



## WAF England and Wales Newsletter, First Saturdays, January 2018

Dear Friends,

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

The main item for this newsletter is that the WAF committee is having its annual weekend meeting in Birmingham from 12-14th of this month - so we would ask for your prayers that that goes well.

We need to plan and discuss as to how we can further the achievements of the Centenary year Visitation programme in the future.

There will be more visitations in 2018, in the dioceses of Westminster and Arundel and Brighton, but we would also like to promote other activities and programmes, including promoting the Rosary and Five First Saturdays on a diocesan and National level.

**LATE UPDATE:** It looks as though we may have to postpone this meeting because of health concerns - please pray that whatever happens, the meeting will eventually take place and go smoothly.

*(the above picture shows 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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A number of people have come forward with offers of help regarding distributing Fatima literature, promoting the Five First Saturdays and also with offers of help regarding the website, social media and so on, but we could do with even more volunteers, so 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)

Perhaps this could be a useful New Year's Resolution!

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Saturday 6th January, is the first Saturday of the month, so you may want to

**Keep the Fatima Five First Saturdays devotion in your local parish.**

**A new notification this month is for St Edwards church in Kettering**, where for the First Saturdays they will be having, from 9.15am, the Rosary and meditation time, followed by Holy Mass at 10.00am. Confessions will be from 10.30 to 11.00am, and there will be 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 needs 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 to sum up, please pray for our meeting the weekend after next, and also more generally for the intentions of WAF England and Wales, and also that our fellow Catholics, and others, will be open to Our Lady's message and supportive of what we are doing - and want to get actively involved.**

We are all aware of the serious problems our country and the world are facing, and at heart these problems are due to the fact that the West in general, has, to a large extent, turned its back on God, and refused to obey His laws, or even to acknowledge His existence.

Our Lady came in 1917 with a plan to bring mankind back to God, and if people accept the Fatima Message and begin to live it, particularly through the recitation of the

Rosary and the practise of the Five First Saturdays then we can begin to reclaim our society for Christ.

**There are many historical examples of how the Rosary, and devotion to Our Lady, have been able to work miracles of conversion, so in helping to spread the Fatima message you will be doing something of vital importance for the Church.**

**One recent example of this is highlighted by Kathy Sinnott, one of the organisers of the recent "Rosary on the Coast of Ireland" initiative:**

<https://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie/>

She recounts how in Hungary, when that country reached 10% of people committed to praying the daily rosary, the new Hungarian government brought in a life, marriage and family-respecting Constitution.

Hungary has 9.7 million people, so 1 million people praying the daily rosary represents the 10% of people which the Cardinal prophesied would save Hungary.

(She also points out that Cardinal Mindszenty is a Servant of God:

<http://www.mindszentyalapitvany.hu/en/alapitvany/a1-millio-imadkozo-magyar/>)

**The same thing can happen in Britain if we really put our minds and hearts to it.**

With best wishes for the New Year,  
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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