen of Peace, Willagee
 Salve Regina, Bateman
 Our Lady of Mr Carmel, Hilton

Curia officers,

Spiritual Director	Fr. Vijay D’Souza
President	Sr. Silva Autogavia
Vice President	Br. Andrew Khoo
Secretary	Sr. Mary Glen
Treasurer	Sr. Moya Bruce

Works undertaken in this period.

Covid restrictions continued to impact work undertaken by Praesidia particularly visitation of people in nursing homes, Hospitals and in their homes.

Most senior Praesidia reporting in this time were able to keep in contact with the

household through telephone conversations and some care visits. Now that restrictions have lifted somewhat Special Ministers are once again taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.

4 Praesidia circulate 9 Pilgrim Statues to families in their Parishes. One Praesidium modifies their Pilgrim Statue roster in May so that the Statue went to a new home every day.

One Praesidia leads the rosary before weekday Masses and on Sunday Morning Two Piety stalls operate weekly and 2 lending libraries which include books, DVD and CDs.

Works of service and hospitality for auxiliaries and parishioners are regularly undertaken by several Praesidia.

Extension and Recruitment for the period

Regular notices are placed in Parish Bulletins and ministry sheets. The Spiritual Director Fr. Vijay D'Souza speaks regularly on the need for a personal approach to potential new members the more people we ask to join the more likely we are to gain new members.

Praesidia Highlights

Due to the persistent efforts of Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium Rockingham Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is now established in the parish.

During the pandemic, the rosary was recorded and circulated to the staff and families at ST. Damian's Catholic Primary School via the school's facebook page,

Rockingham praesidium organized a pilgrimage to Divine Mercy Church Chittering in August. This was successful. It was requested that another one be done.

Willage Praesidium promoted the first Saturday devotions from May to September . it was promoted in both Fremantle Curia and Comitium

Eucharistic Adoration is held each Saturday for 9 hours at Our Lady of Lourdes Rockingham. This is sponsored and managed by the Praesidium.

Our Lady Queen of Angles Juniors has assisted the Dawesville Seniors with a book Barrow outside the IGA in Miami. Some of these Junior Legionaries have received Christian leadership awards at their Primary School.

One Legionary is praying the rosary with Parents while their children are receiving instruction for the Sacraments.

The Baldivis praesidium, Mary Mother of the Church which is now 8 years old, runs a Catholic Alpha program in the parish.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Hilton prayed the rosary with the whole primary school on

the feast of our Lady of Mt Carmel.

Functions

Several members attended the Congress in September 2021 where a workshop was led by Sr. Rhonda Haynes President Our Lady Queen of Peace, Willagee.

Plans for the future;

To host public rosaries in October.

Acknowledgements

We gratefully acknowledge the spiritual guidance and encouragement offered from our Spiritual Director Father Vijay D'Souza. We acknowledge the generosity of the Parish of Star of the Sea, Rockingham: also acknowledging the generosity and support of Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium and the parish for allowing us to use of their meeting hall. Our grateful thanks go to Comitium for their support

Report of Curia to Comitium Mary Help of Christians EDC

Location Edel Quinn Centre, Windsor St, Perth

Spiritual Director Fr. Michael Rowe

President Sr. Betty Flynn Vice President Sr. Roseanne Quinn

Secretary Sr. Christyne Williams Ass. Secretary Sr. Maria Eaton

Treasurer Sr. Aderianne Morello Ass. Treasurer Bro. Jeevan Frank

No of Praesidia 12 senior and 3 Junior

Active membership 78 plus 6 probationers juniors 7

Auxiliary membership 160

Praetorian 2 Adjutorian 0

Reporting period April 2021 to October 2021

Our Praesidia; Our Lady Queen of Peace, Armadale
Mother of the Good Shepherd, Kelmscott
Spouse of St. Joseph, Bassendean
Good Shepherd Junior Legion, Kelmscott
Regina Coeli, Guildford/Bassendean
Mother Queen of Heaven, Maida Vale
Virgo Potens Latin Community
Our Lady of fatima, Belmont
Lady of the way Lockridge
Mother Ark of the Covenant, Maida Vale
Immaculate Heart, Junior Legion
Holy name of Mary, Midland
Lady of Good Health, Embleton

Lady of Lourdes, Lesmurdie have closed but we will be working with Father to re-

establish. Notices have been placed in the parish bulletin with no response, Fr. Michael suggested we try again in the New Year.

Extension

Most Praesidia do their best to recruit more members. Constant reminders at Curia meetings towards this is ongoing.

Works undertaken during the last six months (Legion Word Only)

All members continue to work with the elderly and sick

Rosary is prayed in nursing homes and some schools

Pilgrim statues are circulated in Parishes and some schools by the Legion

The 48 hour Rosary Bouquet was undertaken by most Praesidia

Providing transport to church for the homebound elderly

Some legionnaires teach religious instructions in their parishes.

