



THE LEGION OF MARY  
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**Dates to remember**

**21<sup>st</sup> May** Mass for Sr. Judy Woodward

**6<sup>th</sup> June** Solemnity of Mary Mother of the Church

**21<sup>st</sup> June** Comitium Meeting

**Sept 48** Hour Rosary Bouquet

**8<sup>th</sup> Sept** Mass celebrating Mary's Birthday

**Oct** Lake Monger Procession

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

**10<sup>th</sup> Dec** Annual General Reunion at Edel Quinn Centre

**2023**

**March** Comitium ACIES Cloverdale

**28<sup>th</sup> April** Feast of St. Louis-Marie de Montfort

**Date to be advised** One Day Retreat Glendalough cancelled

**Allocutio** written by Fr. Doug Harris on **Transfiguration**

**SUNDAY LENT 2C - 2022**

**THE TRANSFIGURATION**

**(St Luke 9:2-10)**

Jesus takes Peter, James and John on top of Mt Tabor. Jesus is transfigured.

Jesus is described in the Book of Matthew:

“His Face like the sun and His clothes as white as the light.”

In the Gospel of Mark: “Clothes dazzling white.”

In the Gospel of Luke: “Clothing brilliant as lightning.”

This gives us a glimpse of His glorified or divine state.

A state that all people are called to.

As Our Lord said: “the virtuous will shine as ‘bright as the sun’ in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our Blessed Mother, for example, is said to be “as bright as the sun” according to the Catena of the Legion of Mary.

In the Book of Revelations, Our Mother is the “woman clothed with the sun” (Rev 12:1-2).

I was in Medjugorje with three others.

She appeared as pure light.

She was all light and it was a light not of this earth.

Not all of us saw her, one saw nothing.

The three of us who saw her went on our knees.

It lasted about 10 minutes or more.

We are not called to live only on the level of the flesh

or world but on the level of the Holy Spirit. Like Our Mother, in Luke's Gospel, she is "full of Grace", or full of the "Holy Spirit."

We must realise how high we are called.

We are called to be transfigured.

(Cor 15:43: "We are sown in dishonour but raised in glory.")

God calls us to be like Himself. Possessed by Jesus.

Sharers in His Divine Life.

Our Lord began a new era.

We are no longer limited by our flesh and the world.

We are in the time of the Holy Spirit who is unlimited and who transfigures us.

At the Transfiguration Moses and Elijah appear.

They worship Jesus.

This affirms that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Covenant Law (represented by Moses) and the Prophets (represented by Elijah).

In other words, through Jesus the Messiah, all the Old Covenant Law and the Prophets are fulfilled.

With the coming of the Messiah, we began a new era.

A new transfigured glory.

Moses and Elijah were speaking to Jesus.

"They were speaking of His passing which He was to accomplish in Jerusalem".

Jesus wants us to realise that His Passion will not be the end but will lead to His glorification or transfiguration or resurrection.

Likewise, as Jesus was not spared the Cross, we will not be spared the Cross.

But today's Gospel reminds us that the Cross is not our greatest negative, but our greatest positive.

We can never be transfigured without the Cross.

The Cross is not the end (if we accept the cross out of love).

If we carry the Cross as Jesus taught us by the way He lived,

then will be transfigured and that transfiguration will last for all eternity.

Sometimes the Cross is very heavy.

For example, on the feast of the Transfiguration, 6<sup>th</sup> August,

in the Year 1945 the Atomic Bomb was dropped on Hiroshima

killing about 80,000 people vaporising everyone and everything within a radius of about 2 kilometres.

No matter how large the cross is, God is present and in charge.

In the midst of this evil,

stood a presbytery of Jesuit Priests who had just finished offering Mass.

The Presbytery remained standing and all 8 Priests were free of radiation.

The evil one maybe strong, but he is nothing compared to the power of God.

Today we have another cross called corona virus.

Although this cross is large, God is present and in charge.

The evil one is nothing compared to God.

Therefore, we should not be afraid.

In today's Gospel Our Lord said:

"Be not afraid."

Even if we catch the corona virus, we should not be afraid.

