



# World Apostolate of Fatima England & Wales

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

Dear Friends,

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

Thanks for your prayers for the WAF annual weekend committee which took place in Birmingham last month - it went very well.

We were able to plan and discuss as regards future developments of the World Apostolate of Fatima in England and Wales.

A big part of the meeting concerned planning for growth in the future and approving a new WAF constitution for this country - other topics covered included the setting up of WAF groups in as many dioceses as possible.

As indicated previously there will be more visitations in 2018, in the dioceses of Westminster, and Arundel & Brighton, as well as the promotion of other activities and programmes, including the Rosary and Five First Saturdays on a diocesan and National level.

**One of the other things we discussed was the setting up of a WAF Centre/Shrine, so that people could experience something of the atmosphere of Fatima in Britain. And it could also act as place for formation, prayer and so on.**

To this end we are having a Novena to Saints Jacinta and Francisco, as well as prayers to St Joseph, beginning on the 11th of this month and finishing on the 20th, their feast day.

**Please join in this Novena by saying the Rosary each day for the intention that we can find a suitable place for a WAF national shrine, where the Pilgrim Virgin statue can be housed and the Fatima Message promoted.**

**If you don't already have the CTS booklet, The Message and Prayers of Fatima this can be obtained either directly from the CTS:**

<http://www.ctsbooks.org/the-message-and-prayers-of-fatima>

**or quite possibly from your local church repository. This has numerous prayers and novenas you can pray from February 11th-20th.**

(the above picture is another shot of the Fatima Sanctuary by night on the occasion of Pope Francis's visit to the shrine last May - copyright and courtesy of the Portuguese Air Force)

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**We still need people to come forward to help regarding regarding 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](mailto:info@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk)

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**Saturday 3rd February, 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 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.)

**There will be First Saturday devotions at St Barnabas Cathedral in Nottingham after 10 am Mass.**

**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.

This venue continues to need support, so if you know anyone in London who you think could be interested in attending, then please let them know.

**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](http://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.

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**Donations to WAF England and Wales**

If anyone wishes to make a special Christmastide donation towards the ongoing costs of promoting Fatima in England and Wales, which are considerable, they can do so by emailing:

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

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

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**So once again, please pray the Novena to the Little Shepherds for a WAF Shrine and Centre to be established, and also more generally for the intentions of WAF England and Wales.**

Please also pray that Catholics in this country will be more open to Our Lady's message and support what WAF England and Wales is doing - and most important of all, want to get actively involved!

**The moral situation in Britain is serious and declining, so more than ever we need to turn to Our Lady, because it is through devotion to her that the situation will be improved - that is the basic message of Fatima, and that is a message backed up by the Miracle of the Sun, the greatest miracle since the Resurrection.**

**The solution is literally in our hands, and it begins with getting as many people as possible to say the Rosary!**

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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