

## ROSARY IN THE PARK

*Australia needs Fatima* (an outreach of Australian TFP Inc, a not-for-profit civil association of Catholic laity) was asking for Captains to lead a public square rosary, as part of a nationwide rosary chain across Australia, which was to be held in October 2014 on the closest Saturday to the 97<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Miracle of the Sun* witnessed by 70,000 pilgrims.

Having recently moved back to the Swan Hill district, where I'd spent the first seventeen years of my life, my husband Graeme and I built a house on the beautiful shores of Lake Boga and were welcomed into St Mary's Catholic Parish in Swan Hill. Our Blessed Mother began speaking to me about leading the Public Square Rosary at Riverside Park. Being new in the Parish, not feeling at all comfortable about stepping in and taking over, I asked Our Lady to choose someone else.

However, when I was approached by some of the women and asked if I could be Captain, in faith I stepped out, accepted and Fr Marcello approved. We were on our way.

At 10.00 am on Saturday morning, October 11 at Riverside Park, under a giant oak tree, with a banner, a statue of Our Lady of Fatima, thirty-seven parishioners and Fr Marcello, we gathered and prayed for our nation. Before we were even half way through packing up, I was asked if we could come together on a regular basis in order to pray for Australia, the Church and world peace.



Ever since, come rain, hail or shine, under the old oak tree or in the pavilion we have been meeting to say the rosary, same time, same venue on the second Saturday of every month. With the blessings of Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lord Jesus Christ, hopefully we will be able to continue for some time to come, for if ever the world needed our prayers, more than ever, it needs them now.

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