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Dates to remember

12th December 2022

Comitium Meeting

3rd Dec 2 pm Annual
General Reunion at Edel
Quinn Centre

18th March 2023 EDC

ACIES – Manning

26th March 2023 Comitium

ACIES Manning TBC

15th April 2023 dedication
of Grotto

May June 2023 Half Day
Retreat Glendalough tba

15th July 2023 pilgrimage to
Bindoon TBC

Sept 48 Hour Rosary

Bouquet

8th Sept Mass

18th Sept AGM

27th Oct 2023 Lake Monger
Procession

4th Nov 2023 Annual Mass

Vic Park 10.30am Rosary

18th Nov 2023 EDC AGR

2nd Dec 2023 Comitium

AGR



CHANGE OF DATE
THE COMITIUMS'
AGR

WILL NOW BE

SATURADAY THE 3RD OF DECEMBER
AT THE VENERABLE EDEL QUINN CENTRE
AT 2PM

COME ALONG AND JOIN US IN
SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS, FELLOWSHIP



Allocutio as given by Fr. Doug Harris October 2022

THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Rosary.

St Padre Pio was the one who called the Rosary ‘The Weapon.’

St Padre Pio was an Italian priest who died in 1968.

St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina succeeded in reciting the Rosary almost continually.

He was asked why he prayed the Rosary so many times to which he replied,

Our Lady has never refused me anything.”

After the apparitions at Lourdes in 1858, St Bernadette’s sister Antoinette would say,

“Bernadette did nothing but pray and did not know what else to do than to finger the beads of her Rosary...”

St Bernadette found it difficult to be without Our Mother.

When Our Lady appeared at Lourdes and Fatima,

she asked for the Rosary to be prayed every day,

this is Our Mother speaking to us.

The Popes since 1402 have written 504 Encyclicals just on the Rosary.

Pope Benedict XV and St John XXIII prayed 15 decades a day.

St John Paul the Great wrote an Encyclical on the Rosary where he said:

“The Rosary is my favourite prayer.”

This Pope would personally give out Rosaries to people when visiting him.

He also added another 5 decades of the Rosary,

the “Mysteries of Light” or “Luminous Mysteries.”

It is said he prayed several rosaries a day.

The Rosary is not a prayer to Mary but to Jesus.

We don’t pray to Mary, instead Mary prays with us to Jesus.

When we pray the Rosary, Our Lady prays with us.

Whatever intentions we are praying for, Our Lady,

therefore, is also praying for those intentions.

We know that Our Lord will never refuse His Mother’s prayers.

For this reason, the Rosary is such a powerful prayer.

Because the Rosary is so powerful it has traditionally been the most popular prayer of the family.

I personally recommend the Rosary as a prayer to be prayed as a family above other prayers simply because it is so powerful.

Our Lord will not refuse His Mother anything.

Remember the words of Fr Patrick Payton.
“The family the prays together, stays together.”
Jesus said, “when you pray do not babble as the pagans do.”
Some argue against the Rosary because it is repetitious,
and therefore, they say it is “babble.”
If the Rosary comes from our heart,
Jesus never tires of hearing us.
It is like saying to Jesus ‘I love You’ over and over,
and Jesus never tires of hearing that.

For me personally, the Rosary is part and parcel,
indispensable to my life.
I don’t know where I would be today without the Rosary.
I try to pray continually and the prayer I usually try to pray is the Rosary.
I don’t have to think about what prayer to pray.
I just pray the Rosary.
I begin with an Our Father and the 10 Hail Mary’s.
I do this even though I know I might only get through half an Our Father – before I will get
distracted again.

A story on the Rosary:
A Buddhist lady: Vietnamese.
She comes to Mass here in Perth every day.
After the communist takeover in Vietnam she once visited a Catholic Vietnamese family at
dinner time.
After dinner they prayed the Rosary.
She would join the family at that time often,
just to experience the grace or the peace.
The family took her to Mass – in hiding.
From the Mass she came to finally believe in the Real Presence and became a Catholic.
Today, The Mass – receiving Holy Communion is the greatest joy of her life.