If Our Lord allows us to catch the virus that is Our Lord's department.

We can completely trust Him because He loves us infinitely.

Our mission is to be all that God calls us to be, that is to be transfigured, full of the Holy Spirit.

St John Paul II wrote:

"On Mt Tabor it was Jesus who was transfigured.

When we come into the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, it is we who are spiritually transfigured."

After Moses, who was at the Transfiguration, spent 40 days on Mt Sinai, his face shone with the glory of God.

His face was so bright that people could not look at him.

He had to wear a cloth over his face.

When we spend time in the presence of Jesus we shine with the glory of God.

Moses' glory could be seen.

It was external.

The glory that a person receives from Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament cannot always be seen because it is internal, and it is divine.

It is God Himself who makes His home in us.

Anastasius of Sinai wrote that when we are in Our Lord's presence:

"our soul is made new.

We are transfigured with Jesus.

Moulded to His image,

ever being filled with His divinity

being transformed from glory to glory."

Therefore, every moment in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament we grow from one degree of glory to another.

Every moment we are in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament we are constantly being filled with God Himself being transformed from human level to the divine level

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## **REPORTS DUE TO COMITIUM MAY TO AUGUST**

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,

May the Risen Jesus bless and protect you. I do hope that you were able to participate in the Season ceremonies of your parish. In my Parish, we had some wonderful services with our Youth once again performing the Stations of the Cross. We have a young man who makes an excellent Jesus. All our Masses being very full, even though we had to count the numbers and make people sit outside. Father Jean-Noel gave some very Spiritual enlightening Homilies.

It is with saddest that the legion of Mary has lost another long-term member Sr. Jenny Phillips of the Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium my the perpetual light shine on her and may she rest in peace.

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May I invite all legionaries Present and past to join us at ST, BERNADETTE'S CHURCH 49 JUGAN ST MOUNT HAWTHORN, to celebrate the Rosary and Holy Mass for our sister Judy Woodward, the Rosary will be at 11.30 am. We will follow Mass with fellowship.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, the first Monday following Pentecost, Pope Francis has announced that the Solemnity of Mary Mother of the Church will be celebrated. This is a fairly new Solemnity and an optional one to Our Blessed Mother. I am encouraging Legionaries to try and attend a Mass on that day.

The 48 Hour Rosary Bouquet will be held in September and I encourage all legionaries to advertise this coming event in their Parishes and among their friends.

We are planning to hold our Lake Monger Procession in Oct 2022 and will let you know the date as soon as we can arrange it.

In April we saw the lifting of the Covid rules by the Government of WA, and have adjusted our Covid policy to take these rules into account. We however follow the suggestions of our Vicar General and suggest that you wear a mask when in public and if possible, practice social distancing to protect yourself and the people who you visit.

All visitation will remain by invitation or as prearranged only.

## **Legions Bulletin**

I do hope that everyone is given the opportunity of reading the Bulletin. City praesidia are requested to pick their bulletins up from the table at the monthly Comitium meeting. Country praesidia have their bulletins posted to them.

The bulletin is always available from the website [www.legionofmarywa.org.au](http://www.legionofmarywa.org.au).

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

## **REPORTS FOR March 2022**

**Ark of the Covenant Canning Vale** read by **Sr. Cynthia Gauci** and **Our Lady of Missions Willetton** – Read by Sr Christyne Williams, Manning – held over to May.

## **REPORT OF PRAESIDIUM TO COMITIUM TO JESUS THROUGH MARY**

**Report number 18      March 2022**

***NAME OF PRAESIDIUM;*** ***ARK OF THE COVENANT***

***LOCATION;*** ***CANNING VALE***

***MEETING PLACE AND TIME;*** *St Emilie's church,  
151 Amherst Road Canning Vale*

*9.00 Mass followed by 9.45 am meeting On a Wednesday*

*Except on the first week of the month during the school term when it is 8 am Mass and 9 am meeting.*

