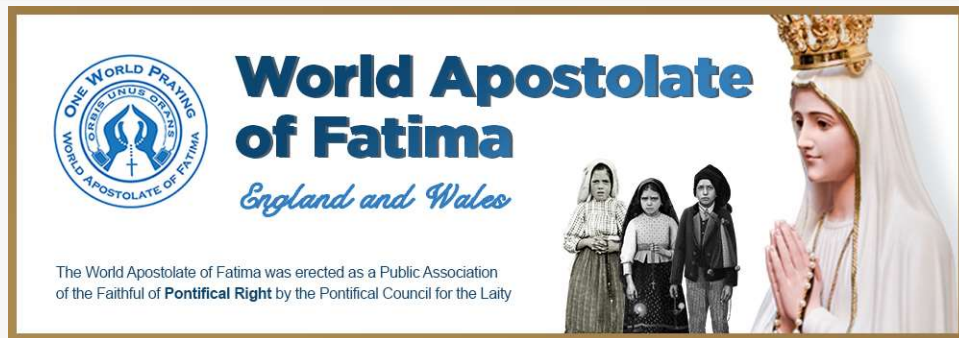


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**Dear Friends,**

**This is the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) England and Wales August 2020 newsletter.**

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**Dear Friends of WAF,**

**As you will know from the story of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, the scheduled 13th August appointment did not take place due to the kidnapping of the three seers and their stay at the prison at Ourem.**

Pilgrims to Fatima as they make the beautiful Way of the Cross walk come upon the serene shrine which marks the August 19th Apparition. At this site known as Valinhos on the outskirts of the hamlet of Aljustrel, Our Lady gave this message:

**“Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners; for many souls go to hell, because there are none to sacrifice themselves and to pray for them.”**

The children had already seen the vision of Hell and had been given the Fatima decade prayer. Now Our Lady reminds them and us in turn that the sentence of eternal on sinners can, through our sacrifices and prayers, lead to their salvation.

**What great great possibilities there are for all of us to save sinners from the fires of hell and for them to be led to heaven.**

May I suggest that in this month of August we make an extra effort to pray for sinners. Maybe in this holiday month when we have perhaps extra time on our hands, and so have the opportunity to attend an extra Mass or make a Holy Hour or pray an extra rosary. In heaven we shall discover the fruit of our sacrifices and prayers as we are welcomed by the soul that we have helped to save.

**Be assured of my prayers as we celebrate the First Saturday of the month, the feasts of Our Lady of the Angels, St Mary Major, the Assumption, and the Coronation of Our Lady as Queen and Mother.**

**Stay well and Safe,  
With my blessing to you all,**

**Canon Jason Jones  
National Spiritual Director Canon Jason Jones  
National spiritual director**

## ***WAF England and Wales 2021 Pilgrimage***

**As indicated in the previous newsletter, because of the uncertainty due to the coronavirus it was decided to cancel this year's National Pilgrimage.**

But there will be a National Pilgrimage in 2021. Flights are on sale already for July next year and we have begun our planning for the great highlight of the

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Airports have not been decided but possibilities are Bristol, Manchester and Heathrow.

**It would be most helpful to know which airports are popular so as to finalise bookings. Please do contact us with preferences.**

Fr Jason looks forward to leading this pilgrimage next year.

## *Five First Saturdays devotion*

*Some people may now be able to celebrate the First Saturdays in their church now - or at least go to Mass and possibly confession - given that churches are starting to open again. But if not you follow the advice below.*

*The following is information from Prof Americo as to how we should now celebrate the First Saturdays devotion during the Coronavirus pandemic.*


**Because of this health crisis, we all will celebrate the First Saturdays of the month and the communion of reparation from our family homes. This devotion was intended to be practiced by the whole family. But it was not done by families. It was done by individuals. Now it is the time to start a family practice!**

**We are not allowed to have it publicly in our parish churches because of the pandemic. From these circumstances we can learn the following lessons:**

- The first Church is the “domestic Church” and the Holy Family represents it;
- The Good Lord is calling us to the development of our interiority, “the God that dwells in our hearts”, the school of holiness taught to us by Our Lady of Fatima through the interior life developed by the child shepherds “who saw God through the eyes of Mother Mary”, participating in her beatific vision of the Most Holy Trinity;
- This also gives us the opportunity to first evangelize our own family in these days of enforced sharing of our time!

