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WAF England and Wales Newsletter

First Saturdays, November 2018

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The above image shows the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and statues of S Francisco and Jacinta on the altar in the church of Our Lady, St John's Wood, London, during a Vi recently.

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WAF Annual General Meeting 23-24 November 2018

The big news for this month is that we are having our WAF England and Wales Annual General Meeting at the Carmelite Retreat Centre at Box Hill, from Friday 23rd to Saturday 24th November.

This will be the first such meeting, and follows on from the adoption of our statutes and the Visitation programme during the Fatima centenary of last

There will be a general gathering of the WAF England and Wales Committee, Spiritual Directors, and diocesan promoters on the Friday and a smaller gathering on the Saturday.

This is a very important event as regards planning for the future of WAF in England and Wales, so we would ask for prayers for its success, and particularly the Rosary.

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The WAF England and Wales National pilgrimage next year is from J 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 share. The single supplement is £120, and Insurance is from £33.

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

If you, or anyone you know, would like to come on this pilgrimage, then please book up as soon as possible.

You can see details about the pilgrimage here:

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

Social Media and Wordpress person(s) still required!

We are still looking for somebody, or preferably several bodies, to help with promoting WAF via Social Media and through our Wordpress website, and also in the production of this newsletter, and with secret work.

As detailed above, we are due to have our important end of year AGM later this month, and this is a big step forward for us. We are expecting many of the diocesan spiritual directors, and also the diocesan promoters, plus other supporters, to be present.

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happen we need people to come forward to help in the ways indicated above.

There was a big response to the Visitation programme last year, but we need to carry that momentum forward.

If we don't get this help, then that is going to retard the work of WAF, which is really the work of Our Lady, which would be a terrible shame - especially as indifference if not hostility to religion is growing in this country.

So we ask you to please *really* consider if you could help, or know anyone else who might be able to help with this work.

The work this involves is not rocket science, but different volunteers will not all have good Social media skills, that is, be familiar with Facebook, Twitter, etc and adept at posting material on them in a regular way, or ideally have Wordpress skills for the website, and internet skills to help with the newsletter.

More generally, we need someone, or several people to help with the secretarial side of things - sending emails, keeping track of campaigns, that sort of thing.

If you can help with any of the above, or know someone who can help, then please let us know!

This is something you can include in your rosary intentions, and we would very much appreciate such prayers.

Please contact us via: info@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk if you can help.

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Saturday 3rd November 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-england-wales/>

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 Five 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/>

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Wales. For example, the costs of the AGM later this month will be considerable, and so we really do 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!

Or 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.

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.

International WAF News from Fatima

This is a message from Nuno and Ana at the WAF International Secretariat, Fatima, which details some events from around the world with a Marian/Fatima focus

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Greetings from Fatima!

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disseminate that information among your WAF members and friends. You read about these news items at our webpage: www.worldfatima.com.

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WAF International Secretariat

Children's Holy Hour in Fatima

On November 3, 2017, the World Apostolate of Fatima is organizing a month of Eucharistic adoration with children and young people in the parish church of the Little Shepherds of Fatima, in Portugal, in collaboration with the Portuguese movement Message of Fatima. Throughout the world, other children will be united in prayer.

The program consists of an hour of adoration to the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the recitation of the rosary, next to the tabernacle where so many times Sr. Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia adored and consoled the Lord. The intention is for the children, with their prayers and imitating the shepherds of Fatima, to pray for their families, for the Holy Father and for peace in the world.

World Youth Day in Panama, January 2019

In January 2019, Panama hosts the World Youth Day with the presence of the Holy Father. The World Youth Day (WYD) is an encounter of young people from around the world usually celebrated every three years. The event allows young people to experience the universality of the Church and in sharing their faith in Jesus Christ.

The central theme of this event in Panama will be: "I am the servant of the Lord", bringing to it a Marian dimension. The World Apostolate of Fatima is planning to participate and use this opportunity to share the message of Fatima with thousands of young people. The first Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

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There is going to be a pre-journey for all youngsters from the 16th to the 22nd January 2019. This will include also a special retreat day on the Message of Fatima organised by the WAF in Panama and a Marian Festival. This week several cultural and evangelical activities will be held in the community where pilgrims will be accommodated.

