



THE LEGION OF MARY
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LEGION OF MARY
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Dates to remember

15th August 2022 Comitium Meeting

Sept 48 Hour Rosary Bouquet

8th Sept Mass celebrating Mary's Birthday

28th Oct Lake Monger Procession

5th November Annual Mass Victoria Park

10th Dec Annual General Reunion at Edel Quinn Centre

Feb Lake Monger Procession TBC

March Comitium ACIES

April

May/June One Day Retreat

Allocutio: as given by Sr. Rosemary Bennett (Tribune) ex all to Jesus through Mary (by Rev. David Thoroughgood) vol 1 no 45

The Eucharist.

We have just celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi, on which we reaffirm our belief in the actual bodily presence of Jesus Christ under the appearance of bread and wine.

Having Him present to us in this way we can then either eat and drink of his body and blood or simply adore him. Either way we are likely to benefit from being so close to him.

The Eucharist is a sacrament that can be received easily, but unless it is entered into with some reflection and commitment we will not derive the benefit Our Lord intends to confer on us.

The key ingredient is time. Can we find the time to prepare for the sacrament and time again to give thanks for it? By giving time to this event we are allowing the graces of God to sink down deep within us.

Much as with ordinary food – where a meal taken at a comfortable speed will be more enjoyable than gulping it down – so for this heavenly food we need time to digest it, to let it take hold of us.

St. Augustine received these words from Jesus; “You will not change Me into yourself as you would food of your flesh; but you will be changed into me.” We are eating of the goodness of God, the Qualities of Christ. We therefore should be growing into these qualities.

Easy Holy Communion (or time spent in adoration) should have the effect of increasing our stock of charity kindness, patience, humility, self-control, capacity to suffer, ability to forgive, concern for the poor etc.

These are subtle and usually slow transformations which may be impossible to detect at the time, but should be obvious over a longer period.

It is impossible to measure exactly the effect of a sacrament but we could hope that with all the times we have received the Eucharist we are better people now than we would otherwise have been.

As Legionaries we need to carry within us a contemplative spirit imitating Mary who ‘stored up all these things in her heart’ and let nothing she received from God fall to the ground.

We are anxious not to let the Eucharist fall to the ground for reasons of reverence, but also symbolically we can be anxious not to waste a crumb of the value of this sacrament for our lives.

Mary, always attentive to the graces of God, pray for us.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Legionaries,

We are still limiting in our door-to-door work and all visits must start with either phone contact or an invitation, but a phone call, a letter can be very supportive.

Please start advertising the 48 Hour Rosary Bouquet in your local Parish.

I congratulate our spiritual Director Fr. Doug Harris, on the Anniversary of His ordination to the Priesthood and thank him for his ongoing support of the Legion of Mary

God bless and Mary protect you and all your work.

Cynthia



“The solitary umbrella from tales worth telling”

A little farming town was facing the threat of a serious drought. The crops withered, the cattle died, and every member of the community was affected.

One afternoon all the townsfolk were called into the church to pray for rain. They prayed and prayed. Then they looked at the blazing skies and

prayed some more.

Unknown to them, the wind began to change, clouds began to darken the skies. And then it couldn't be but it was A clap of thunder.

Everyone danced around and hugged and shouted for joy. And then suddenly everyone fell silent. Every eye turned to a little seven-year girl who smiled from ear to ear as she watched the rain from her umbrella. everyone in the community had prayed for rain, but only one little girl had enough faith to bring an umbrella

REPORTS DUE TO COMITIUM AUGUST TO OCTOBER 2022

AUGUST VIETNAMESE CURIA: OUR LADY OF LAVANG

SEPTEMBER BUSSELTON: STAR OF THE SEA

EAST VICTORIA PARK; OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

OCTOBER EDC : OUR LADY OF CHRISTIANS

FREMANTLE CURIA: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF June

CURIA REPORT TO COMITIUM

Curia Name	Our Lady Assumed into Heaven – Northern Districts Curia
Place of Meeting	Venerable Edel Quinn Centre Windsor St. East Perth
Time of Meeting	4 th Saturday of the Month at 10.30am
Details of Praesidia attached	7 See below
Active Members	35

Junior Members	6
Auxiliary Members	171
Praetorian Members	6
Adjutorian Members	7
Number of Officers	21
Number of Vacant Officerships	8
Spiritual Directors vacant	
Report Period	January 2022 to June 2022 inclusive

report covering meetings 783-788

President Sr. Giulia di Carlantonio
Vice President Sr. Linda Westwood
Secretary Sr. Lorraine Allen
Asst. Secretary Sr. Pat Nerva
Treasurer Sr. Wilma Hedzik

Names of Praesidia

Spouse of the Holy Spirit , Beach
Spouse of the Holy Spirit Jun, City Beach
Our Lady of All Nations, Glendalough
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Mirrabooka
Our Lady of Grace, North Beach
Our Lady of Missions, Whitfords
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Balcatta.

During this time of the Corona Virus pandemic Praesidia meetings and activities have been curtailed. Phone calls made instead of visits.

It is with sadness that we report that the Sorrowful Mother Praesidium, Joondanna has been closed after holding its 3174 meeting in December 2021. We would like to knowledge the many years of faithful service and dedication by its members particularly Bro. Keith Mc Enroe and Sr. Margaret Allen. They have joined the Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium in Balcatta and will continue their good works.

Events for the Months of January to June 2022

Due to Gov. requirements we did not hold our ACIES service or our Annual retreat. However many members attended the EDC and the Comitium's ACIES.

