

Fatima Centenary Year 2017

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WAF England and Wales Newsletter, First Saturdays, September 2017

Dear Friends,

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

The Visitations of the Statue and Relics continued during August at Hallam Cathedral from 12-13th, Westbury-on-Trym on 19th August, and Portsmouth Cathedral on the weekend of 26-27th.

As has been the case so far, these Visitations went very well, and there was a great response from people to the Statue and Relics visiting their church or cathedral.

The picture above shows people venerating the Relics at Portsmouth cathedral.

Centenary programme of WAF Visitations in September:

The programme begins at Leeds Cathedral tomorrow, Saturday, 2nd September; then continues with several churches and the Cathedral in Middlesbrough diocese between the 9th and 15th; then Hexham and Newcastle Cathedral from 16-17th, followed by a visit to St Joseph's parish in Sunderland from 17-18th September.

After that, the Statue and Relics will be 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 will be a Visitation to Northampton Cathedral over the weekend, 30 September to 1st October.

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 and the succeeding 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 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 six weeks or so 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.

Tomorrow, Saturday, 2nd September, 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.

Josie Fearnley from St Alban's church in Macclesfield writes to say that they are having their regular First Saturdays devotion in the parish on Saturday, starting at 10.30 am with the Rosary, the Consecration prayer and Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, followed at 11 am with Adoration, Confession, and concluding with Holy Mass at 12 noon.

Also, next month, on Saturday October 7th, there will be 'A Day of Renewal of Our Lady of Fatima' in her parish.

She says, "We want to make it a very special day in honour of Our Lady, Our Mother Mary. (Please write it in your diaries.) 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.

Pilgrimage Retreat with Our Lady of Fatima in Walsingham

From Monday September 25th to Wednesday September 27th there is a Pilgrimage Retreat at the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk.

It will have a varied programme of Mass, Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Evening Vigils, & Processions.

There will also be talks on: the Message of Fatima, the Five First Saturdays, and also the Rosary & Fatima devotions, plus prayers for peace, for marriage and for life, and enrolment in the Brown Scapular,

There will also be veneration of the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco, and the showing of a DVD on Fatima. Fatima devotional materials and books will be available to buy ... and much more!

This event will be led by a varied team of priests & people with Fr. Simon Chinery leading the main part of the Retreat.

Contact Antonia for full programme details on: antonia@walsingham.org.uk

People are invited & welcome to attend all or part of this Pilgrimage Programme – Just turn up!

All participants are responsible for booking their own accommodation and meals in either the Pilgrim Bureau or elsewhere.

You can see more details about this event and the Visitation to Norwich Cathedral, here: <http://bit.ly/2wqgRSk>

At the church in Glastonbury, there is a morning Mass at 10 am, so First Saturday devotions - Rosary and Meditations, will be at 9.20 am - but there will be no Confessions.

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

DATE: October 13th (Friday)

VENUE: Bidford-on Avon, Crawford Memorial Hall, (Salford Rd. B50 4EZ, just off the A46 bypass).

TIME: 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!

Fundraising for WAF England & Wales

There is still time to donate towards Les Whittaker's cycling pilgrimage to Fatima in Portugal, to raise funds for WAF England and Wales.

If you would like to sponsor him, please make a donation at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fatima100>

You can see more details about Les's ride here:

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

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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