In the early 60’s when life became difficult under Communist rule,
she and her sister tried to flee the country.
Both were captured and jailed.
She taught the prisoners the Rosary – which most prayed several times a day.
She said she had a locution or message from Our lady to tell her
and her sister to escape.
She heard the words: “I will protect you.”
When she told her sister,
her sister thought she was crazy but that day they both walked towards the gate – normally
people are shot when seen near the gate –
but they both prayed the Rosary as they approached the gate.

The guards only opened the gates and watched them escape.
 They found a boat to Perth, Australia.
 Each day on the boat all prayed the Rosary continually –
 all different religions.
 At sea they were surrounded by pirate boats.
 The pirate boats were so close but
 for some unknown reason the pirate boats took off.
 The Rosary is powerful.
 Pray it always.

At times praying the Rosary, a peace and inner strength/joy occurs sometimes. I remember praying the Rosary in a home – the children, two boys aged between 8 and 10 had never prayed a full rosary before. When we prayed the Rosary, Grace was clearly present. The children asked their parents if they could pray the Rosary every evening.

Conclusion:

Like St Bernadette and others, have a constant desire to pray the Rosary with Our Mother.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Legionaries,

Members of Perth Comitium visited EDC and NDC during the month and both meetings were very well run. We would like to congratulate EDC on having an 80% plus attendance at their meeting, well done to all members. We also congratulate Bassendean who have just had their 2500 meeting well done and keep up the good work.

Thank you all who attended the Lake Monger Procession, we especially thank The Family of Judy for coming to help us make this a great Procession. Thank our cross-bearers, the people who pushed our Lady's statue around the lake. Sr. Christyne Williams and Phillip Goes for leading the singing. Father Doug for coming to lead the Rosary Procession. and all those who worked getting the statue to and from Lake Monger, especially Tony and Phillip the wonderful Husbands of Sr. Christyne and Sr. Mignonne, our wonderful couple who came and set up the lighting getting her ready for the start a big Thank you.

Thank Monsignor McDonald for the use of St Joachim's Church for our Annual Mass, for Celebrating Mass for us and his inspiring Homily. Thank all those who took part our Acolyte, our Proclaimers. Our wonderful Choir Michael Duncan and all choir Members. I thank Sr. Christyne for leading us in the prayers, and Sr. Rosemary for stepping in at the last minute to say the thank you. All those who took part in the opening Procession and most of all thank you all for attending for without you we would not be able to celebrate Mass.

Our Next Comitium Function is the AGR on the 3rd Dec at 2pm. Please bring a small plate of FINGER FOOD to share. It would be appreciated if you use a paper plate, to save on washing up and work or if you wish to use a china plate that you make sure your name is clearly marked. A small gift of a personal item for the Homeless would be grateful received. Please remember that all gifts should be individually packaged and single meal size

Our December meeting will be held on the 12th, one week earlier, since it would normally fall in the same week as Christmas. I also remind you that the Legion of Mary does not take holidays so please work your meetings around the holidays but try not to cancel any.

God bless and Mary protect you and all your work.

Cynthia

REPORTS DUE TO COMITIUM - JULY TO DECEMBER 2022

JULY BROOME

NOVEMBER QUEENS PARK: MARY IMMACULATE

DECEMBER THORN LIE: MARIA ANNUNCIATA

WILLETTON; OUR LADY OF THE MISSIONS

REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF October Fremantle Curia, EDC

CURIA REPORT TO COMITIUM

Curia Name	Immaculate Conception Curia, Fremantle
Place of Meeting	St Lucy Room St Jerome's, Troode Street, Lake Coogee
Time of Meeting	Second Sunday of month at 2.00 pm
Details of Praesidia attached	See below
Active Members	70 plus 3 Probationary
Junior Members	17 (average attendance)
Auxiliary Members	384
Praetorian Members	7
Adjutorian Members	13
Number of Officers	31
Number of Vacant Offices	5
Spiritual Directors vacant	1
Report Period	1 st April to 30 th September 2022

At the time of reporting there were 9 Senior and 3 Junior Praesidia attached to this Curia.

