

Fatima Centenary Year 2017

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WAF England and Wales Newsletter, First Saturdays, October 2017

Dear Friends,

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

The Visitations of the Statue and Relics continued during September at Leeds Cathedral and then at Middlesbrough diocese between the 9th and 15th; following that, they went to Hexham and Newcastle Cathedral from 16-17th, before visiting St Joseph's parish in Sunderland from 17-18th September.

After that, the Statue and Relics were at Norwich Cathedral from 23-24th of the month, followed by a Visitation to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham from the 25-27th. Finally there was a Visitation to Northampton diocese over the weekend, 30th September to 1st October.

You can see some of the photos taken at Norwich cathedral here:

<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/fatima-statue-and-relics-visit-cathedral-in-norwich/>

and some video from Walsingham here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqCumX9dvFc>

As has been the case previously, these Visitations went very well, and there was a lovely response from congregations to the Statue and Relics visiting their church or cathedral.

The picture above shows the Fatima Statue in the Slipper chapel in Walsingham

Centenary programme of WAF Visitations in October:

The final Centenary year Visitations take place this month, with a Visitation to Liverpool Cathedral from 6-7th October, followed by a brief visit to St Alban's church in Macclesfield in the late afternoon on Saturday 7th October. This will

be followed, on Sunday 8th October, by a visit to the Carmelite Shrine, at Aylesford.

The final Visitation will be to the Diocese of Brentwood on the weekend of the 14-15th October, at the church of Our Lady of Fatima in Harlow.

At each of these Visitations the faithful will be able to venerate the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco, and participate in devotions to Our Lady.

For details of these Visitations please see:

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

where you can download posters, flyers etc., and access the relevant websites.

Please note: unfortunately, the Visitation to Salford Cathedral set for 21-22nd October has had to be cancelled due to refurbishment work - the nearest alternative venue is Liverpool Cathedral on 6-7 October 2017.

If you know anyone who lives within a reasonable travelling distance of the places where Visitations are to take place over the next couple of weeks then please forward this newsletter to them and let them know what is happening. All the details are here:

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

Also, if you intend to attend any of the above Visitations and are not already involved with the preparations for them/helping on the day, but would like to help, then please get in touch via:

info@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk

And please feel free to forward this newsletter to anyone you think might be interested.

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.

Saturday 7th October, 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.

As noted above, Josie Fearnley, has organised a 'A Day of Renewal of Our Lady of Fatima' in her parish, St Alban's in Macclesfield, which will culminate in a Visit of the Statue and Relics in the late afternoon.

She says, "We want to make it a very special day in honour of Our Lady, Our Mother Mary. Please do come along and bring your family and friends. This is the last month of Our Lady's Apparitions in Fatima, of this Centenary year."

For more details, please email: josiefearnley@gmail.com

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 the church in Glastonbury, Confessions are at 9 am, with Rosary and Meditations at 9.20 am and Mass at 10 am.

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 are as follows: First Saturday of the month, from May to October, Sacred Heart parish First Saturday requests of Our Lady at Fatima.

10.15 am Holy Rosary, 10.30am Holy Mass, 11am Eucharistic Adoration, plus confessions, allowing for a 15 minute meditation on the Rosary, concluding with an Act of Consecration and reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Benediction at 12 noon.

<http://sacredheartmorriston.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.

Showing of 13th Day Fatima Film at Bidford-on Avon

October 13th (Friday). at Bidford-on Avon, Crawford Memorial Hall, (Salford Rd. B50 4EZ, just off the A46 bypass). Doors open 6.30pm, Film starts 7pm. ENTRY: £2

"Whether your interest lies in historical, factual or extraordinary events, 'The 13th Day' is a film for you!

The true story of events in Portugal (1916-17) leading up to the great phenomena of the sun as witnessed by over 70,000 people of many beliefs and none, which took place on Oct 13th 1917, exactly 100 years ago.

Starring 3 Warwickshire children and suitable for all ages.

An independent showing of this prize-winning film..... not to be missed!

Donations to WAF England and Wales

If anyone wishes to donate towards the costs of the Visitation programme, 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>

and details of how you can donate gold and silver items for the Centennial Crown, here:

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

And as we say every month, please keep praying for the success of the WAF Cathedral Visitations, that people 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

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