



## **WAF England and Wales Newsletter, First Saturdays, August 2018**

**Dear Friends,**

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

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### **Mid-year WAF National Committee meeting**

We had our WAF mid-year National Committee meeting near Southampton in mid-July, and the general view that it was a great success. One of the major topics we discussed was finding a National Shrine for the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue and we have made significant progress towards achieving that aim.

We are also working on other initiatives, including having different members of the committee take charge of particular aspects of the Fatima message, such as the promoting Brown Scapular, or the Rosary, or the Five First Saturdays, and we hope this bears fruit in due course.

We also discussed plans for the work of the Apostolate up to 2025, including promotion of a Five First Saturday Devotion 5-year plan, given that that year is the centenary of the vision in Pontevedra to Sr Lucia when Our Lady, accompanied by the Child Jesus, explained the First Saturdays devotion to her in more detail.

Two other important anniversaries are the centenaries of the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 2019 and 2020 respectively.

We have produced some beautiful [information leaflets](#) about the children which can be obtained from Oliver Abasolo by emailing him at:

[oliver.abasolo@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk](mailto:oliver.abasolo@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk)

The leaflets are free of charge but we kindly appeal for help to defray the postage costs.

*The image above shows Oliver Abasolo, the acting WAF National President, holding the new Centennial Rosary, flanked by Fr Jason Jones, the WAF National Spiritual Director, to the left, and Mr Jorge Leitão to the right, in Domus Pacis hotel, Fatima. Mr Leitão very kindly donated the new Centennial Rosary to go with the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue and crown.*

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### **Adoremus Eucharistic Congress 2018**

The Adoremus Eucharistic Congress is taking place this coming September in Liverpool, from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th.

Members of the WAF England and Wales committee will be present at this event, and you will be able to visit the WAF booth, where the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and the Relics of Saints and Jacinta, will be displayed.

We want to stress the stress the Eucharistic aspects of the message of Fatima at the Congress, and particularly the fact that during the third apparition of the Angel of Peace to the children in the autumn of 1916, he gave them Holy Communion and also prostrated himself in adoration of the Host and Chalice he had brought with him.

We have also produced [prayer cards](#) to commemorate this event, with the prayer the Angel said on this occasion, as well as the prayer the children were inspired to say when they had experienced the presence of God in the light that came from Our Lady's hands during the first apparition on 13 May 1917.

These are also available from Oliver for those who won't be able to make it to the Congress via the above email address.

This is a very important event for the Church in England and Wales, and so we are happy that we will be able to participate,

You can see more details about the Adoremus Eucharistic Congress here:

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Adoremus-National-Eucharistic-Pilgrimage>

<https://www.facebook.com/adoremus2018/>

<https://twitter.com/adoremus2018?lang=en-gb>

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**WAF October Rosary Campaign - a Reminder!**

**WAF England and Wales are organising an October Rosary Campaign as a contribution to the re-evangelisation of our country, under the maternal guidance of Our Lady, who is the Queen of the Holy Rosary and Mother of the Church.**

Pope Leo XIII promoted the idea of October as the month of the Rosary, and while 7 October is the Feast of the Holy Rosary, 13 October is the anniversary day of the famous Fatima Miracle of the Sun on 13 October 1917.

**So we are inviting parishes, groups, families and individuals in England and Wales to particularly pray the Rosary during the month of October.**

Recent Popes, including Pius XII, John XXIII, Paul VI, and in particular Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical Rosarium Virginis Mariae of October 2002 - as well as Pope Francis - have strongly promoted the Rosary.

**And since Our Lady requested during each of her six apparitions at Fatima that people should pray the Rosary for peace in the world, and said of herself on 13 October 1917, "I am the Lady of the Rosary," we know that the Rosary is a prayer she particularly favours.**

You can pray the Rosary with your family, or with your friends or neighbours, or ideally, with your parish priest's permission, in your parish this coming October.

**For details about how to pray and promote the Rosary in October, please visit:**

<https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/october-2018-rosary-campaign-2/>

**A poster and flyer to advertise this should be available soon!**

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**If you can help with distributing Fatima literature, and promoting the Five First Saturdays, or regarding the website, social media and so on, whether locally or nationally then please get in touch via:**

[info@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk](mailto:info@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk)

**We especially need people to help promote WAF and Fatima through Social Media. This is particularly important. If you happen to know of anyone who might be interested in helping in this area, please ask them to get in touch.**

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**Donations to WAF England and Wales**

**If anyone wishes to donate towards the ongoing costs of promoting Fatima in England and Wales - such as the cost of the new Statue - they can do so by visiting the home page of our website at:**

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

**The yellow PayPal donation button is about half way down on the right of the home page, and you can donate either via a credit card or your Paypal account.**

(There is no need to include a £ sign. Also, please ensure you enter a whole amount of pounds, i.e. 10 for a donation of ten pounds, not 10.00 - so no need for a decimal point or extra zeros!

Or you can email: [donate@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk](mailto: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.

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**54-day Rosary novena from August 15th - October 7th - another reminder!**

**Anyone can do a 54-day rosary novena from August 15th to October 7th, that is from the feast of the Assumption to that of the Holy Rosary.**

This is a very powerful form of prayer, and you can read more about it here:

<https://www.romancatholicman.com/the-miraculous-54-day-rosary-novena/>

This is what's happening in the United States regarding this Novena:

<https://www.novenaforournation.com/>

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**Five First Saturdays devotion**

**Saturday 4th August is the first Saturday of the month, so you may want to keep the Fatima Five First Saturdays devotion in your local parish.**

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

<https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/the-first-saturdays-devotion-in-england-wales/>

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.

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**This is a reminder of the requirements for the First Saturdays devotion:**

The person needs to:

- go to Confession
- receive Holy Communion
- Recite Five Decades of the Rosary
- Keep company with Our Lady for a quarter of an hour while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary
- do all the above with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the sins committed by mankind.

This is complementary to the First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and can be done individually or collectively.

**These are the reasons for doing the Five First Saturdays devotion:**

- Because it is a great source of grace, that of final perseverance i.e. spiritual help at the hour of death
- It will lead to the salvation of many souls
- It will bring peace to families and communities
- It helps to build up the unity and strength of the Universal Church
- It will greatly help to bring about the promised Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**Why are there FIVE First Saturdays?**

Our Lord said to Sr Lucia: "There are five kinds of offences and blasphemies against My Mother

- against Her Immaculate Conception;
- her Virginity;
- her Divine Maternity;
- those who foster in the hearts of Her children indifference or even hatred for their Immaculate Mother
- and those who directly outrage Her in Her Holy Images."

**Every time we do the Five First Saturdays devotion we bring the Triumph of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart that much nearer.**

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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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