*Spiritual Director; vacant*

**Active Membership 3**

*Auxiliary Membership 32*

**Report period 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

*Works were undertaken during the past year (legion work only).*

- 1). We have been taking communion for the Sick and housebound.*
- 2).one member is a catechist in the after school Religious program.*
- 3). Members attend funeral services for parishioners*
- 4) members visit the housebound in the Canning Vale area.*
- 5) Auxiliary members are contacted regularly.*
- 6) emailing of Parish newsletters*

**Other relevant information/work;**

*Members are actively involved in the Parish.*

*Being Acolyte, Eucharistic minister, and cleaning church, one member belongs to one of the church choirs.*

*One member attends all-school Masses as an Acolyte.*

*Active and auxiliary Members attended the AGR, annual mass. ACIES*

*Cash book has been audited.*

**Plans for the next twelve months.**

*We plan to try to get new members and auxiliary members during the year.*

## **Annual Report of Praesidium**

All To Jesus through Mary

Name of Praesidium: Our Lady of the Missions

Location {Suburb): Willetton

Meeting Place: St John and Paul Parish Centre

Time: 2pm every Friday

Spiritual Director: Father Thai Vu

Officership Vacant: Nil

Active membership: 12

Auxiliary membership: 27

Report from: 11 February 2021 – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Works undertaken:** For the whole year of 2021, Legion work was restricted solely to telephone calls to auxiliary members and occasionally outsiders. One member still mans the St. Vincent de Paul's Piety stall at Sts John and Paul Parish before and after mass on Sundays. One member also carried on Rosary making. Another

teaches catechism every Tuesday during the school term. Members promote the Rosary devotion in homes

### **Non-Legion Work**

Two members are rostered weekly to be at attendance during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Jude's Parish. One member is rostered to clean the internal church premises. One member tends the rose garden around our lady's statue. Office bearers of "Our Lady of Missions" continue to attend the monthly Comitium meetings held at the Venerable Edel Quinn Centre at Windsor Street, East Perth. One member administers Holy Communion to church members as requested. 2 members attended the ACIES held at St Pius, Manning on Saturday 20th March 2021. Members have attended the major functions held by the Comitium i.e "The 23rd Annual Rosary Torchlight Procession for Our Lady" at Lake Monger on Friday, the 15th October 2021 at 7pm. Members have also attended the 48-hour Rosary Bouquet to honour Our Lady's Birthday Procession held on 27 October 2021 at St John and Paul Church in Willetton. 3 members attended the Annual mass for the Legion of Mary at St Columbus Church in Bayswater on Saturday 6th November 2021. Members have attended the Annual General Reunion filled with Christmas Joy on Saturday 11th December 2021.

### **New Members:**

2 new member have joined our Praesidium in 2021.

### **Plans for the coming year:**

1. Depending on the COVID situation, meetings and organising functions will be conducted in accordance with regulations. So will visits to parishioners homes, nursing homes and retirement villages
2. Promoting the Rosary devotion in homes and as part of the prayers for the repose of souls at wakes when requested.
3. Annual Mass for the Deceased Legionaries to be held at Sts John and Paul Parish
4. Promoting the Enthronement of The Sacred Heart in members' homes.
5. Making rosaries.
6. Being involved in Extension and recruitment

### **SPECIAL PRAYERS**

*Prayers for the Sick:* : Lorriane Allen, East Vic Pk Praesidium. Matthew, Judy Woodward, Kay Kennally, Shiela McDermott.

**Repose of the Souls;** Maria (Mary) Georgivanni member of Bedford Legion of Mary

**Special Intentions:** All people effected by Covid, Maria Claire Castello and Family, Bogoni Family, Ordination to the Diaconate of Nicholas Diedler, All those in the Ukraine and Russia who have been effected by the current war, those who have passed and for peace

### Children's corner

In May the Catholic Church celebrates the life of Mary, the Mother of God. With feasts to for Mary on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May. Our lady of Fatima, 24<sup>th</sup> May Mary Help of Christians. And 31<sup>st</sup> May Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. the Catholic Church asks us to do something special for Mary, like saying the Rosary every day.

We also celebrate Mother's Day in May when we say a special thank you to our Mothers.

