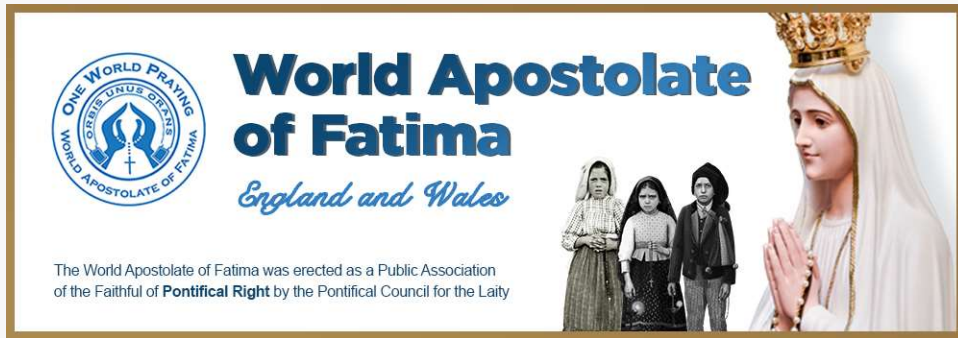


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## WAF England and Wales

### January 2020 Newsletter



Dear Friends,

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

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#### *Message from our National President*

Dear Fatima family,

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**we look forward to celebrating the Epiphany on Sunday.**

The new year has begun – a year full of hope and avenues to make a change in our own lives and the society to which we belong. I pray for a truly prosperous new year and the continued New Evangelisation of the world through the understanding, living and promotion of the Fatima message.

I would like to re-echo the call of the Shrine of Fatima in its November 2019 issue of Fatima Luz é Paz, and "...propose to pilgrims, during the next pastoral year, which will begin on 1 December, the experience of the call to holiness, taking the example of the Holy Shepherds, who let themselves be enveloped by the light of God."

**This month marks the re-commencement of the parish visitations of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco.**

On the 11th, we will be at Our Lady of Good Counsel & St Peter, March, Cambridgeshire PE15 8RJ (10:30am to 3pm) and on the 25th, we will be at St Francis of Assisi, South Ascot, Berkshire SL5 9HG (9:55am to 6:30pm).

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

**Please be reminded, and invite your parishes to the launch Mass for the 5-year preparation on the Centenary of the Five First Saturdays Devotion request on Saturday, 22 February 2020, at Westminster Cathedral, from 2-4pm. The Centenary Pilgrim Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be present.**

Lastly, both the Fatima Prayer Cell guide and the Home Pilgrim Statue Visitation guide are now available for purchase when you come to one of the parish visitations. These guides are very useful tools to help us meditate on the great mysteries of the Holy Rosary, pray the divine Fatima prayers and get to know more about the apparitions of the Angel of Peace and Our Lady.

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**


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*Message from our National Spiritual Director*

*"And entering in they saw the child in His mother's arms and did Him homage"*

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**Happy New Year to you all.**

**As we approach the first Saturday of 2020 we do so on Epiphany weekend.**

**And in connection with Fatima, it was the Christ child who invited Sr Lucia and us in turn, to have compassion on the heart of His Most Holy mother.**

The Wise Men found the Child Jesus on the lap of Our Lady, and we too will find Him as we honour the Immaculate Heart, for the heart of Our Lady is a beautiful throne wherein God has his dwelling.

**As we open this new year and observe this first Saturday, we can do no better than follow the example of the Kings by offering our new year's resolutions, our gifts to Jesus through Mary, and starting 2020 with a change of direction.**

We must step out on new paths and in new directions, and live out the encounter we have experienced in meeting Jesus through our first Saturday observance in honour of His mother. Our Lady always leads us closer to the Blessed fruit of her womb.

**May I encourage you all to start planning for our special Mass on 22 February at Westminster Cathedral. I look forward to seeing many of you there.**

Be assured of my prayers for you all and remembrance in my Rosary and Holy Mass.

Sincere thanks for all your Christmas greetings and Mass intention requests.

**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.

It's possible for parishes to sign up with for pledges of participation in the Rededication at the above link.

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**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 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](mailto:info@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk) if you can help.

### *Five First Saturdays devotion*

**Tomorrow, Saturday 4th January, is the first Saturday of the month, so I hope you were 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.

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.

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are correct for the coming month.

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

## *CHRISTMASTIDE Donations to WAF England and 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).**

**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.**

**God bless and Ave Maria!  
Donal**

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