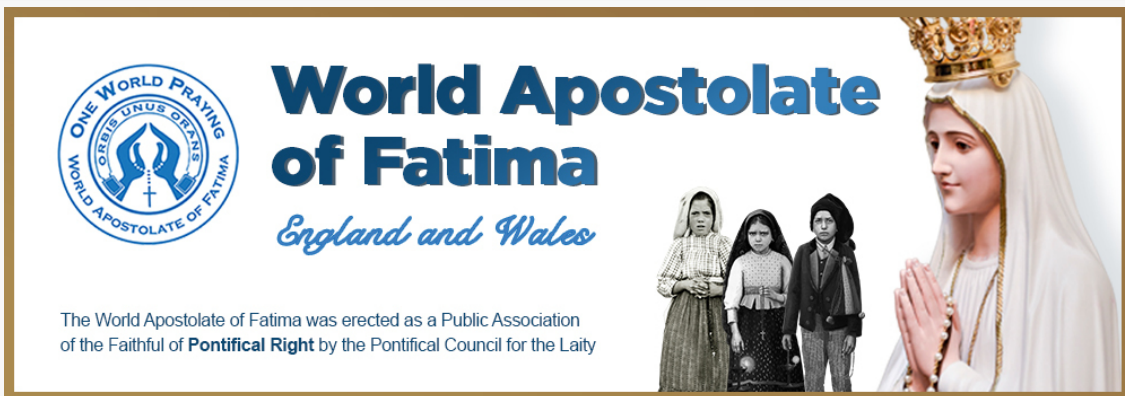


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WAF England and Wales August 2019 Newsletter



Dear Friends,

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

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Message from our National President

Dear Fatima family,

Greetings to you and your families!

“I am very much looking forward to the National Pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal on 10-16 July. If you are on this pilgrimage, I assure you of an experience that **you will not forget,**” were my words in last month’s newsletter prior to the event. Now, I can honestly and wholeheartedly say that it was one of the most memorable experiences I have had! Our Lady really looked after not only me but each of the pilgrims.

Here are a couple of the pilgrims’ comments:

“I enjoyed the visit to Fatima very much, I didn’t think that July would be alright for me but it was and look forward to going back with you all.”

“I needed the peace and hope of the message (my first time to Fatima), but I found the liturgical experiences at the Sanctuary even more prayerful, enriching and edifying (including the stations of the cross in the olive groves).”

Thank you to Canon Jason Jones who lovingly pastored each of the pilgrims; to Tangney Tours for their help especially in booking the return flights; to Nuno and Ana at the WAF International Secretariat for their advice and personal experiences; to the staff of Domus Pacis, the WAF International Home, who looked after and served us with their warm hospitality; and to all of you, who included us in their prayers of supplication and thanksgiving.

The WAF Ecclesiastical Province of Westminster Promoters Training Day took place on Saturday, 27 July at Our Lady Immaculate parish, Chelmsford, Essex. It was attended by 16 promoters from the 5 dioceses. “What can you do for me,” was Our Lady’s question and ‘marching orders’ for those whom she chose to participate in the event.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin – body and

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forgetting to pray the Holy Rosary daily, wear the Brown Scapular with fervour, sacrifice at every little given opportunity, and make reparation through the first Saturday devotion.

Here are some details of our social media platforms:

Twitter: @WAF_Eng_Wales

Instagram: waf_england_wales

Facebook: World Apostolate of Fatima of England & Wales

YouTube: Fatima EnglandWales

Website: www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk

Thank you for your continued witness to the people you meet, including your very own families.

St Francisco, pray for us. St Jacinta, pray for us. Servant of God Sr Lucia, pray for us. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us. Ave Maria!

Jerry Rivera

National President

WAF England and Wales

Message from our National Spiritual Director

Dear members of WAF,

The month of August has traditionally been devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady as formerly the feast was celebrated on the octave day of the Assumption. With the revision of the liturgical calendar following the Second Vatican Council, the feast of the Immaculate Heart is now celebrated on the day following the feast of the Sacred Heart, and the octave day of the Assumption, 22 August, fittingly became the fifth glorious mystery of the Rosary, the coronation of Our Lady as Queen and Mother.

During August we are blessed with a number of other Marian feasts including Our Lady of the Angels on 2 August, and Our Lady of the Snows on 5 August, the latter to mark the Feast of the Basilica of St Mary Major in Rome. These feasts together with the Assumption and Coronation can be a wonderful way to live the month in union with Our Lady. As well as these feasts we also, of course, have the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima - not on the usual 13th of the month, though, but on 19 August due to the abduction of

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It was my great joy and honour last month to accompany Jerry Rivera and 30 pilgrims to Fatima for the annual National World Apostolate of Fatima pilgrimage from England and Wales. We were able to discover new places of interest including the recently opened exhibition about the “Apostle of Fatima,” Fr Formigao.

