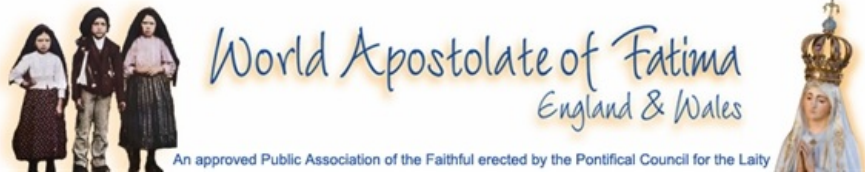


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WAF England and Wales Newsletter, August 2017 First Saturdays

Dear Friends,

This is the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) England and Wales newsletter for August 2017.

The Visitations of the Statue and Relics continued during July at Arundel Cathedral (1-2 July), the Dominican church at Haverstock Hill (8 July), and Birmingham Cathedral (29-30 July).

These Visitations went very well, and as before there has been a great response from people to the Statue and Relics visiting their church or cathedral.

The picture above shows people venerating the Statue at St Chad's cathedral in Birmingham, and it was a very successful weekend in general. The WAF committee also had an excellent meeting with Archbishop Longley, who was very supportive.

Centenary programme of WAF Visitations in August

The forthcoming August dates include Hallam Cathedral from 12-13th and Portsmouth Cathedral on 26 and 27th of the month.

(The Clifton Cathedral Visitation on 19 August has had to be cancelled due to refurbishment work, but will now take place at the Catholic church at Westbury-on-Trym, in Bristol on that day instead - please visit the page indicated just below to see the poster advertising this).

At each of these Visitations the faithful will be able to venerate the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco, and participate in devotions to Our Lady.

For details of these and the succeeding Visitations please see:

<http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/visitation.html>

where you can download posters, flyers etc., and access the relevant websites.

If you know anyone who lives within a reasonable travelling distance of the

places where Visitations are to take place over the next few months then please forward this newsletter to them and let them know what is happening. All the details are here:

<http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/visitation.html>

Also, if you intend to attend any of the above Visitations and are not already involved with the preparations for them/helping on the day, but would like to help, then please get in touch via:

info@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk

And please feel free to forward this newsletter to anyone you think might be interested.

Fundraising for WAF England & Wales

Les Whittaker has now finished his cycling pilgrimage to Fatima in Portugal, to raise funds for WAF England and Wales. This is his report of what happened:

"I would like to thank the WAF, and individual members, for the great support shown for my sponsored bike ride to Fatima. It was gruelling at times, particularly during the heatwave, and in the mountainous regions of France and Spain.

"Although the ride was advertised at 1,500 miles, I actually cycled 1,628! The extra mileage was caused by detours necessary to keep me on relatively safe roads. I was 35 days on the road. At night I either camped (18 nights), stayed in Albergues on the Camino (11 nights) or as a last resort, hotels (5 nights).

"I started the ride on 7th June in East Grinstead, West Sussex, and arrived in Fatima on 11th July, greeted by the WAF group who were on pilgrimage – a very happy event. I will write a full account of the ride shortly but I will just say now I felt Our Lady helped me greatly on the journey.

"I was very tired at the end of the ride, and I still feel tired now as I write this, some 2 weeks later. I am though very pleased to have done it, raising money for the WAF and pro-life causes on this 50th anniversary of the Abortion Act, and as a means of proclaiming the Fatima Message, and in particular, encouraging people to pray the rosary every day. The justgiving page will stay open until September so if you would like to make a donation please follow the link on this page."

As this account indicates, this was a fantastic achievement on the part of Les, and an exhausting one, too, so if you would like to sponsor him, please make a donation at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fatima100>

You can see more details about Les's ride here:

<http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/fundraising.html>

Donations to WAF England and Wales

If anyone wishes to donate towards the costs of the Visitation programme, which are considerable, they can do so by emailing:

donate@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk

and the bank account details etc., will be sent to them.

You can see details about the WAF England and Wales Centennial tree programme here:

<http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/cent-tree.html>

and details of how you can donate gold and silver items for the Centennial Crown, here:

<http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/crown-gifts.html>

This coming Saturday, 5th August, is the first Saturday of the month, so you may want to keep the Fatima Five First Saturdays devotion in your local parish.

There will be NO First Saturdays devotion at the Church of the Assumption, Beeston, Nottingham, but there will be First Saturday devotions at St Barnabas

Cathedral in Nottingham from after 10 am Mass.

At the church in Glastonbury, there is a morning Mass at 10 am, so First Saturday devotions - Rosary and Meditations, will be at 9.20 am - but there will be no Confessions.

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 are as follows: First Saturday of the month, from May to October Sacred Heart parish First Saturday requests of Our Lady at Fatima.

10.15 am Holy Rosary, 10.30am Holy Mass, 11am Eucharistic Adoration, plus confessions, allowing for a 15 minute meditation on the Rosary, concluding with an Act of Consecration and reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Benediction at 12 noon.

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

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.

And as we say every month, please keep praying for the success of the WAF Cathedral Visitations, that people will be open to Our Lady's message and supportive of what we are doing.

Thanks and God bless,
Donal

on behalf of WAF England and Wales Committee

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