These are:

Maria Assumpta, Mandurah

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Dawesville

Mary, Queen of Angels, Dawesville Juniors

Mater Christi, Yangebup

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 Mt Carmel, Hilton

Mary Mother of Orphans, Lake Coogee

Curia Officers:

Spiritual Director	Fr Vijay D'Sousa
President	Sr Silia Autogavia
Vice President	Sr Moya Bruce
Secretary	Sr Mary Glen
Treasurer	Br Andrew Khoo

During this period 5 senior and one junior praesidium reported to Curia.

Mother of Divine Mercy Yangebup Juniors resumed on the 27th June 2022. A senior member from a nearby praesidium is supporting the juniors who are mostly year 2/3 students. Between 10 and 24 juniors attend meetings.

Works undertaken by senior praesidia were impacted by COVID restrictions, particularly visitation of people in Nursing Homes, Hospitals and in their homes. House to house visitation was suspended.

Most Senior Praesidia reporting in this time were able to keep in contact with the housebound 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. For example Salve Regina, Bateman praesidium carried out 77 visits to the sick in their homes and nursing homes and made 84 phone calls to parishioners. 13 house to house visits were made but no RC contacted.
- Some members sit on their Faith Formation Committee.
- Two praesidia support adult catechesis classes and stay in contact with recently baptised adults.
- Birthday cards are delivered on the anniversary of the Baptism babies. These are sent until the child turns four.
- 4 Praesidia circulate 5 Pilgrim Statues to families in their parishes.
- One praesidium leads the rosary before weekday Masses and Sunday morning.
- Two piety stalls operate weekly and two lending libraries and a book barrow.
- 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'Sousa 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.

Praesidium Highlights

- The Rosary prayers are taught, and the Mysteries are explained at St Damians Catholic Primary School.
- Home Rosaries were held during the month of October with a total of 90 people participating.
- Dawesville Praesidium hosted three non-denominational services.
- The World Day of Prayer was hosted by Maria Assumpta Mandurah.
- 25 people were enrolled in the brown scapular.
- One praesidium sent out 22 cards to auxiliaries as they were unable to do personal visitation at Easter time. One lady said that ‘it lifted her soul’.

Functions

- Members attended the Acies and the Annual General Reunion which was hosted by Mary Mother of the Church, Baldivis.
- The Baldivis praesidium hosted a Christmas morning tea for 30 senior parishioners.
- Our Lady Queen of Peace, Willagee Praesidium organised a morning tea after Mass on 27th April to celebrate the feast of St Louis Marie de Montfort.

Plans for the future:

- Bateman praesidium intend visiting Wandoo Womens Prison when COVID restrictions are lifted.
- To include the visitation of families whose children make their first confession.
- More Public Rosaries.

Acknowledgements

We gratefully acknowledge the spiritual guidance and encouragement offered from our Spiritual Director Father Vijay D’Sousa. We are thankful for the generosity and support of Our Lady of Lourdes Presidium and the parish of Rockingham for allowing us the use of their meeting hall. As of 9th October, Fremantle Curia meetings are being held at St Jerome’s, Troode Street, Lake Coogee.

Our grateful thanks go to Comitium for their support.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Prayers for the Sick: : Sr Linda Westwood, Moya Bruce , Jim and Paul Connolly Anna Cook, Patrick Coates, Justin Khoo, Father Francisco, Bob Pellichetti, Margaret Harley, Mignone Goes.

Repose of the Souls John Sykes, Tony Leong

Special Intentions: Day family

Children's corner

The Spread of the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary first made its way to the West through monasteries in Southern Italy in the ninth century; by the 11th century, it had spread to other locales but was by no means universally celebrated. Under the influence of a French nobleman, Philippe de Mazières, Pope Gregory XI began celebrating the feast during the Avignon papacy.

Pope Sixtus IV first placed the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the universal calendar in 1472, but in the Tridentine reform of the calendar in 1568, Pope Pius V removed the feast. It was restored 17 years later by Pope Sixtus V and remains in the Roman calendar today as a memorial.