He was present at the September and October 1917 apparitions, and he became so convinced of their authenticity that he devoted his life to promoting the message of Our Lady especially regarding Eucharistic reparation. He went on to found the religious sisters who would serve the chapel of adoration at the Fatima sanctuary.

The exhibition of the life of this Apostle of Fatima, and his tomb, are wonderful places to reflect on our own role in promoting and making known the appeals of Our Lady, and especially the practice of the daily Rosary, the Five first Saturdays, and the wearing of the Brown Scapular.

We can make the opening request of Lucia to Our Lady at each of the apparitions our own: “What do you want of me?” In this way, by the faithful fulfilment of the requests of Our Lady we too, at the end of our lives, will merit to receive the crown of eternal life.

This month the recently refurbished statue of Our Lady of Fatima which has been gifted to the WAF will be enthroned in my parish together with the statues of St Francisco and St Jacinta and their relics.

Be assured of my prayers and remembrances there for your intentions and for the various Mass requests, and candles, which I receive.

Canon Jason Jones

National Spiritual Director WAF England and Wales

Barb Ernster of WAF USA - A reminder about the Five First Saturday devotion

If you recall, Our Lord allows us to go to confession within eight days of the first Saturday, and told Sister Lucia “it can be longer provided that when they receive Me on the first Saturday, they are in the state of grace and have the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”

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If you forget to offer the intention, Jesus said you can do so at your next

confession, "taking advantage of the first opportunity to go to confession."

One of the most important and most misunderstood elements of the devotion is that Our Lady asks us to "keep her company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary." This is in addition to the praying of a five-decade Rosary.

Sister Lucia wrote to her own mother: "It is the fifteen minutes, to my mind, that gives the most confusion. But it is very simple. Who is not able to think on the mysteries of the Rosary? On the annunciation of the angel and on the humility of our dear Mother, who, on seeing herself so praised, called herself a slave? On the passion of Jesus, who suffered so much for love of us? And our Most Holy Mother near Jesus on Calvary? Who is not able then, with these holy thoughts, to spend fifteen minutes near this most tender of mothers?"

It is during this fifteen minutes when you and Our Lady sit one-on-one together, pondering the mysteries of her Heart. Let Our Lady lead you where she wills. You will be surprised at how powerful this part of the First Saturday devotion is. It is where you develop a personal relationship with Mary, who will lead you to a deeper, more personal relationship with Jesus. This is when you should ask her for a particular grace for yourself or someone you are praying for. Her Immaculate Heart will not fail to respond.

From the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA, First Saturday Bulletin:

<https://www.bluearmy.com/>

Points from the recent WAF Training Day in Chelmsford

Jerry mentioned above the WAF Westminster Promoters Training Day which took place recently in Chelmsford.

Of the points made during the day, two in particular struck me as being very important.

The first is to extend our Morning Offering by renewing it during the day (at least with a passing thought) and particularly in moments of temptation.

This is the WAF Morning Offering which you can find on our website at:

<https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/fatima-prayers/>

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O my God, in union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary (here kiss your Brown

scapular as a sign of your consecration – this carries a partial indulgence). I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus from all the altars throughout the world, joining with it the offering of my every thought, word and action of this day.

O my Jesus, I desire today to gain every indulgence and merit I can, and I offer them together with myself, to Mary Immaculate, that She may best apply them to the interests of Thy Most Sacred Heart. Precious Blood of Jesus, save us! Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us! Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

The second thing is to pray as many times as we can throughout the day the Sacrifice Prayer, when we are making a sacrifice of some sort, be it big or small.

The Sacrifice Prayer was recommended by Our Lady as follows: “Sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say many times, especially whenever you make some sacrifice: *O Jesus, it is for love of you, for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary!*”

We can also pray other pious invocations such as the Pardon Prayer.

My God, I believe, I adore, I trust, and I love thee! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not trust, and do not love thee.

If we were to make those prayers and thoughts daily habits it would surely help to us to have more of the spirit of devotion displayed by Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia.

Advance notice - #DivineMercyDay of Prayer

notice - #DivineMercyDay of Prayer - Saturday September 28th 2019 in #WestminsterCathedral

Healing the Wounded Body of Christ:

Prayer & Reparation for the sins of sexual abuse in the Church.

Led by Bishop John Keenan (Diocese of Paisley), Fr. Dominic Allain (Pastoral Director of From Grief to Grace & Priests of the Archdiocese of Southwark) & Fr. Derek Hyett (Priest of the Archdiocese of Westminster)

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Thus says the Lord God: 'On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I

will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt.' Ezekiel 36.33

Five First Saturdays devotion

Saturday 3rd August 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.

English Martyrs Church, Hillmorton, Rugby, CV21 4EE, has been holding the Five First Saturdays Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima from 4th May and this will carry on till 7th September 2019.

Telephone: 01788 565016; <https://englishmartyrsrugby.org/>

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 have notice of First Saturday devotions in about two thirds of 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.

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financial assistance will be very helpful in expanding WAF England and Wales. We need, and appreciate, any donation you can make.

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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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