



THE LEGION OF MARY
BULLETIN
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LEGION OF MARY
FOUNDED 7 SEPTEMBER 1921

Dates to remember

16th Aug Monthly

Comitium Meeting 1pm
VEQC

5th – 7th Sept Rosary

Bouquet Rosary in honour of
Our Lady's birthday

7th Sept 100th Anniversary
of the foundation of the
Legion of Mary

8th Sept Presentation of the
Rosary Scroll at 12.10 Mass
at St Mary's Cathedral TBC

11th Sept CONGRESS at St
Bernadette's Church
Glendalough

15th Oct Rosary Procession
in honour of Our Lady. 7pm
at Lake Monger Wembley

6th Nov Annual Mass at St
Bernadette's Church
Glendalough

4th Dec Annual General
Reunion VEQC

Allocutio as given Sr Rosemary Bennett from to Jesus
through Mary vol 4 number 18 The Sacred Heart.

This week we celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart
of Jesus. This was a devotion established in the 17th
century through St Margaret Mary (and also St John
Eudes). Our Lord revealed through St Margaret Mary
how much He loves all people and how much He seeks
to reclaim sinners.

In shame at our own sins and in indignation at the sins
of others we can find it hard to believe that God would
still love us after we have sinned.

Many people break off all communication with God
thinking that He has rejected them, or would reject
them if they approached him.

But He assures us that He will welcome the contrite
sinner (cf parable of the Prodigal Son) and, not content
with waiting for the sinner's return, will go out to look for
Him (cf parable of the Lost Sheep).

The Sacred Heart devotion conveys both Our Lord's
desire to receive the sinner, and to seek that sinner if
he does not come.

While it is right that we should feel shame for our sins,
we must not be overwhelmed with guilt and lose sight
of the mercy that is available.

Thus we are encouraged to make frequent use of the

Sacrament of Penance, and between time to make Acts of Contrition, resolving not to sin again (with the help of God's grace).

And always we are praying that other people will find their way to the Sacred and Merciful Heart of Jesus, so ensuring their eternal salvation; and saving themselves a lot of unnecessary grief in this life.

The Good News is that any sin can be forgiven, and while any breath remains in the body it is possible to turn around a lifetime of sin with a sincere repentance (cf the Good Thief).

As the Legion of Mary, we have always the highest hopes for the people we encounter. Whatever their present state we wish them to be as close to God as they can possibly be. We do not judge; nor do we need to judge. We simply point out that Jesus is available to them for every need, especially for eternal life.

To complement the work of the Sacred Heart there is the Immaculate Heart of Mary. She also conveys strongly the Mercy of God and His welcome to all comers.

Whether we approach Our Lady or Our Lord we will meet the same response – welcome forgiveness and a new lease of life.

As we say in our opening prayers and other times besides: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Legionaries,

The time has come for me to step away from the Executive of the Comitium of Perth. It has been a wonderful time in my life and I very much appreciate all the support that has been shown to me over the last 21 years as I served in various roles on the Executive. I will not be resigning from the Legion of Mary as it has become a particularly important part of my life. To serve Jesus through His Mother, Mary has brought me to a deeper understanding of my faith, more compassion for those around me and believe it or not taught me to be more understanding of other's needs. I will remain active in the office helping with all functions and ready to assist in anything that needs to be done.

I thank you all for your friendship but I must make a special thank you to Br Tony Pitchford who on many occasions has directed me gently and who was an outstanding Master to his apprentice, to Srs Judy Woodward, Mignonne Goes, Patricia Blackwood and the late Br Jim Mulligan who I worked with for many, many years and become more than Legionaries to me thank you. To the present Executive I must also say Thank you it has been an amazing journey with you. I ask Jesus and Mother Mary to bless and protect you all. I wish the new President and their Executive many blessings and protection as they move the Legion of Mary WA forward.

In the envelope you have a copy of the Constitution of the Legion of Mary Perth Comitium. It is important that you read this paperwork and if you have any comments that you please notify Sr Christyne Williams, Secretary by 2nd August 2021. The constitution will then be presented at the August meeting for your approval and to be sent onto the authorities.

Our next important event is the 48hr Rosary Bouquet for Our Blessed Mother's Nativity. All information will be sent out by the 2nd August and I encourage you to take a proactive step in this and actually ask people to join in storming heaven with our prayers for our Lady's needs. The Dean of the St Mary's is delighted to welcome us to the 12.10pm Mass on the 8th September to present the scroll. If we look at the world clock we will be presenting this scroll on the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Legion of Mary in Dublin Eire.

Saturday 11th September will be our Congress and I hope that you will all make the effort to attend. Our topics will be presented Legionaries and look at the past, the present and the future of Our Legion. More information will be given via the Bulletin and August meeting.

Once again I say thank you and I promise to remember you all in my prayers daily.

God bless and Mary protect you and all your work.

Rosemary

**Reports for the Month of June. Victoria Park – our Lady Queen of Patriarchs
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 3.30pm
Meeting number	4022

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 2020	To:	June 2021

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 as part of her work assists in the preparing of meals for the homeless and makes rosaries.
- 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:

(For all who have been on previous lists) Edwina Harriss, Mel Nerva, Carol Farber, William Wakeman, Mark Cambridge, Roy Smith, Julie Kerr, Claire Nielsen, Joy Stoddard

Repose of the Souls Jim Mulligan

Special Intentions: all people effected by Covid 19

Grotto – Our Lady is now in her Grotto (at VEQC) and we hope to have her Blessed around Our Lady’s birthday in September. Anyone with ideas of how to decorate the Grotto please let us know them.



Children’s corner

St's Joachim & Anne –Feast Day 26th July

St Anne and St Joachim were the parents of Our Lady and so the grandparents of Jesus.

They were both old and did not have any children which they longed for so much.

St Anne promised God that, if given a child, she would dedicate it to the Lord's service.

One day, while Joachim was at work in the fields, an angel appeared to announce the birth of a child, and Anne also had the same vision. The couple rejoiced at the birth of their daughter, whom they named Mary.

When the child was three years old, Joachim and Anne, in fulfillment of her divine promise, brought Mary to the Temple of Jerusalem, where they left her to be brought up.

St Anne and St Joachim are the patron saints of grandparents. St Anne is also the patron saint of women In Labour.



