



World Apostolate of Fatima England & Wales

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WAF England and Wales Newsletter, First Saturdays, March 2018

Dear Friends,

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

Our new WAF Wordpress site is now available online at:

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

Please have a look and let your friends know about this resource-filled site!

Thanks to those who joined in our Novena to Saints Jacinta and Francisco, last month for the intention that WAF England and Wales find a suitable location for a National Fatima shrine, where the Pilgrim Virgin statue can be housed and the Fatima Message promoted.

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

Message from acting National President of WAF England and Wales, Oliver Abasolo, following the resignations of Timothy Tindal-Robertson, as National President, and Rev. Fr. Gerard Kelly, as National Spiritual Director.

"Allow me first of all to express my sincere and deep gratitude to Timothy Tindal-Robertson and Rev. Fr. Gerard Kelly for their many years of hard work and dedication in spreading the message of Fatima in England & Wales. As I begin my role as the President of the World Apostolate of Fatima in England & Wales, I entrust to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart my commitment and work in making known and lived the message of Fatima.

"I have been a member of the WAF since 1989 way back in the Philippines serving both in my own archdiocese and at the national level. I moved to the UK in 1999 to work as a Nurse and have continued to help and support the WAF since 2004. I am currently in my second term of office as a board of Trustee of WAF International since 2012.

"The Centenary of Fatima has brought graces upon graces in our Land, as the

National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima accompanied by the Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco travelled to 17 dioceses across England & Wales. We have witnessed the renewal of the consecration of England and Wales by His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols in Westminster Cathedral and each individual Bishop consecrating their own Diocese to the Immaculate Heart.

"May our Lady's Immaculate be always our refuge and the way the will lead us to God. God bless you all and Ave Maria!

Oliver

Forthcoming WAF England and Wales events

- Fatima event on 21 April 2018 from 2-4 pm at Westminster Cathedral
- 5 May 2018 - assemble at St. George's Cathedral at 1pm for a Marian Procession to Sacred Heart Camberwell

For more details please email Oliver Abasolo at:

oliver.abasolo@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk

Message from Fr Jason Jones, the new WAF Spiritual Director, whose parish is in Swansea.

"Dear Members of the WAF,

"It is my joy to be able to write to you as I begin my role as the National Spiritual Director for WAF England and Wales.

"The Holy Season of Lent is well underway by now, and over these 40 days, as we undertake prayer and penance and almsgiving we can see how these traditional Lenten practices are so fully appropriate to help us live more fully the Message of Our Lady revealed to the three Children at Fatima.

"Many of us will be still giving thanks for the wonderful graces given during the Centennial Year of the apparitions, especially the successful Visitation programme of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue and Relics. But we cannot allow ourselves to become complacent.

"As we undertake to pray the daily Rosary as requested by Our Lady, to imitate the penances of the Children this Lenten season, we can offer all of these daily acts by joining them with the prayer taught to the Children:

"O Jesus, this is for love of thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

"The offering of our Lenten exercises by means of this sacrifice prayer will help the good work of 2017 to bear fruit in the lives of many, and will also help each of us in our own conversion and sanctification of daily duty and the living out of the message of Fatima.

"Let us use this Lent well and allow ourselves to be led by the Children of Fatima to Calvary, to the foot of the cross, and to keep company with Our Lady of Sorrows."

Fr Jason

World Apostolate of Fatima Seminar "Grace and Mercy", Fatima, Portugal, 24th to 30th June 2018

There will be a World Apostolate of Fatima Seminar entitled "Grace and Mercy", held in Fatima, Portugal, from 24th to 30th June 2018.

This is a first event of its kind, and organized by the International WAF. The idea is to bring to Fatima, Portugal, leaders and members of our association, for

a training course on the message of Fatima and on the WAF evangelization programs.

The Seminar will take place in Domus Pacis hotel, the headquarters of the World Apostolate of Fatima. It is located close to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima and has excellent facilities.

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.

A poster with more details is available to download here:

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

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

WAF England and Wales National Pilgrimage 2018

Fr Jason Jones is organising the WAF England and Wales National Pilgrimage this year. It is still in the process of being organised and the price has not yet been fixed - and there are only 48 places available - but the dates are 10th -17th July 2018, staying at Domus Pacis in Fatima, and flying from Bristol and Heathrow.

For more details please email Fr Jason at: corjesutreforys@yahoo.com

Donations to WAF England and Wales

If anyone wishes to make a special Lenten donation 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 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 on the Coast for Faith, Life and Peace in the British Isles

Sunday 29 April 2018 at 3pm

A message from Antonia Moffat:

"Rosary on the Coast is an initiative of the Lay Faithful across the British Isles inviting the faithful of our nations, with the support of our clergy and Bishops, to a Day of Prayer for Faith, Life and Peace which will surely be pleasing to the Holy Spirit, and to Our Lady.

"What is important now ...is for everybody to save the DATE! April 29th 2018 at 3pm and to share the information as widely as possible via Facebook, the website, email, word of mouth etc ... Encourage your friends to watch the Video and to share it.

"Along side this begin to think about where you, your family, small group or larger group will gather? It only takes two or three to form a group!

"Jesus said: 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.' (Matt 18:20.)

We will surround the coasts of our Isles with prayer and encircle them with a Living Rosary for Life, Faith and Peace at 3pm.

"At the same hour those in inland locations will gather at their Cathedrals, Churches and Shrines. Hopefully local leaders will arise who will be points of contact for people. What matters is that everyone will 'Bloom where they are planted!'

"A national list will be available online of where people will meet. The ocean of God's Mercy is sure to descend upon us when Jesus, Our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and all the saints gaze upon the British Isles and see our faith and prayer!

"We ask you to keep Rosary on the Coast preparations in your prayers."

Website: <https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk/>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/rosaryonthecoast/>

Email: admin@rosaryonthecoast.co.uk

Saturday 3rd March, 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 Anne's Cathedral in Leeds, from April, there will be a Fatima programme including the First Saturdays - more details in next month's newsletter.

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.

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.

Regarding the First Saturdays, it's important to note that it is necessary to do exactly what Our Lady requested at Fatima, that is on the first Saturday of five consecutive months:

- go to confession
- receive Holy Communion
- recite five decades of the Rosary
- meditate for a quarter of an hour on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary
- with the intention of making reparation to Our Lady

Thus, in order to successfully complete the Five First Saturdays, all those elements need to be present although the confession can be up to 8 days before or after the First Saturday.

In particular, the meditation must last 15 minutes, and should not be cut short - it can be reading from the Gospels, or a Rosary meditation book. It can be split into five 3 minute meditations - **but the total must be 15 minutes.**

If you don't do this properly then you may invalidate the First Saturdays devotion, and likewise, the whole thing has to be done **with the intention of making reparation to Our Lady** - the best thing is to make this a general intention before starting the First Saturdays, so then you are covered for all five.

Please pray for the intentions of WAF England and Wales, and that more Catholics in this country will get involved in promoting the Message of Fatima - and that many people will support the Rosary on the Coast initiative mentioned above.

There was a similar initiative in Poland last year, which was very fruitful, so this is something that needs our wholehearted support.

Thanks and God bless,
Donal

on behalf of WAF England and Wales Committee
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