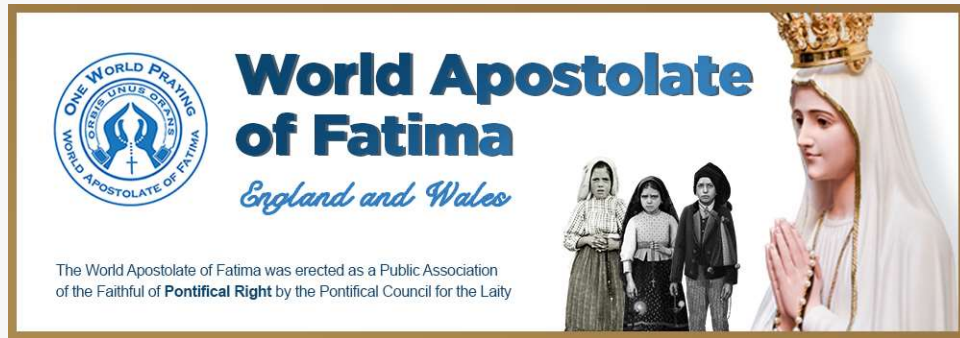
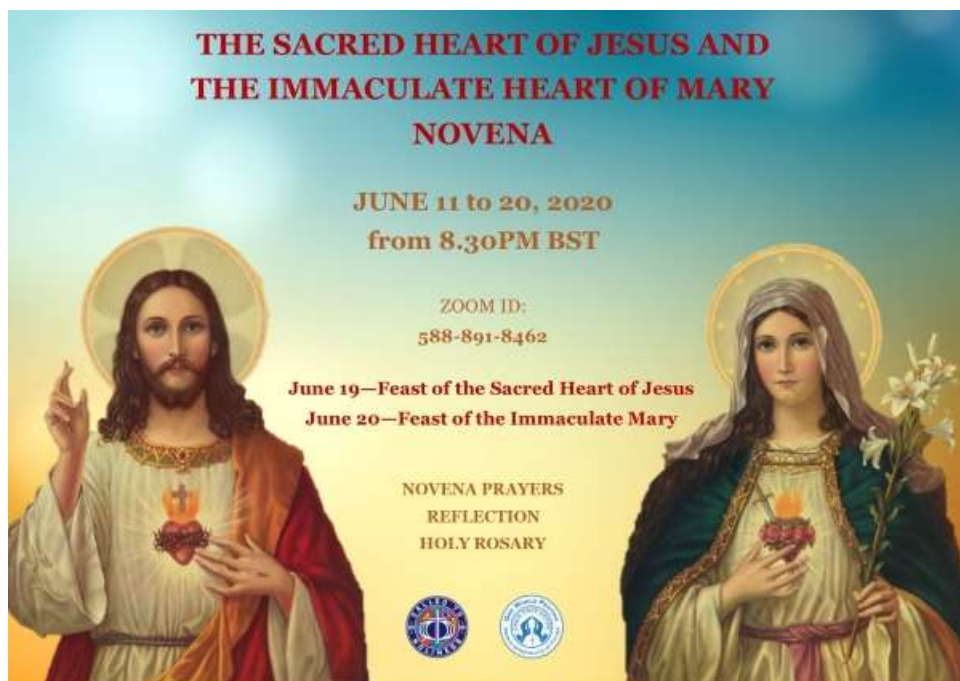


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## WAF England and Wales

### June 2020 Newsletter



**Dear Friends,**

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## *Message from Jerry Rivera, our National President, for June*

**2019-2020 theme (Preparation for Centenary of the Five First Saturdays Devotion in 2025):**

**“HAIL, FULL OF GRACE!” (Luke 1: 28)**

**Dear Fatima family,**

**Greetings on the First Saturday of June!**

**I have not been able to address you for a few months now. Due to the pandemic, I had to do my part as a front liner in keeping the NHS going and caring for patients in the hospital. Thank you very much for all your thoughts and prayers! Thank you also for the “claps” on Thursdays evenings! Thank you for doing your part in staying home and saving lives!**

The month of June is before us and it is such a beautiful month to celebrate various feasts in our Church: We have recently celebrated the feast days of Mary, Mother of the Church (1 June), and Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest (4 June), and now look forward to the Feasts of the Most Holy Trinity (7 June); Corpus Christi (14 June); the Sacred Heart of Jesus (19 June); the Immaculate Heart of Mary (20 June); and Saints Peter and Paul (28 June), among others.