The other days, from the 22nd to 27th, there will be various other activities such as: Opening Mass, reception of the Holy Father, Via crucis, Feast of Forgiveness, Vocation Fair, Concerts, Catechesis, Cultural Activities And Vigil with the Mass of Sending presided over by the Pope.

Young members of the World Apostolate of Fatima are encouraged to be represented in this ecclesial event of great magnitude, the re-launching of the New Evangelization to the continent and the whole world through the enthusiasm of the young people. For more details on how to submit your registration visit: www.mariapanama2019.com

Regional Congress of the World Apostolate of Fatima for Asia

The World Apostolate of Fatima, as part of their formation program, has been organizing regional congresses in all continents, to offer the opportunity for members of a particular region, to come together to learn and discuss the Apostolate matters. Next year, from the 3rd to the 5th of February 2019, It will host the third Asian WAF congress, in Kolkota city. The first congress was in the Philippines, in 2006 and the second in South Korea, in 2009.

The selected theme for the meeting in India is "...God wishes to establish world devotion to My Immaculate Heart..." (Our Lady of Fatima, 13 July 1917). "Into the abode of the Immaculate Heart of Mary with St Teresa of Calcutta". The congress will have moments of formation through presentation of conferences on the Fatima message so as to further spread Our Lady's message of Peace and Hope. There will also be reporting sessions, works of prayer moments, Eucharistic adoration and Holy Mass. The 10th Indian

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Joseph Vaz for a pilgrimage.

Those members of the World Apostolate of Fatima pertaining to the Asian region are encouraged to participate.

Coming WAF Visitations

You can find details of coming WAF England and Wales events, here

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

Some concluding thoughts

November is the month of the Holy Souls, and we naturally think of our deceased loved ones at this time, many of whom will be, we hope, in purgatory if not in heaven. But the reality is that they are more likely to be in purgatory and so we need to pray for them and above all to have Masses said for them that they will soon be finished with their purgation and able to enter heaven.

Purgatory was actually mentioned by Our Lady during the first apparition at Fatima on 13 May 1917, when Lucia asked her about two young women who had died recently, and was told that one was in heaven and the other, her friend Amelia, would be in purgatory "until the end of world."

We don't exactly know what sins Amelia committed to receive this punishment but we do know that what Our Lady said was conditional on her friends and relatives praying for her, gaining indulgences for her, and so on.

At this time, the Church encourages us to draw on its treasury of merits by means of indulgences for those in purgatory, and from midday on 1st

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The conditions are: visit a church, say there an Our Father and one of the Creeds, and the usual conditions of confession, Holy Communion, and pray for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father and one Hail Mary). The Indulgence may only be gained once a day.

A plenary indulgence may also be gained between 1st and 8th November, applicable to the Holy Souls only by visiting a cemetery and pray there for the dead under the usual conditions. This becomes a partial indulgence for prayers for the Holy Souls in a cemetery said any other time the year.

For the teaching of the church on indulgence, see paragraphs 1471-1479 Catechism of the Catholic Church (<https://tinyurl.com/cat14719>)

Apart from that, the work of promoting the Message of Fatima is just as important today, if not more important, than it was a century ago. Now the evils prophesied by Our Lady have fully developed in our society, and so we need to turn to Her, to Her Immaculate Heart, which she promised would be a refuge for young Lucia, and so will surely also be one for us, especially as our times become more turbulent and unpredictable.

In fact, we can see the devotion to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart as a central aspect of the Fatima Message, especially as she told the children that God desired to establish devotion to Her Immaculate Heart throughout the world. She went on to say, "I promise salvation to whoever embraces it; these souls will be dear to God, like flowers put by Me to adorn his throne."

So there is a great promise of salvation to those who do embrace this devotion and that is another reason why we all need to promote the Fatima message.

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And once again, please don't hesitate to contact us if you can help in any way with Social Media, the website, this newsletter, or with Secretariat work for WAF England and Wales!

**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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