All Praesidia attempt to recruit more members and promote attendance at all ci

Manning the Edel Quinn Centre on a roster basis is done by some Praesidia, visiting Auxiliaries, circulating Our Lady's Pilgrim Statue and praying the Rosary in homes we're invited to do so.

Two Praesidium organizes and manages Junior Legions at their meetings, Belmont and Regina Coeli.

Some Praesidia recite the Rosary at funerals and provide transport to Mass on Sundays.

On the 1st Tuesday of each Month, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Armadale Parish gather to pray the Rosary for the Beatification of the Servant of God and Pray for those specially on the Prayer list of the Legion for Healing. Everyone is welcome at this prayer gathering. Would like to extend this to more Parishes.

Rosary at lake Monger and Legion Annual retreat events were well attended by EDC.

Most Praesidia are involved in the world day of Prayer 2021

At least 4 Praesidia assist residents to Mass on a weekly basis

One prays the rosary with nursing home residents weekly, visits them on their birthdays and assist them to weekly Mass

A Praesidia organized a pilgrimage to Divine Mercy Church Chittering with over 60 attending.

Two Praesidia held extension weekends. One had started a new Mother Ark of the Covenant for workers

3 members have made their promise.

Future plans

Curia plans to follow up extension work in Midland, Lesmurdie and Guildford Praesidia.

Continues reminders are sent out for new recruits at every EDC meeting for Active

and Auxiliary Members, and to hand out Can you lend a hand leaflets in their Parishes

And continue to promote and support all Legion Functions and Parish Activities. We would like to start an Evangelizing group to go around parishes to promote the Legion of Mary. This would require 6-8 committed Legionaries.

Other relevant information.

We have members actively involved in other groups and activities, Personal Advocacy Group, St Vincent De Paul, and Church cleaning rosters, Catechism, and Music ministries, counting roster and parish functions.

All Praesidia have completed their reports to Curia for this Period and been visited by Curia for their current year.

Australia needs Fatima rosary in the park was held by 4 Praesidia

Rosary is prayed at noon on the 13th of each month by some Prasia

All have been advised to have their books audited

All have been asked to offer Mass for deceased Legionaries

Numbers attending Curia is good

This report couldn't go without a note of thanks to our Spiritual Director, Fr. Michael Rowe, who already has a very busy schedule and never fails to provide us with an Allocutio full of Spiritual nourishment and guidance even when he is unable to attend.

A special thanks to Sr. Rosemary Bennett for her guidance over the years.

We welcome Sr. Cynthia Gauci may our Blessed Mother guide her in the years ahead.

Sr. Betty Flynn

Reports for December 2021:

Mary Immaculate Queens Park, Maria Annunciata Thornlie

Thornlie – Maria Annunciata – Report 9/12/2020 – 08/12/2021

Spiritual Director Nil

Membership 3, Auxiliary Membership 49,

Probationary/ Praetorians/ Adjutorian nil

President- Sr Jennifer Farrugia,

Vice President Vacant,

Secretary Sr Joy Stoddart,

Treasurer Sr Carol Mofflim

Meeting place – Sacred Heart Church, Thornlie Wednesday 9.30am

Mailing Address – Sr Jennifer Farrugia, 43 Ranmere Way, Langford 6147

Legion work undertaken

Regular visitations and numerous phone calls were made to auxiliary members and those living alone in the Parish.

One legionary prepared and conducted her weekly catechist class.

We had two legionaries making rosaries until one resigned to take care of her sick husband. She is still making rosaries as an auxiliary member. Between them well over 1500 rosaries' have been made during the year.

The Praesidia gave 480 St Joseph bookmarks with the Litany of St Joseph on the back, to Sacred Heart Primary School students and teachers.

Emails were sent to two local Catholic Schools promoting "One Million Children Praying the Rosary".

All members attended the 80th Anniversary of the Legion in WA. One Legionary is correspondent for Busselton Praesidium.

On the feast of the Miraculous Medal Fr Minh blessed medals and leaflets before the end of Mass. Approx 90 taken.

Works - other than Legion Works undertaken:

One Legionary volunteers weekly as "Visibility" in Victoria Park. One legionary is a member of the parish Choir. Two Legionaries are part of the Adoration roster in a neighboring Parish. One member leads a weekly Parish Cenacle and is the coordinator of a Schoenstatt Pilgrim Picture.

Extension: numerous efforts have been made to recruit active members with some considering auxiliary membership instead. A weekly and is placed in the parish bulletin stating place time and the contact person.

Comitium/Praesidium functions undertaken: In July meetings legionnaires made their annual promise to Our Lady.

