



WAF England and Wales Newsletter, First Saturdays, May 2018

Dear Friends,

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

We begin with a message from the National Spiritual Director, Fr Jason Jones:

O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the angels and Queen of the May

"As we begin the great month of Our Lady and begin the anniversary celebration 101 years ago of her apparitions at Fatima let us all try to put into practice her request, 'pray the rosary every day.' This will be a great way to keep this special month.

"As well as May 13th, we have this year the first celebration of Mary Mother of the Church which is to be celebrated on the Monday following Pentecost, White Monday, that is 21st May. Like the apostles we the children of Mary gather around her May altar to honour her and seek her protection for our families and homes and parishes, just as many did for the recent Rosary on the Coast event which the WAF was delighted to promote and be involved with. We have great need of our heavenly mother and her loving protection.

"The great Marian months May and October, are two bookends for the Fatima anniversaries and can be a great opportunity to choose 5 of the 6 first Saturdays which fall within these months to put into effect the 5 first Saturdays of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady.

"It was good to see so many filling Westminster cathedral for the opening of the 2018 National Pilgrim Statue Visitation at the end of April—sincere thanks to all who helped with this great celebration.

"More information about the 5 year preparatory plan I mentioned during the sermon at Westminster for the year 2025 of the Immaculate Heart, will be given over the coming months, and will provide ways we can all get involved to promote and practice the devotion so beloved by Our Lady. Special cards have been produced and are available as a 'checklist' to help you and other fulfil the request for their observance.

"If you are considering joining us on the annual national WAF July pilgrimage then please return your booking forms ASAP.

"With assurance of prayers in my daily rosary and May devotions."

Canon Jason Jones
National spiritual director

The National Pilgrimage to Fatima from 10th-17th July is being organised by Fr Jason Jones, the new WAF England and Wales Spiritual Director.

This pilgrimage will include the special ceremonies on the twelfth and thirteenth of the month, and includes return Flights to Lisbon, half-Board in Domus Pacis hotel, and all taxes & coach tours.

The pilgrimage involves a 7:30 am flight from Heathrow via British Airways, and the cost is £750 per person (excluding travel insurance and return transit to Heathrow).

The booking form is attached.

There are only 30 places available on this pilgrimage, so please return your booking forms plus deposit as soon as possible.

For further details please see the booking form, or contact Fr Jason directly via:

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This means that you will have to confirm that you do wish to receive our newsletter in future, by clicking a button.

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We don't want to lose any of our valuable contacts, so please do respond by clicking the button and you will continue to receive our emails.

WAF Events

The Visitation of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco to Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 21st April 2018, went very well and you can see video footage of the event here:

<https://youtu.be/sobvYjB9fdY>

Similarly, the Rosary on the Coast event on Sunday 29th April was a great success, and there is a video relating to that here:

<https://youtu.be/Ykr8hnP3QBI>

The main upcoming event for May takes place this Saturday, the First Saturday of the month, when starting from St. George's Cathedral in Southwark, at 13.30-14.00, there will be a Marian Procession to Sacred Heart Parish, Camberwell, followed by a Fatima event from 15.00 – 19.00.

A poster advertising this can be seen here:

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

For more details please email Oliver Abasolo at:

You can also see details of the World Apostolate of Fatima Seminar “Grace and Mercy”, Fatima, Portugal, 24th to 30th June 2018, at the above link.

Novenas to Our Lady of Fatima

There are short and long Novenas to Our Lady of Fatima available here:

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

If you start today, 4 May, 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 first apparition to the children on 13 May 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 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:

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.

Saturday 5th May, 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.

Prayer request from India

"I am Fr. Maria Babu, a Catholic Priest from South India. I request your prayers for this poor Parish of mine which has 9,000 Catholics that are spread over 22 Villages. I need your prayerful and spiritual support very much in my daily and pastoral work as we are facing so many problems with the Government in the Country."

The success of the Rosary on the Coast event on Sunday 29th April shows that Catholics do want to be involved in the spiritual renewal of our country, and they will get involved if events are arranged.

What we need to do is build on that success and have more such initiatives - which is what WAF England and Wales will be trying to do in the coming months and years.

Please continue to pray for these intentions, and particularly that more Catholics in this country will be moved to help in promoting the Message of Fatima, praying the Rosary, and becoming involved in the First Saturday devotions in their local churches.

Thanks and God bless,
Donal

on behalf of WAF England and Wales Committee
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