



WAF England and Wales Newsletter, First Saturdays, April 2018

Dear Friends,

This is the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) England and Wales newsletter for April 2018.

The WAF England and Wales National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco will be at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 21st April 2018, from 14.00 – 16.00.

This event will include talks on The Message of Fatima & Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart by Rev. Fr. Richard Nesbitt, the WAF Westminster Spiritual Director, and on Reparation through the Five First Saturdays devotion by Rev. Fr. Jason Jones, the WAF National Spiritual Director.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be available, but there will be only a general veneration of the Relics, rather than individual veneration.

And on Saturday 5th May 2018, starting from St. George’s Cathedral in Southwark, at 13.30/ 14.00, there will be a Marian Procession to Sacred Heart Parish, Camberwell, followed by a Fatima event from 15.00 – 19.00.

A poster advertising these two events can be seen here:

<https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/whats-new-and-events/>

For more details please email Oliver Abasolo at:

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World Apostolate of Fatima Seminar “Grace and Mercy”, Fatima, Portugal, 24th to 30th June 2018

There will be a World Apostolate of Fatima Seminar entitled “Grace and Mercy”, held in Fatima, Portugal, from 24th to 30th June 2018.

This is a first event of its kind, and organized by the International WAF. The idea is to bring to Fatima, Portugal, leaders and members of our association, for a training course on the message of Fatima and on the WAF evangelization programs.

The Seminar will take place in Domus Pacis hotel, the headquarters of the World Apostolate of Fatima. It is located close to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima and has excellent facilities.

The first two days will be dedicated to studying the Message of Fatima and its new developments over the past 100 years. The remaining three days will be dedicated to explaining and discussing the priorities of the World Apostolate of Fatima in its mission to learn, live and spread the message of Fatima.

A poster with more details is available to download here:

<https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/whats-new-and-events/>

We still do very much need people to come forward to help with distributing Fatima literature, and promoting the Five First Saturdays, as well as regarding the website, social media and so on. If you can help in any way, whether locally or nationally then please get in touch via:

info@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk

Donations to WAF England and Wales

If anyone wishes to make a special Easter donation towards the ongoing costs of promoting Fatima in England and Wales, they can do so by visiting the home page of our new website at:

<https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/>

The PayPal donation button is towards the bottom right of the home page, and you can donate either via a credit card or your Paypal account.

Or you you can email: donate@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk and the WAF bank account details etc., will be sent to you, and also, if you want to make a donation by cheque, you can get address details via that email address.

Rosary on the Coast for Faith, Life and Peace in the British Isles

Sunday 29 April 2018 at 3pm

The Programme for this is as follows:

2.00 - 2.30pm Gather at Rosary on the Coast locations
2.45pm Invocation of the Holy Spirit
Prayers of Protection
2.50pm Act of Contrition
Scripture Readings
3.00pm Glorious Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary
3.30pm Litany of Our Lady
3.40pm Prayer invoking St. Joseph
3.50pm Litany invoking Saints of the British Isles (Bring this with you)

All of the above prayers, etc, and the Litany of the Saints can be seen in the attached document.

We ask you to keep Rosary on the Coast preparations in your prayers.

Pope Francis has given his backing to the planned mass rosary prayer along the coast of Britain planned for Sunday, April 29.

Archbishop Edward Adams, apostolic nuncio to the United Kingdom, said that the Pope "presents His greetings to all those persons participating in the Rosary on the Coast for Faith, Life and Peace in Scotland, England and Wales... assuring them of His spiritual closeness to them in their prayers."

The Pope imparted his Apostolic Blessing on all those who participate in the event "as a pledge under the protection of Our Blessed Lady, Mary Mother of the Church."

Last month, Cardinal Vincent Nichols sent his best wishes to organisers of the British rosary, while Bishop Philip Egan of Portsmouth thanked them for "this important witness to the Truth of faith in Christ and to the power of prayer which by God's grace will surely bring much goodness."

"Our culture is facing so many challenges at this moment, not least to the sound values that underpin our family and social life."

"May Mary's prayers win our land back to the Lord," he added.

Website: <https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk/>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/rosaryonthecoast/>

Email: admin@rosaryonthecoast.co.uk

Rosary Bike Ride In Support of the Pro-Life Work of the Good Counsel Network

Les Whittaker, who did a bike pilgrimage to Fatima last year, which helped to raise funds for WAF England and Wales as well as some pro-life charities, is undertaking another pilgrimage this June from East Grinstead Unborn Children Memorial to Walsingham, and back.

Les will pray 50 rosaries on the way to Walsingham, 50 there, and 50 on the return journey, with the intention of mourning the almost 9 million lives lost at the 50th anniversary of the Abortion Act.

His pilgrimage will be from the 1st to the 10th of June 2018, and will cover between 350-400 miles.

He will pray that, through Our Lady's intercession, the culture in this country will change to one of choosing life, not death.

To support the ride please sponsor Les at this web site:

justgiving.com/fundraising/rosarybikeride

Please also join in and pray the Rosary each day in union with Les while he is undertaking his prayer pilgrimage, as a powerful way of supporting him and the work of the Good Counsel Network.