Problems/Concerns: It has been a difficult year with our Legionary retiring due to long term health. Two other have also had health issues. Signed Jennifer Farrugia President

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Prayers for the Sick:

(For all who have been on previous lists) . Bogongi family, Mignonne Goes, Jenny Loo, Sharron, Aiden and Noah Campbell, Claire Nielsen

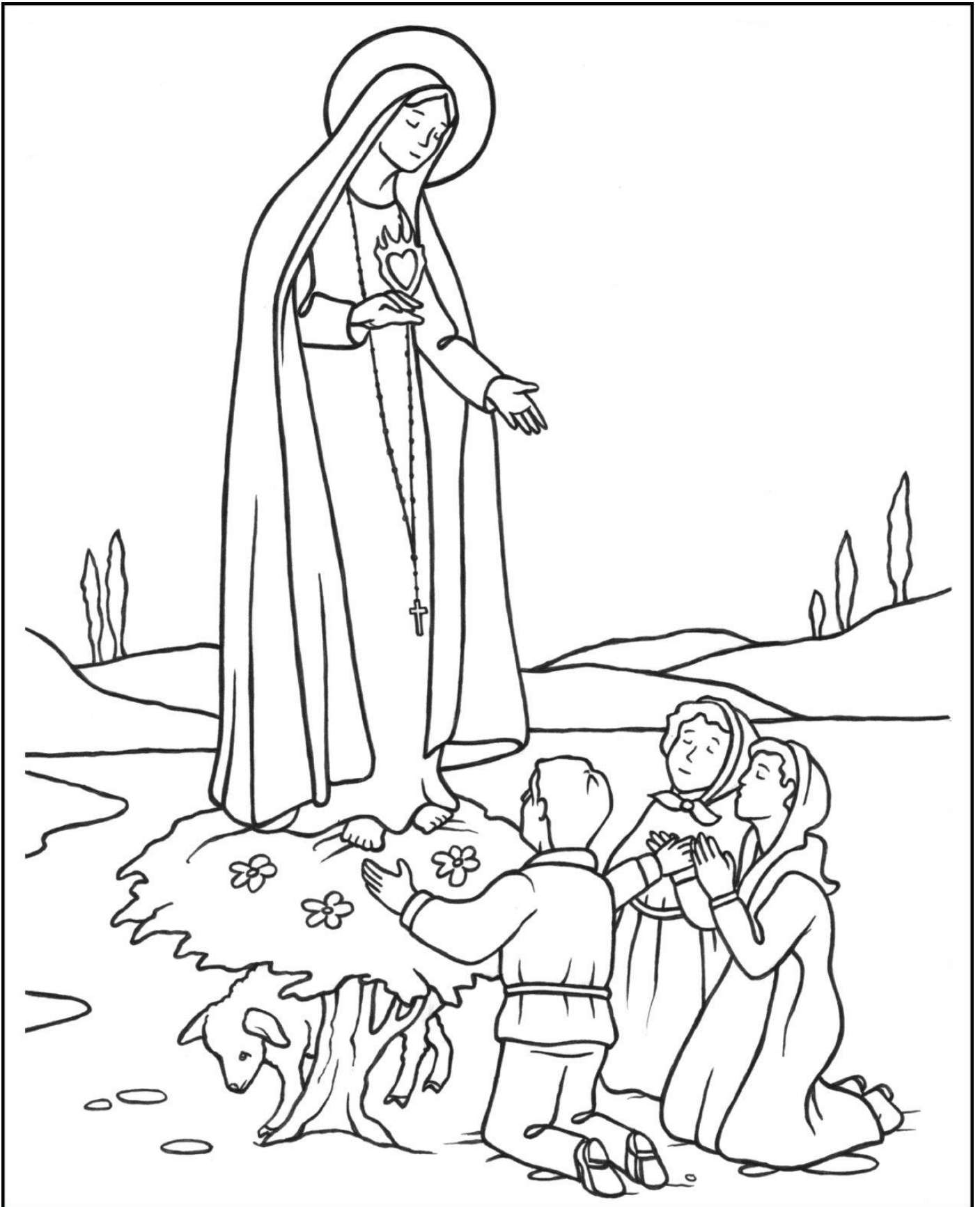
Repose of the Souls Mark Bogoni, Mr Zureich (Covid 19 Germany), Laurence O'Neill, Clarrisa Gomez (Annv), Susan Murray (Canningvale), Caryn Pasini and Jessica Campbell (Both suicide) Gerry Davis

Special Intentions: Steven Loo, Michael Bull, Connor McLeod

Children's corner

The Marian Apparitions at Lourdes were reported in 1858 by Bernadette Soubirous, a 14-year-old miller's daughter from the town of Lourdes in southern France. From 11 February to 16 July 1858, she reported 18 apparitions of "a Lady". ... Soubirous was canonized a saint in 1933 by Pope Pius XI.





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