



WAF England and Wales Newsletter, First Saturdays, June 2018

Dear Friends,

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

We begin with a message from the acting National President, Oliver Abasolo

"I am delighted to inform you all that we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue (NPVS) of Our Lady of Fatima being given to our country in 1968 by the Bishop of Fatima. It was blessed by Pope Paul VI on 13 May 1967 and subsequently blessed by Pope St. John Paul II in 1982 during his visit to the UK. It is now under the custody of the World Apostolate of Fatima England and Wales.

"The Statue was recently enthroned, last 21st April, during the Fatima Day at Westminster Cathedral and was then brought to Poole, Dorset, in the diocese of Plymouth for the National Rosary on the Coast event on the 29th of April. It was also carried in solemn procession during the annual Rosary Marian Procession from St. George's Cathedral to Sacred Heart Camberwell on the recent First Saturday, 5th of May.

"The NPVS will be travelling around the parishes of Westminster and Southwark during 2018, promoting the authentic message of Our Lady of Fatima, and especially the daily recitation of the Rosary, consecration to her Immaculate Heart through wearing the Brown Scapular, offering of our daily duties through penance and sacrifices, and the communion of reparation on the First Saturdays. Please check our website at:

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

for details of where future NPVS Visitations will be.

"If you want to host a Fatima Day in your own local church in the presence of the NPVS and the Relics of the newly canonised saints, St. Jacinta & St. Francisco, please email me on abasolo35@gmail.com or ring the WAF phone on 07786487557."

Ave Maria!
Oliver

World Apostolate of Fatima "Grace and Mercy" Seminar

Also a reminder that the World Apostolate of Fatima Seminar "Grace and Mercy", will be taking place at Domus Pacis in Fatima, Portugal, later this month, from 24th to 30th June.

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.

Oliver and Fr Jason, our National Spiritual Director, will be attending. Any petitions or requests for Masses can be sent to Fr Jason via:

corjesutreforys@yahoo.com

Novenas to Our Lady of Fatima

Please use this link for shorter and longer versions of Novenas depending on the amount of time you have available:

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

If you start on Monday, 4 June, you will just be in time to finish a Novena to Our Lady of Fatima in time for the one hundred and first anniversary of the second apparition to the children on 13 June 1917.

You can also see these novenas in the CTS booklet, the *Message and Prayers of Fatima*, on pages 50-54, if you have a copy.

Please include WAF England and Wales in your Rosary prayer intentions.

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 donate 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 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 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.

Tomorrow, Saturday 2nd June, 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.

Yesterday was the Feast of the Visitation, which celebrated Our Lady's visit to her aged cousin Elizabeth, who was bearing John the Baptist. When the Blessed Virgin greeted her, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with Holy Spirit. She cried out saying that Mary was the most blessed of all women.

The Blessed Virgin replied to St Elizabeth's word with her Magnificat, in which she said, amongst other things, that "all generations will call me blessed."

The World Apostolate of Fatima celebrates another Visitation of Our Lady, to Fatima in Portugal, just over 100 years ago now with a message for the whole world. We are trying to spread that message in an increasingly anti-Religious world.

The fact that last week the majority of the people in Ireland effectively voted for abortion is a reminder that no society can rely on past religious adherence as a guarantee for the future, and this also applies to England and Wales.

So we cannot just stand still and wait for society to get better – we have to do something, and the main "something" Our Lady asked for at Fatima was prayer and penance.

In June 1917, Our Lady said to the children, "Jesus wants to use you to make Me known and loved. He wishes to establish the devotion to My Immaculate Heart throughout the world. I promise salvation to whoever embraces it; these souls will be dear to God, like flowers put by Me to adorn his throne."

So that is really what the WAF is trying to do—to establish the devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart throughout the world, so that we do our part towards ensuring that all generations, including our own, do indeed call her blessed.

I was just reading some texts from St Maximilian Kolbe this morning, and in one of them he puts the question, "When shall we defeat evil throughout the world?"

His answers his question by saying, "We shall achieve this, and do it quickly and totally only when we put ourselves wholeheartedly under Mary Immaculate's guidance."

If we conscientiously live out the Fatima message, and especially consecrate

ourselves to Mary, pray the Rosary and do the Five First Saturdays, whilst also fulfilling our daily duties, we will be doing just that.

My final point is that we are working on a Rosary initiative for this coming October, so please pray that that will be a success.

Thanks and God bless,
Donal

on behalf of WAF England and Wales Committee
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