I feel so blessed celebrating these feasts together with Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto, as we also commemorate the 103rd anniversary of the June apparition of Our Lady at Fatima when she reassured them, “Don’t lose heart. I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.”

In these times of God refining our lifestyle and spiritual priorities, Our Lady once again gives us her motherly assurance and intercession, as she did with the shepherd children of Fatima. We may not be able to meet and gather in our churches and prayer meetings, but we have been gifted with social media and livestreaming, and so Our Lord and Our Lady can still come into our hearts and homes.

**The WAF in England and Wales, together with the Couples for Christ and Family Ministries, would like to invite you and your parishes to join us for the Novena to the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart via Zoom, from 11-20 June at 8:30pm (the poster advertising this is at the top of this email and can also be used on social media).**

The Lord delivered His chosen people, Israel, from the hands of the Egyptians when they crossed the Red Sea (Exodus 14). Let us continue to praise and pray to Him to deliver us all from this pandemic.

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**especially your hearts!**  
**Ave Maria!**

**St Francisco, pray for us.**  
**St Jacinta, pray for us.**  
**Servant of God Sr Lucia, pray for us.**  
**St Joseph, pray for us.**  
**Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.**

**Jerry Rivera**  
**National President**

## *Message from Canon Jason Jones for June*

**Dear WAF friends**

**This month of June opened with the recently established Feast of Mary Mother of the Church. It is observed on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and so it will vary with each passing year.**

**The holy Scriptures tells us that the Apostles gathered in prayer in the cenacle of the upper room together with Mary the Mother of the Lord.**

We can only imagine what memories Our Lady must have shared in those days after the Ascension. She had treasured and reflected on all the events of her Son's life and so was able to share her experiences.

Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church. The nine days gestation in the upper room mirroring the nine months of pregnancy.


The Apostles were locked in the safety of the upper room, fearful, and yet when the Holy Spirit descends all is changed. This same Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of Life, the same Holy Spirit who overshadowed Our Lady to prepare her for the birth of Christ, animates the Apostles and sends them out to all the nations.

**Just as Mary gave birth to Christ, now she was present as the Church, the mystical body of Christ, was born. A mother is necessarily present at a birth.**

We can imagine how the members of the early Church would have gone back to Mary to share all that had happened in their missionary work.

Just like a toddler or child reporting back to their mother on their day at nursery or school, so Our Lady would have listened to the apostles and disciples, and heard how the name of her Son and his grace came to birth in the hearts and lives of all who accepted him.

With Mary they would have shared their joys and successes together with their

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**How easy then it is for us to find great consolation in our vale of tears in those words of Our Lady “My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge.”**

A refuge is a place of warmth in the cold, a solid place when all is changing, a place of peace when outside there is strife.

**At this time of uncertainty due to the pandemic we rejoice that we have the refuge of the Immaculate Heart to encourage and inspire us.**

Our rosary will be our daily appointment to snuggle close to Our Lady who turns her eyes of mercy towards us and encourages us to keep going.

**With assurance of prayers for you all and especially during the forthcoming 103rd anniversary of the June apparition on 13 June, and also during our Novena to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts of Jesus and Mary.**

**Canon Jason Jones**  
**National spiritual director**

*Sacred and Immaculate Hearts Novena - 11-20 June, 8:30 pm each evening via Zoom*

**The Sacred and Immaculate Hearts Novena is taking place between 11-20 June, at 8:30 pm each evening via Zoom.**

**You can see details on the image above, which can be shared on social media. You can also promote this event in your local parish, or tell friends about it.**

Each evening, the Novena prayers will be led by a WAF Member from a different diocese, beginning with Jerry from Southwark Archdiocese on 11 June, and the Litany of the Sacred Heart will also be prayed.


At 8:50 pm each evening, too, there will be a Reflection by one of WAF Spiritual Directors, and this will be followed at 9:00 pm by the recitation of the Rosary.

