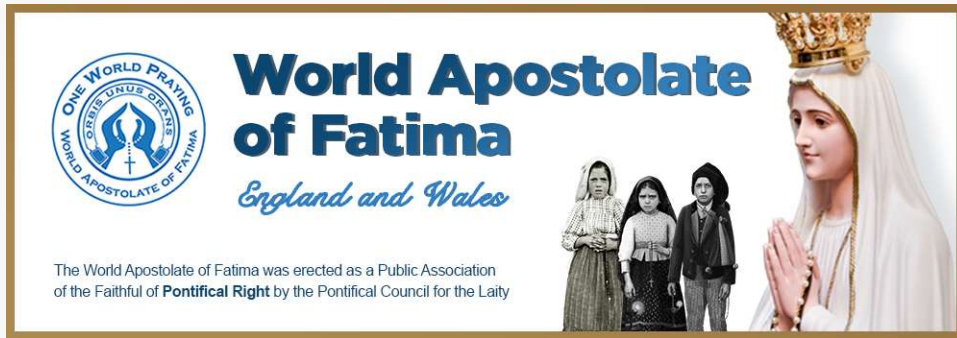


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## WAF England and Wales

### February 2020 Newsletter



Dear Friends,

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

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## *Feast of the Presentation*

**Dear Friends,**

**Sunday is the Feast of the Presentation, which is the official end of Christmastide, forty days after Christmas Day, and a chance for us all to consider how we can dedicate ourselves more fully to God, the Church and Our Lady.**

**One way of doing this would be to come along, on 22 February, to Westminster Cathedral, London, where there will be Holy Mass to launch the 5-year preparation for the Centenary of the request for Five First Saturdays Devotion.**

This event will include a Procession of the Centennial Pilgrim Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (different from the National Statue, since it is focused on the Immaculate Heart and thus also on the First Saturdays), followed by recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, and then a talk on the centenary programme, on the themes for the next five years leading to the Centenary year 2025, with Holy Mass 2:45 pm.

And on 29 February there is an NPVS Parish Visitation, at St Joseph's church in Colliers Wood, London, SW19 2JF

For more details on parish visitations and other events, please visit the website @ <https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/whats-new-and-events/>

p.s. You can help promote the First Saturdays Launch Mass by downloading [this image](#) and sharing it on Social Media - this is particularly the case if you live in London, and have social media friends who might want to attend.

**This is very important, because nowadays social media or the internet is the first place people look when they want information, and also because getting information from social media friends is an excellent way of finding out about coming events etc.**

There is also an [image here](#) with some information about the Centenary of the death of St Jacinta Marto, which will be celebrated on the 20th of this month, which can also be shared on social media.

## *Message from our National Spiritual Director*

**Our first Saturday this February falls on the eve of the feast of the Presentation of Lord.**

**The Gospel for the 40th day of Christmas identifies the first prophecy of the sorrows of Our Lady, “a sword will pierce your own soul.”**

**The Presentation of the Lord at the temple through the hands of Our Lady,**

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**martyrdom as Co-Redemptrix, with the unique offering of her Son, the Redeemer, to the eternal Father.**

The sorrows of Our Lady are the result of the sufferings of her Son and of our sins. Our reparation, through our participation at this First Saturday devotion, allows us to stand by the side of Our Lady, to keep her company and thus to remove the thorns that pierce her Immaculate Heart.

**Details of the World Apostolate of Fatima England and Wales National pilgrimage are being finalised, and full information will be available shortly.**

**But for now, I can tell you that the dates are 9-16 July 2020, that is 7 nights half board at Domus Pacis hotel at a cost of £475, excluding flights. It will be necessary for pilgrims to book these separately, flying from from either Bristol or London Heathrow.**

These airports are being used in order to coordinate with the onward buses from Lisbon airport to Fatima.

Also, as was mentioned above, later this month we will have the special launch Mass at Westminster Cathedral to start the 5 year countdown to the centennial celebration of the 1925 apparition of Our Lady to Sr Lucia. This completed the revelation of the First Saturday devotion which was first requested in July 1917.

I look forward very much to seeing you in London.

With remembrance in my Rosary and Mass,

**Canon Jason Jones**  
**National Spiritual Director WAF England and Wales**

### ***Dowry of Mary Rededication programme***

**You can see details about the Dowry of Mary Rededication programme at:**

<http://dowrytour.org.uk/>

**This is a very important initiative, and it also includes a programme for personal consecration to Our Lady ending on 25 March 2020.**

Free copies of Fr Gaitley's book on this topic, *33 Days to Morning Glory* are available from Walsingham.

On Sunday 29th March 2020 there will be a rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary. This will be done in Westminster, Walsingham, every Cathedral, and ideally every parish, and as many homes as possible.

Rededication at the above link.

## ***Social Media and Wordpress help 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..**

**The reality is that we now have a very good website, but people don't know about it, and we need help in promoting it, and WAF England and Wales generally, on Social media. This has become the main way that people, and especially young people, inform themselves about the Church and the World today.**

If you yourself, or someone you know, can help with this in any way, please contact us - good Social media skills, that is, familiarity with Facebook, Twitter, etc, are necessary, and you/they should be adept at posting material in a regular way. Also, we need help from someone with Wordpress skills for the website, and also with the newsletter.

**Ideally, what we really need is someone who is something of a social media guru, someone who can take our whole social media/website programme forward, with new ideas and new initiatives, so that we can reach a much wider audience.**

This intention can be included in your rosary intentions, and we would very much appreciate such prayers.

**Please contact us via: [info@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk](mailto:info@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk) if you can help.**

## ***Five First Saturdays devotion***


**Tomorrow, Saturday 1st February, is the first Saturday of the month, so I hope you will be able to participate in the Fatima Five First Saturdays devotion 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 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.

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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.**

### *Blessing of St Colette - for those who live in Nottingham*

First Saturday Devotions will be in Our Lady of Perpetual Succour church, Brooklyn Road, Bulwell, Nottingham, NG6 9ES, at 10.15 am before the Festival Mass for St Colette at 11 am tomorrow, Saturday 1st February. (There is a Poor Clare convent near the church).

St Colette is patron of expectant mothers, those who wish to conceive a child and the sick, especially sick children. The blessing of St Colette with a fragment of her mantle, will be given after the Gospel and everyone is welcome to come forward for a blessing. Refreshments after Mass in the hall.

### *Details of our Social Media platforms*

Twitter: @WAF\_Eng\_Wales

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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)

### *St John Bosco and heavenly protection from disease*

**Today, 31st of January, is the feast of St John Bosco, one of the most marvellous saints in recent church history. He lived during the nineteenth century, when diseases such as cholera were very serious matters.**

**On one occasion cases of cholera occurred in Turin, Italy, where he was based, and as a protection against this he advised that all should strive to live in a state of grace through Confession and Holy Communion, and also wear a blessed Marian medal around the neck, plus recite suitable prayers.**

This is relevant given the advent of the coronavirus, and we should certainly pray and put our trust in Our Lady's protection from this and similar medical conditions.

We can also pray to Saints Jacinta and Francisco, and Servant of God Sr Lucia for protection from coronavirus and other forms of flu, given that all three suffered in the epidemic of Spanish Flu which killed millions of people in the early twentieth century, at the end of World War I.

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## Wales

**We appreciate any donation you can make, especially during the Christmas season (which in some respects continues until the Feast of the Presentation on 2 February, that is Sunday).**

**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.

### HOW TO DONATE

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 - so no need for a decimal point or extra zeros!

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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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