Our new WAF Wordpress site is now available online at:

<https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/>

Please have a look and let your friends know about this important Fatima resource.

Saturday 7th April, is the first Saturday of the month, so you may want to keep the Fatima Five First Saturdays devotion in your local parish.

At St Anne's Cathedral in Leeds, from April, there will be a Fatima programme including the First Saturdays.

These are due to take place on 7th April, 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July and 4th August.

Start 10:30 am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (if possible)
Prayers of the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confessions (if possible)

12 noon Mass

12:30 pm Talk in the Hall (when possible)

16.00 Finish

Please email mcmkpadi@yahoo.co.uk for up to date info.

At St Edwards church in Kettering, First Saturdays devotions begin at 9.15am, with the Rosary and meditation time, followed by Holy Mass at 10.00am. Confessions will be from 10.30 to 11.00am, (there is Eucharistic adoration from 9.00am.)

in future, there will be First Saturday devotions at St Barnabas Cathedral in Nottingham BEFORE 10 am Mass, commencing with the Rosary at 9:15 am. Confessions are available after Mass.

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic church, 90 Brooklyn Rd, Nottingham NG6 9ES - **Mass is at 10 am this Saturday (normally 9.30am) in the Poor Clare convent chapel a few doors up from the church.** This is preceded by the Rosary, and there will be Confessions after Mass.

<https://www.bulwell-and-bestwood-catholic-churches.org.uk/>

There are also First Saturday devotions at Hillton House near Lichfield - Holy Mass 10.30am plus Adoration and Rosary - Confession available - during morning. Please email Nichola at: nichola313@btinternet.com for more details.

At St. Mary's Catholic church in Louth, Lincolnshire, there are First Saturday devotions every first Saturday of the year, starting with the Creed at 10am followed by the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, followed by the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mass of Our Lady follows immediately at 10.30am. Confessions from 11.00 to 11.30 am.

Five First Saturdays Devotion at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Morriston, Swansea between November and April are as follows:

10.15 am Holy Rosary, 10.30am Holy Mass, followed by confessions, and allowing for a 15 minute meditation on the Rosary.

<http://sacredheartmorriston.org.uk/>

Brompton Oratory in London have further extended First Saturday devotions into the new year. Confessions are from 10am, and Mass (traditional Latin Mass) is at 11am at the Lady Altar. The Rosary is said immediately after Mass, with the 15 minutes meditation after that.

There are Fatima devotions every First Saturday in Bedford. Organised by FSSP Fr James Mawdsley.

FAMILY CATECHISM DAYS WITH FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Led by the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter (FSSP)
Christ the King Roman Catholic Church, Harrowden Road,
Bedford MK42 OSP

First Saturdays: 7 April, 5 May, 2 June 2018

All welcome

PROGRAMME (timings may vary):

10 am Fatima Devotions (Rosary & meditation, Confessions)

11 am Holy Mass

You can see details of churches around the country where the Five First Saturdays devotion is kept, here:

www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/localffs.html

Please visit this page to check about your local church and contact them directly before travelling to check that the times etc., as advertised, are correct for the coming month.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 8th April is Divine Mercy Sunday - this is a very important feast day, and

indeed the Divine Mercy devotion is complementary to the Fatima Message.

The First Saturdays involves a promise of salvation to all who do them for five consecutive months, while the Divine Mercy devotion promises complete forgiveness of both our sins and their temporal punishment due in purgatory for those who go to confession and receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday. (But like the First Saturdays, the Confession can take place some days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday).

More information about the First Saturdays can be seen here:

<https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/the-five-first-saturdays-devotion-explained/>

and information about the Divine Mercy devotion, here:

<http://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/>

and here:

<https://catholicexchange.com/promise-divine-mercy-sunday>

The Divine Mercy devotion is being celebrated at the church of the WAF England and Wales National Spiritual Director, Fr Jason Jones, in Swansea, this coming Sunday afternoon, from 1:30 pm onwards, to include Exposition, Confessions, Rosary, Hour of Mercy, Benediction, and Holy Mass at 4 pm, followed by Veneration of the Relics of St Faustina and Pope St John Paul II.

For more information please email: corjesutreforys@yahoo.com

At his audience on Wed 5th April 2017, speaking with reference to Pope St John Paul II, on the 12th anniversary of his death, **Pope Francis commented that the Polish pontiff had given two great messages to the world: that of the merciful Jesus and that of Fatima.**

Then the Pope said: **“Let us accept these Messages (the Divine Mercy and Fatima) so that they fill our hearts”**

Please continue to pray for the intentions of WAF England and Wales, and that more Catholics in this country will be moved to help in promoting the Message of Fatima - and also that many people will support the Rosary on the Coast initiative mentioned above, as well as First Saturday devotions in churches around the country.

Thanks and God bless,
Donal

on behalf of WAF England and Wales Committee
(please feel free to forward this newsletter to anyone you think might be interested.)

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