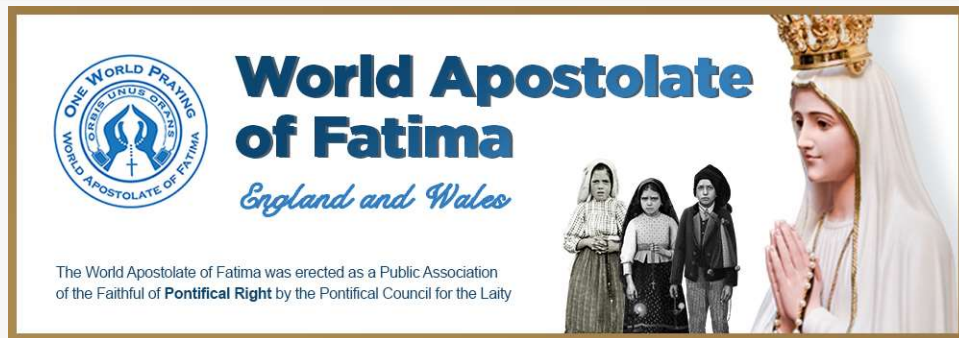


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**DEVOTION OF
REPARATION**

**7.11.20
8-9PM UK**

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MEDITATION BY CLERGY
REPARATORY PRAYERS
ACT OF CONSECRATION

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Dear Friends,

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Dear WAF Family

Shalom!

November is the month of the Holy Souls and so this month brings to the fore the three different states of the Church – Triumphant (the Church in heaven), Militant (the Church on earth) and Suffering (the Church in purgatory).

Each state affects the others and emphasises the omnipotence and omniscience of God. It also should encourage each of us to keep praying the Holy Rosary daily, as Our Lady asked specifically in each of her apparitions at Fatima, with a remembrance of all those in purgatory.

In this continued time of pandemic and lockdown, may we never lose the company of Our Lady and ask for her own wisdom, strength and will power to be manifested in our lives. The mental health of our brethren has been greatly affected and has resulted in increased violence and vandalism/desecration of holy places and objects. Our Lady's Immaculate Heart continues to bleed; thus, we need REPARATION.


You, your families and parishes are invited to join the First Saturdays Devotion via Zoom, and details of this can be seen in the image/poster above.

The first 100 participants can join the Zoom meeting room (Zoom ID: 588-891-8462) and the rest can join via the livestreaming on the World Apostolate of Fatima England & Wales Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/World-Apostolate-of-Fatima-England-Wales-103923747220942>

This will be on the first Saturdays from November 2020 to October 2021 (subject to review). Please help in spreading this devotion of reparation that our world so desperately needs now.

Finally, we will be launching year 2 of the preparations for the Centenary of the request for the Five First Saturdays devotion on 28 November 2020 during the 3rd WAF Annual General Meeting (AGM) via Zoom. This will be attended by

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The theme will be “A virgin shall conceive” from Isaiah 7: 14. It will focus on the Catholic teaching of Mary’s perpetual virginity.

We will share with you a summary of next year’s catechism and also of this year’s evangelisation events.

Please include us in your prayers especially as we plan and strategise the Apostolate that Our Lady has given us.

May Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart be your refuge and the way that leads you to God. Ave Maria!

Yours in Jesus through Mary,

Jerry Rivera
National President
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Message from Canon Jason Jones

Dear WAF Family

As we journey through November, the month of remembrance of the Holy Souls, it is good for us to be aware of the link between the Fatima apparitions and purgatory.

You will remember that on 13th May 1917, Lucia, in reply to Our Lady’s statement that she was from heaven, asked about some people she knew who had died.


She was told that some were in heaven, but when she asked about a teenage girl named Amelia, Our Lady replied that she would be in purgatory until the end of the world.

Here, Our Lady spoke about the truth of Purgatory. To reject or down play its existence is to call into doubt her words and the authenticity of her apparitions at Fatima, to say nothing of the fact that belief in purgatory is a teaching held by the Church.

Our Lady is a deeply concerned Mother who wants the salvation of all her children, and “especially those who are most in need of Mercy.”

Many have speculated about what Amelia had done to deserve this sentence and others have tried to explain that it is conditional, that is, the salvation and full purification of Amelia was conditional upon the prayers and penances of others. This after all is a fundamental part of the message of Fatima.

In any event, it is good for us to remind ourselves of what the Catechism

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1030: All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

Those who are in purgatory have a certainty of heaven which is their great source of consolation – they are assured of salvation, and will behold the face of God – that is why they are referred to as the Holy Souls.

Our daily Rosary, perhaps prayed in a cemetery as part of the exercise allowed during lockdown, will be a great source of grace to assist the Holy Souls.

The small sacrifices of wearing a mask and washing our hands can be a means of not just saving ourselves and those we interact with, but can also be a means of assisting our deceased loved ones.

Saying the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the eternal rest prayer can be done while we wash our hands, as a way of prayerfully assisting the Holy Souls.

Pilgrims to the parish Church at Aljustrel will have seen a similar picture to the one shown below. Our Lady is extending the Scapular to the Holy Souls to draw them out. This is of course part of the Sabbatine promise to those who wear the Scapular and of course us mandatory for members of the WAF.

Information about the Sabbatine Privilege can be found on our website at this page: <https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/brown-scapular-of-our-lady-of-mount-carmel/>

Be assured of my prayers for you all at this difficult and challenging time. Your deceased loved ones and deceased Members of WAF will be especially remembered at the AGM mass on 28 November.

Stay safe and in grace.

Canon Jason Jones
National Spiritual Director

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WAF England and Wales 2021 Pilgrimage

To remind everyone, 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 year, the National Pilgrimage to Fatima. We are looking at the possible dates of 9-15/16 July 2021.

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.

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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;
- 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 the month, 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:

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

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

p.s. First Saturday devotions have started up at the London Oratory again.
Confessions are at 10 am, Mass at 11 am.

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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

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/>

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As Fr Jason reminded us above, November is the month of the Holy Souls and so this is an important time during which to remember our own loved ones, and more generally the souls in Purgatory.

Regarding purgatory in the *Catechism*, the paragraph following the one quoted above, says: “The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the. ... The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire” (1031).

Jesus certainly spoke about hell as a place of fire, of eternal punishment, (e.g. Mark 9: 43, 47; Luke 16:19-31), and the Church has traditionally seen purgatory as a lesser form of punishment—since unlike hell it will end—but still, according to some of the saints, an extremely painful experience, to the extent that the pains of purgatory surpass anything we could experience on earth. Thus, we should live our lives with the aim of entering heaven when we die.

In any event, we can help the souls in purgatory particularly in November, but also at any time of the year, by visiting a cemetery and praying for particular souls, either vocally or mentally, so as to gain a partial indulgence on their behalf.

We can pray the indulgenced “Eternal Rest” prayer for them in a cemetery or indeed at any time or in any place:

“Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”

We can also say the Rosary or do the Stations of the Cross for the Holy Souls, but as the *Catechism* states, (1032), the best thing we can possibly do, and at any time of the year, is to have Masses offered for them, that they may speedily enter heaven and behold God face to face.

Anything we do to help the Holy Souls is a great act of charity since they can no longer help themselves, and are utterly dependent on us to help them.

If we release a soul from Purgatory, they will be eternally grateful, and will intercede with God for us while we remain on earth.

This is what Venerable Fulton Sheen said on this point, “As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say ‘a poor soul you prayed for in Purgatory.’”

**God bless and Ave Maria!
Donal**

on behalf of WAF England and Wales Committee

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