It was with great sorrow that we farewelled a long serving Member Sr. Judy Woodward, who passed away peacefully on 8th April 2022. I will quote a tribute from the Legion of Mary website (www.legionofmarywa.org) posted 6th May by Ave Maria:

Judy was a very much loved member of the Legion of Mary, joining 30+ years ago. As a member she served Our Lady at Praesidium and Curia level taking on the role of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. She was President, Vice President, and Treasurer of Comitium, roles she filled with great expertise and commitment and along with her husband Paul undertook many of the minor jobs that needed to be done at the Venerable Edel Quinn Centre.

In 2000 Judy and Paul discussed how they could thank Our Lady for Judy's 10th year free of Cancer and so began the Annual Rosary Procession in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes around Lake Monger. A procession that was to be for just the Jubilee Year but continues to this day. Paul and Judy would for many years organise the Statue and Trolley, flowers and council requirements for this event, no easy task and then along with their family make sure the procession was a success and safe. Judy was in time to organise a trolley to be built just for the Legion so that we had no need to source from a parish.

Judy was also very committed to the 48hr Rosary Bouquet for Our Lady's Nativity and spent many hours working at the numbers and ensuring that all parishes received their bundles and then entering the hours on the scroll.

Nothing was beyond Judy, Exploratio Dominicalis, PPCs, Summer Schools in Melbourne and work in the office and she was there. It was only her loss of hearing that saw Judy drop back in her on hands work but she gently maintained a presence.

Following major refurbishments of the centre and many years of discussion Judy said that she would like to donate towards a Grotto to be placed at the front. On February 19th, 2022, Fr Doug Harris blessed the grotto with Judy able to be present. We thank Judy for her generosity in ensuring the Grotto was built.

Judy slipped peacefully into the arms of Our Lady and Her Son, Jesus on the night of 8th April 2022. She has now completed her earthly work for the Legion, but we are sure that she continues to support us in heaven.

In Judy's final days she wanted to thank all Legionaries for all their prayers and thoughts, during her many battles with cancer, for their friendship and love over many years and to be reassured that she will be interceding on their behalf in heaven.

The Legion of Mary extends to Judy's family their deepest sympathy at this time. We also extend to her Sister Legionaries at Our Lady of All Nations Praesidium, Glendalough our thoughts and prayers.

Extra Activities and good works:

Seniors Concert for the disabled and visually impaired has been suspended

Rosary making is still ongoing – every second Saturday of the Month

Northern Districts Curia members still man the Venerable Edel Quin Centre every 1st, 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month and 5th Tuesday where applicable.

Plans for the year

We encourage Legionaries to continue in their effects in recruiting active and auxiliary members.

Sr. Giulia Di Carlantonio
President

To Jesus through Mary

Name of Praesidium:	Our Lady Queen of Patriarchs
Location (suburb)	228 Berwick St Victoria Park
Meeting place and time:	The home of Sr Peggy Knowles, Wednesday 1.30pm
Meeting number	

Spiritual Director:			
President:	Sr. Rosemary Bennett	Vice President:	Br Philip Mathews
Secretary:	Sr. Peggy Knowles	Treasurer:	Sr. Ann Mathews
Active Membership:	6	Praetorian:	1
Auxiliary Membership:	25	Adjutorian:	Nil
Probationary:			
Report from:	June 2021	To:	June 2022

Extension:

Personal contact is made to parishioners inviting them to “Come and See” in the past year but unfortunately no new members have come to join us. We continue with the personal approach

Works undertaken by members:

- Contact is made with the elderly, frail and housebound in the parish. This is done by one member who makes a phone call and chats with parishioners. Those who are contacted enjoy the opportunity of a chat with our Legionary

- Auxiliaries are contacted before the ACIES and the Annual Mass and they are invited to attend. If necessary transport is arranged.

Members man the Venerable Edel Quinn Centre two days a month.

- The funeral Masses of deceased parishioners are attended and condolence visits to the family of Legionaries who are no longer attached to a Praesidium.
- We continue to circulate the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Our Blessed Mother spends 2 weeks with the family. One Legionary has taken on the responsibility of transporting Our Lady on her journey. The last 12 months has found a number of parishioners wishing to have her in their home and the help offered by the Legionary ensures that she is at their home on the due date.
- 2 members ensure that there is always a supply of Miraculous Medals and Scapular medals available for a priest who shares them in his chapel. These are put on chain and come in gold and silver. The same members stitch Miraculous Medals into the Scapulars for distribution by Father.
- Members make Rosaries for the Piety Shop.
- One member takes Holy Communion to several Parishioners each week.
- We hold a morning tea once a month following Sunday Morning Mass and have Legion material available.
- We work with the Men alive group in the parish supporting their functions .

Works undertaken that are not Legionary work:

- Members are Acolytes, Proclaimers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist in their parishes.
- One member is a member of the RCIA team in her parish.
- One member volunteers at the Vincent De Paul shop
- The Praesidium has been represented at the following functions: the Annual Mass, Australia Needs Fatima, ACIES, 48 Hour Rosary Bouquet for Our Lady's birthday.
- The treasurer's book has been audited and all found correct.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Prayers for the Sick: Sheila McDermott, Maria Palma, Shirley Decastro, Sr. Karen Daly
Repose of the Souls Br Michael Chew, Luisa, Patricia Williams, Phyllis Falk, Michael, John Tan, Linda Maier, Tony Mancini

Special Intentions: Sr Moya Bruce and family, Deacon Al Atkinson, Mrs Aileen Atkinson, Day Family

Children's corner

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, or Virgin of Carmel, is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as patroness of the Carmelite Order, particularly within the Catholic Church. The first Carmelites were Christian hermits living on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land during the late 12th and early to mid-13th century. They built in the midst of their hermitages a chapel.