**Please join in if you possibly can. You will just need to download Zoom, which is a free service.**

*WAF England and Wales 2020 Pilgrimage*

**\*NOTICE: Because of the uncertainty due to the coronavirus it has been decided to CANCEL the National Pilgrimage for 2020.\***

*Spiritual Bouquet for Our Lady of Fatima*

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**even greater importance now with the advent of the Coronavirus pandemic.**

The World Apostolate of Fatima, together with other Church movements, is preparing a worldwide Spiritual Bouquet to offer Our Lady of Fatima, on the 13th of October, 2020, at the Shrine of Fatima, in Portugal.

The Bouquet will be made up of holy Masses, rosaries, sacrifices and other acts of piety, in reparation for the sins of the world, for world peace, for the Holy Father and for the unity and strength of the Church.

**For this purpose, a website has been created with the relevant information about this initiative and to assist people in sending in their own spiritual offerings for the Bouquet. It's a simple process. Just click on this link:**

<https://worldrosary2020.org/spiritual-bouquet-offering/>

**and insert your prayer commitments.**

The Rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal, Father Carlos Cabecinhas will gladly receive and present the totals of prayers, sacrifices and reparatory practices at the feet of Our Lady of Fatima, in the Little Chapel of the Apparitions, on the anniversary dates of the Apparition in October, 2020.

Prof. Américo López-Ortiz, International President of the World Apostolate of Fatima, recorded a video message presenting this spiritual campaign and inviting clergy, parents, and teachers, to gather the prayers and sacrifices from children, students and the faithful, for this Spiritual Bouquet:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bSo7pX7Sc8>


and you can read more information about it from Prof. Americo, [here ...](#)

**Surely, the Heart of God will be touched by these efforts of every man, woman and child who participates. The prayers of children and young people are very powerful. Our Lady chose little child-shepherds to bring to the world her Message. This initiative will also honor Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto in the year we celebrate the third anniversary of their canonization.**

**WAF International Secretariat - [www.worldfatima.com](http://www.worldfatima.com)**

## *Five First Saturdays devotion*

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

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**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;
- Praying the Rosary and meditating on its mysteries;
- Sharing in the company of Our Mother Mary’s solitude and keeping her 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 June, 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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YouTube: Fatima EnglandWales

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

## *Joining the Rosary Confraternity*

**Another thing we can do at this time is to join 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.

## *Donations to WAF England and Wales*

**We appreciate any donation you can make to WAF England and Wales.**

**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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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.**

## *General News and Info*

**Regarding the Coronavirus, although the number of infections and deaths seems to be declining, we must continue to keep NHS workers, and everyone else in the front line, in our prayers.**

You may have seen the news report last weekend about Cardinal Nichols arguing that our churches reopened, so that is a good sign and it seems that there is some light at the end of the tunnel now, although it will be some time before we can have Mass again.

But it could be that our churches will be opened for prayer before that, so things are looking up. In the meantime there are still plenty of Livestreamed Masses, Rosaries, etc you can participate in.

You can access livestream and recorded Masses, etc, via Church Services TV at:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/>

In addition, some of our WAF Spiritual Directors are either livestreaming or recording their Masses and other devotions.

For example, Fr Ivan Aquilina is livestreaming Mass, etc, at:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/westerham>

and Fr David Palmer's Masses are being recorded and can be seen at:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1GxayEWIN\\_QQcfHgdzQG3g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1GxayEWIN_QQcfHgdzQG3g)

**Also, as indicated above, Canon Jason Jones, our national spiritual director, has set up a YouTube channel, Divine Mercy Wales, and will be featuring various services from time to time, at:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFMIBeLU-5UnqQqzhR\\_PlaQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFMIBeLU-5UnqQqzhR_PlaQ)

(Canon Jason can also accept Mass stipends, and requests for candles, at the shrine - please contact him at: [morrison1@menevia.org](mailto:morrison1@menevia.org) or via the address at the end of this email).

**Overall, let us continue to pray that the Fatima message is proclaimed**



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**God bless and Ave Maria!**

**Donal**

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

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