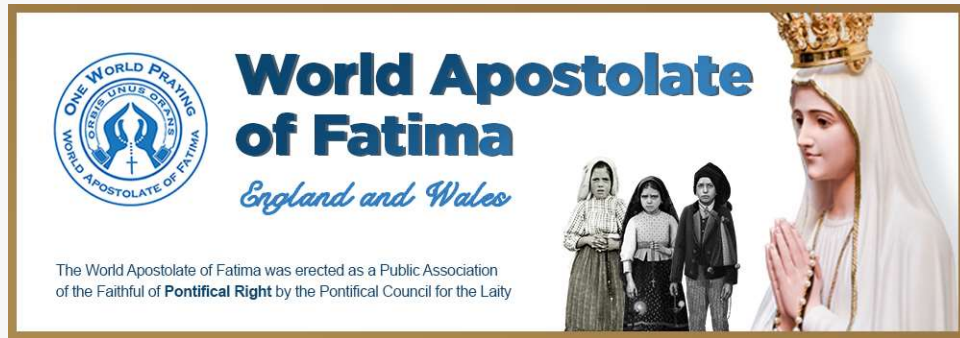


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September 2019 Newsletter



Dear Friends,

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September 2019 newsletter.**

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Dear Fatima family,

Greetings to you and your families!

The month of September heralds a change in the season for me, personally. It also reminds me that everything is back to the “daily grind” with schools, students and teachers commencing a new beginning. Most importantly, we commemorate (and celebrate), on 8 September, the birth of Our Lady, a person so close to our hearts and so powerful that she is the “treasurer of all graces.”

On the WAF front, the Ecclesiastical Provinces of Birmingham and Liverpool Promoters Training Day will take place on Saturday 14 September at the Wheeler Hall of St Anne’s Metropolitan Cathedral in Leeds. It will commence at 10 am and finish at 6 pm.

I am inviting those of you from these provinces aforementioned to join us, as we learn the different aspects of Our Lady’s message at Fatima in a deeper sense and live it with new perspectives. We will also be distributing the Home Pilgrim Virgin Statues (HPVS) and orientating custodians in the programme’s significance and governance.

The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue (NPVS) and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto will be at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WG, on 21 September from 9:30 am to 5 pm. This will be an opportunity for parishioners in the deanery to experience a day of prayer and formation and also be united in the sacramental life of the church.

Lastly, we have the exciting news that the 2nd WAF Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be on 29-30 November at Hedley Lodge, Belmont Abbey, Hereford.

Apostolic members, including promoters from the various dioceses in England and Wales will gather in prayer, reflection, formation and planning. The Centenary of the request of the Five First Saturdays devotion in 2025 will be a key topic during the weekend.

May you all remain hopeful and at peace in Our Lady’s promise that “my Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.”

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

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Dear members of WAF,

As we begin the month of September, we have a month of Marian feasts that lead us from the summer months into the Autumn season.

- **September 8th, the birthday of Our Lady, Our Lady of Health and Our Lady of Victory.**
- **September 12th, The Holy Name of Mary.**
- **September 15th, Our Lady of Sorrows.**
- **September 24th, Our Lady of Walsingham, Our Lady of Ransom.**

We will also, of course, celebrate the 102nd anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima on September 13th.

Let's try and observe these more or less weekly Marian feasts through the month with great love and devotion, especially with the daily Rosary, bringing to the Immaculate Heart the needs of the Church and the intentions of the World Apostolate of Fatima.

Soon we shall begin the planning of our annual National Pilgrimage to Fatima, so this is a good time to start thinking about joining us and maybe saving a little money each week so as to be able to come next year.

It has been good to read the evaluations and feedback from pilgrims this year, and to read of the inspiration and joy that was felt by so many who came on this year's pilgrimage.

At the end of September I shall be attending the Days of Divine Mercy for the international Congress at Lagiewniki in Krakow, Poland. Be assured of my prayers at the feet of the Merciful Jesus and shrine of St Faustina.

With prayers for one and all

Canon Jason Jones

National Spiritual Director WAF England and Wales

WAF England and Wales October Rosary Campaign

WAF England and Wales are promoting an October Rosary Campaign as a contribution to the re-evangelisation of our country, under the maternal guidance of Our Lady, who is the Queen of the Holy Rosary and Mother of the Church.

Pope Leo XIII promoted the idea of October as the month of the Rosary, and while 7 October is the Feast of the Holy Rosary, 13 October is the anniversary day of the famous Fatima Miracle of the Sun on 13 October 1917.

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and Wales to particularly pray the Rosary during the month of October.

Recent Popes, including Pius XII, John XXIII, Paul VI, and in particular Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* of October 2002 - as well as Pope Francis - have strongly promoted the Rosary.

And since Our Lady requested during each of her six apparitions at Fatima that people should pray the Rosary for peace in the world, and said of herself on 13 October 1917, "I am the Lady of the Rosary," we know that the Rosary is a prayer she particularly favours.

You can pray the Rosary with your family, or with your friends or neighbours, or ideally, with your parish priest's permission, in your parish this coming October.

For details about how to pray and promote the Rosary in October, please visit:

<https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/october-2018-rosary-campaign-2/>

To download an A4 poster advertising October as the month of the Rosary please visit:

<https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/waf09-october-rosary-campaign-A4-poster.pdf>

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Stations of the Cross in Fatima vandalised recently

Some very sad news from Fatima - the Stations of the Cross were vandalised on 26 July.

<https://www.intoleranceagainstchristians.eu/index.php...>

Maybe we can think of doing the Stations of the Cross in reparation for this act and for the many other similar acts which are increasingly taking place around the world:

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/tags/church-vandalism>

We can also say the Fatima Pardon Prayer:

My God, I believe, I adore, I trust, and I love thee! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not trust, and do not love thee.

and other Fatima prayers: <https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/fatima-prayers/>

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Message from Antonia Moffat:

Towards the end of the October the Rosary on the Coast group are going to launch a great mission to encourage the practice of the First Saturdays throughout the British Isles.

What we need you to do now is to sign up the Parishes who are already hosting the First Saturdays so that people will know where they can go to fulfil the requests of both Jesus and Mary.

The First Saturdays are the forgotten part of the message of Fatima and as the most forgotten are perhaps the most important!

Sign up here with full details and the timings of Confessions, Holy Mass, Rosary and the 15 minute meditation time:

www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk

Five First Saturdays devotion

Tomorrow, Saturday 7th September, is the first Saturday of the month, so you can participate in the Fatima Five First Saturdays devotion on that day either in your local parish, or at home.

English Martyrs Church, Hillmorton, Rugby, CV21 4EE, has been holding the Five First Saturdays Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima from 4th May and this will carry on till 7th September 2019. Telephone: 01788 565016;

<https://englishmartyrsrugby.org/>

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.

Please visit this page to check for your nearest church and contact them directly before travelling to check that the times etc., as advertised,

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Website: www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk

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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. We need, and appreciate, any donation you can make.

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Or you can email: info@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk and the WAF bank 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.

God bless and Ave Maria!

Donal

on behalf of WAF England and Wales Committee

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