**During the First Saturdays that we are kept in our family homes, we will fulfil the Great Promise of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the following way:**

- Confessing our sins spiritually to Jesus, with deep repentance and perfect contrition, as Pope Francis taught, when there is no sacramental Confession available, promising to receive sacramental Confession as soon as possible;
- Making a spiritual Communion with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary;

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company for 15 minutes of meditation, in addition to the reflection of the mysteries on the Rosary;

- Offering this devotion as a means of uniting our family in God's love, grace and mercy, and so liberating us from "the spirit of the world".

**Tomorrow is the First Saturday of August, so you can adopt the above practices for the First Saturdays devotion.**

**If you aren't sure about how to participate in the First Saturdays, you can download a leaflet with instructions of how to do this here:**

<https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/leaflets-information/>

**And an explanation of the First Saturdays devotion is given here:**

<https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/the-five-first-saturdays-devotion-explained/>

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

## *Joining the Rosary Confraternity*

**Just a reminder about joining the Rosary Confraternity.**

This is a pious association of the Catholic Church, under the care of the Dominican Order. Its members strive to pray the complete Rosary (15 decades) once a week. They form a union of the Faithful throughout the world who, along with their own intentions, pray for the intentions and needs of all the Confraternity's members, living and dead.

You can see more details about it here, and also sign up online:

<https://www.english.op.org/about-us/the-dominican-family/rosary-confraternity.htm>

As indicated the only requirement is to at least say the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries once a week – in return you get many spiritual benefits from the Confraternity membership throughout the world - and those benefits also extend to purgatory, plus there are indulgences, etc.

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**Also, you can leave a bequest in your will for WAF England and Wales - please contact us for more details via: [info@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk](mailto:info@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk)**

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.

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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.**

## General News and Info

**The situation regarding the Coronavirus continues is variable, so we must still be vigilant and remember all those who need prayer at this time.**


Masses have starting up at some churches around the country and some of you may be able to celebrate the First Saturdays tomorrow, or at least attend Mass, and possibly confession.

**But if we can't do the First Saturdays devotion locally, we can celebrate the fact that August is the month which is specifically dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.**

As we know from Sr Lucia's memoirs, this is the central devotional theme of the Fatima message.

During the second apparition, on 13 June 1917, the Blessed Virgin told Lucia that God wished to establish devotion to her Immaculate Heart throughout the world, a point she repeated during the July apparition. She then promised salvation to whoever embraced this devotion, to the extent that such souls would be dear to God, like flowers put by her to adorn His throne.



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**can expect if we truly adopt this devotion, that is, a cherished place in heaven.**

Our Lady also promised Lucia that her Immaculate Heart would be her refuge and the way that would lead her to God.

This, of course, also applies to anyone who takes up this devotion. And so, in all the trials and tribulations of this world, we too can have a secure refuge in Mary's Immaculate Heart.

Our Lady also spoke of the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart during the July apparition. We are all now aware of the great power of the collegial consecration which was made, in 1984, by Pope St John Paul II in response to this request, and of how it led to the collapse of Communism in Russia and Eastern Europe.

**So this is clearly a tremendously powerful devotion – but it is all too easy to regard it as just another religious practice, and not really take it to heart.**

If we already have a devotion to Mary's Immaculate heart, then we should aim to deepen this devotion, and if not, then we can resolve to take it up. And this month of August, with its dedication to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, is the ideal time to do this.

**Maybe we could make a resolution to slowly read or reread Sr Lucia's memoirs, *Fatima in Lucia's own words*, say five or six pages a day, and go in spirit on a pilgrimage to Fatima, and so initiate or renew our own personal devotion to Our Lady and her inspiring message of peace.**

Another thing we could do is say the [Litany of the Immaculate Heart of Mary](#) each day, taking our time to do so slowly, so that we have a chance to linger over some of the expressions. This Litany was composed by Cardinal, now Saint, John Henry Newman,

The final promise of Our Lady was that in the end, her Immaculate Heart would triumph, and that a period of peace would be granted to the world.

**We can help to bring about this triumph through our Rosaries and through the practice of the Five First Saturdays devotion, and these, too, are excellent ways to fittingly honor the Blessed Virgin during this coming month.**

**God bless and Ave Maria!  
Donal**

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

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