

Fatima Centenary Year 2017

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WAF England and Wales Newsletter, First Saturdays, November 2017

Dear Friends,

This is the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) England and Wales newsletter for November 2017.

The Visitation programme of the Statue and Relics for 2017 is now nearly over. During October, there were Visitations to Liverpool Cathedral, St Alban's church in Macclesfield, the Carmelite Shrine, at Aylesford, and the church of Our Lady of Fatima in Harlow.

The picture above shows Bishop Peter Doyle of Northampton saying Mass during the Visitation of the Statue and Relics to Northampton Cathedral in October.

At each of these Visitations the faithful were able to venerate the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco, and participate in devotions to Our Lady. There was a very gratifying response from congregations to these Visitations.

There is just one more Visitation this year, to the appropriately name Our Lady Queen of Heaven church in Frimley, Camberley, Surrey:

<http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/pdfs/frimley-visitation.pdf>

But the Visitations will continue in the dioceses of Westminster and Arundel and Brighton in 2018.

You can see all the places the Statue and Relics have visited here:

<http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/visitation.html>

Help needed!

We very much need help to continue with the great work that has been done during the Centenary year Visitation programme.

If you can help in any way, whether that is locally in your parish by distributing Fatima leaflets (with your parish priest's permission, of course), or by promoting the Five First Saturdays, or by helping with the diocesan Visitation programme which will begin in Westminster diocese next year, then please get in touch via:

info@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk

Likewise, if you would like to get involved with helping WAF nationally, we really do need assistance with accounts, social media/Wordpress, admin, and organising the annual National pilgrimage to Fatima, amongst other things.

THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IF WE ARE TO EXPAND NATIONALLY!

We also need help regarding using Skype for our WAF committee meetings - we are having connection problems. If you know anyone who has expertise in this area, please ask if they can help us.

Rosary on the Coasts for Life and Faith

Message from Antonia Moffat and Kathy Sinnott re the "Rosary on the Coasts for Life and Faith" event this month, on Sunday 26th November 2017.

"The faithful of Ireland are called to Prayer the Rosary around Ireland's borders for the preservation of Faith and for the protection of Life at all Stages.

"Over the last month, Polish faithful traveled to their borders to pray for the preservation of the faith in Poland. Inspired by this "Rosary at the Borders" Italian faithful held a "Rosary on the Border" for the same intention, preparing with a week long fast on bread and water. It is Ireland's turn.

"Our island is in the midst of a catastrophic loss of Catholic faith especially among the young. Ireland, both North and South, is facing an immediate threat to the protection of the unborn.

"We are calling the faithful to the the shores of the Atlantic Ocean and the Irish Sea to pray for the preservation of the faith and the protection of life at all stages. The "Rosary on the Coasts for Life and Faith" will be held on Sunday 26 November, the Feast of Christ the King."

If you want to take part please contact the Rosary on the Coast for Life and Faith Committee by contacting Kathy at: kathysinnott@gmail.com

More info about this event can be seen here: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/were-in-a-life-and-death-struggle-irish-rosary-on-the-coasts-for-life-and-f>

Saturday 4th November, is the first Saturday of the month, so you may want to keep the Fatima Five First Saturdays devotion in your local parish.

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 beginning with 10 am with prayers of Reparation, followed by Mass at 10:15, and then Fatima devotions and confessions, as well as a holy hour. 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,
Morrison, 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://sacredheartmorrison.org.uk/>

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.

Donations to WAF England and Wales

If anyone wishes to donate 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

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

You can see details about the WAF England and Wales Centennial tree programme here:

<http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/cent-tree.html>

Now that the WAF Cathedral Visitations for 2017 are over, the work of building on the wonderful achievements of this year begins. We want to do many things including carrying out more Visitations on a diocesan level, and promoting the Rosary and Five First Saturdays on a diocesan and National level.

Above all, we need supporters who will pray for the intentions of WAF England and Wales, and that our fellow countrymen and women will be open to Our Lady's message and supportive of what we are doing.

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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