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# WAF England and Wales

## April 2019 Newsletter

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**Dear Friends,**

**This is the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) England and Wales Ap  
2019 newsletter.**

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### *Message from our National President*

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## Greetings as we celebrate the Centenary of the anniversary of the death of St Francisco Marto!

Just came home from a beautiful, Spirit-filled celebration at St Teresa's, Morden, Surrey. Truly it was inspiring and reaffirming, being in the company of our brethren in adoration of the body, blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and reciting and meditating on the Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary in the company of Our Lady.

The National Executive Committee is now in the process of streamlining our safeguarding policy and processes, as well as complying with the government's GDPR in our transactions. Please pray for us as we ascertain and decide our Apostolate's future.

I would like to invite you all to the first Apostolate organised celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Saturday, 29 June 2019 at Kensington, London. It will be from 12 pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Simon Stock Church, followed by a public procession towards Our Lady of Victories Church at 4:30 pm.

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Facebook: [World Apostolate of Fatima of England & Wales](#)

YouTube: [Fatima EnglandWales](#)

Website: [www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk](http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk)

Thank you for continuing to live the message of Our Lady in your daily lives and the work that you are doing and will be doing as part of the hastened triumph of the Kingdom of God.

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St Francisco, pray for us. St Jacinta, pray for us. Servant of God Sr Lucia, for us.

Ave Maria!

**Jerry Rivera**

**National President**

**WAF England and Wales**

## *Message from our National Spiritual Director*

**Dear members of WAF,**

**I am writing my April greetings following the special day of the centenary celebration of the death of St Francisco Marto of Fatima, which took on 4 April 1919.**

Many of you will have hopefully been able to unite your prayers, and especially the Holy Rosary, with the events at St Anthony's parish Church of Fatima, where the Little Shepherds received Sanctifying grace at the baptismal font.

In my own parish, we had various celebrations in the morning, afternoon, evening to mark the death of St Francisco. Prayers were offered for the intentions of WAF members.

For those who have visited Fatima, you will most certainly have visited the homes of the Little Shepherds and been able to stop and pray at the bed of St Francisco left this world to enter the joy of heaven.

**Towards the end of his life when he stopped going to school, he would spend hours in prayer and adoration before the 'hidden Jesus' in the Tabernacle parish Church so as to console Our Lord and to pray for poor sinners.**

His body, hallowed by penance, and his soul strengthened by prayer and charity, are worthy inspirations for us in these last few weeks of Lent – for

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We shall soon be celebrating the highlight of the church calendar, that of Holy Week. Each of us will share in the events of that week with a sense of reparation for our own sins and the sins of the world, mindful that we too are fickle in our following of the Lord like the crowds between Palm Sunday and Good Friday.

We will have the chance to console the Hidden Jesus at our Altars of Repentance on Holy Thursday, to kiss the crucifix on Good Friday like little Jacinta, and to watch with Our Lady of Sorrows to await the joy of Easter.

We will then be united for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday and the national movement to implore God's Mercy on the British isles as we keep our first anniversary of the Rosary on the Coast event. We will remember "those who are most in need of Mercy" that day, in a further living out of the Fatima message.

Let us keep these days ahead with great faith and devotion so that sharing the passion of Christ we may be partakers of the Joy and Peace of the Risen and Merciful Lord.

United in prayer especially at the Altar of God in the Holy Mass.

**Canon Jason Jones**

**National Spiritual Director WAF England and Wales**

## *WAF National Pilgrimage 2019*

**The WAF England and Wales National pilgrimage this year is from June 10th-16th. The flights are via Air Portugal TAP, and the Pilgrimage operator is Tangney Tours.**

Pilgrims will stay at Domus Pacis hotel, at a cost of £632 per person sharing. The single supplement is £120, and Insurance is from £33.

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Accommodation is half board, with 2 half-day excursions included in the p

You can see details about the pilgrimage here:

<https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/waf-england-and-wales-national-pilgrimage/>

**The closing date for the Pilgrimage at the above prices is 2nd April - still possible to book up places but the price then will depend on if the price of the flight etc has increased.**

**Please get in touch as soon as possible if you would like to come on Pilgrimage!**

## *Rosary Initiatives and Other News*

### **Rosary Initiatives**

#### **God's Mercy on the British Isles**

God's Mercy on the British Isles is a follow up to Rosary on the Coast, a year on. The first anniversary of Rosary on the Coast falls providentially on Divine Mercy Sunday 28 April.

Here is the link to the video Launch by Bishop John Keenan of Paisley Diocese. Just highlight & click the link and be inspired to participate:

<https://youtu.be/g2Xs-xrvCM4>

Here is what to do: Host Divine Mercy Feast Day Devotions in your Parish Shrine or Cathedral, or join one nearby, or set up one in your parish with the support of your Priest.



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You can find out more and sign up for this event at:

[www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk](http://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk)

## **Rosary for Europe and for peace,**

The Pier Giorgio Frassati Association, which has its headquarters in Rome, is promoting a worldwide rosary to be prayed for Europe on April 6th: for peace “for the faith of its people and for the rediscovery of the Christian values that are at its core.”

The Association has created a handout in various languages for the recitation of the Rosary, which should be available for download from the website <http://www.piergiorgiofrassati.org/>

You can download a document there entitled "A Rosary with Pier Giorgio" which gives details of how to participate etc. You just need to click on the "English" tab on the homepage.

## **Westminster Visitation video**

There is a video of the WAF England and Wales Visitation and Consecration of England and Wales to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Westminster Cathedral which took place on 18 February 2017, here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sFLOeihon3Q&t=16s>

## **Social media**

Also, you can help promote WAF England and Wales on Social Media by visiting the following links and reposting/sharing the Facebook posts or retweeting the tweets - thank you!

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With our Twitter account, you can also help by "following" us - to do that just click the "follow" button on the top right of the webpage.

We also have our own YouTube Channel, Fatima EnglandWales here:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnySyKpPuNROPlkbZq1q1g\\_](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnySyKpPuNROPlkbZq1q1g_)

You can help us by subscribing to this channel using the red "Subscribe" button near the top right of the screen.

**And talking of social media, we still need help with that - if you have social media or website skills you can share with us, we would really to hear from you!**

## *Five First Saturdays devotion*

**Saturday 6th April is the first Saturday of the month, so you can participate in the Fatima Five First Saturdays devotion on that day either in your local parish, or at home.**

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->



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**You can check for churches by diocese.**

**At the moment we only have notice of First Saturday devotions in about half the dioceses in England and Wales - so please consider trying to start the devotion in your local church.**

All you need is a few like-minded people, and it is very important that the First Saturdays starts in as many parishes as possible, since it is linked with the conversion of Russia and thus with the promised era of peace for the world.

Please visit this page to check for your nearest 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, they can do so by visiting the home page of our website at: <https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/>**

This is important, because even if you can't help in a practical way, your financial assistance will be very helpful in expanding WAF England and Wales. We need, and appreciate, any donation you can make.

The yellow PayPal donation button is about half way down on the right, and you can donate either via a credit card or your Paypal account.

(There is no need to include a £ sign. Also, please ensure you enter a whole amount of pounds, i.e. 10 for a donation of ten pounds, not 10.00 - no need for a decimal point or extra zeros!

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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.

**Or equally, if you would like to make a regular monthly donation to WAF then we can let you have the details of how to do this.**

**God bless and Ave Maria!**

**Donal**

**on behalf of WAF England and Wales Committee**

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