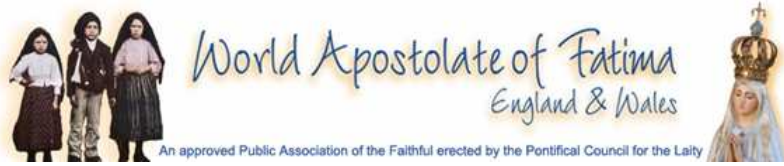


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WAF England and Wales Newsletter, June 2017 First Saturdays

Dear Friends,

This is the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) England and Wales newsletter for June 2017.

Following on from the very successful World Apostolate of Fatima National Statue visitation at Westminster Cathedral in February, the Statue, and Relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco Marto, visited Southwark Cathedral over the weekend 13-14 May.

The cathedral began to fill up from about 10:30 am onwards in anticipation of Mass at 12:30 to be celebrated by Archbishop Peter Smith. By the time Mass began, the cathedral was full with a congregation probably in excess of 1,000 persons.

During his homily, Archbishop Peter spoke of how at the very same time, Pope Francis was in Fatima canonising the two youngest seers of Fatima, who would now be known as Saint Jacinta and Saint Francisco Marto. The Archbishop also repeated the Act of Consecration made by Cardinal Nichols.

Musical highlights included an opera singer who lifted everyone's hearts with her wonderful rendition of Gounod's Ave Maria, and the singing of the Divine Mercy chaplet by a young lady with a beautiful voice.

After Mass there was an opportunity for the congregation to venerate the relics of the new saints and pray before the Statue of Our Lady, before they were taken in procession to Sacred Heart church in Camberwell, with probably about 300-400 people accompanying them, all praying the Rosary and singing hymns on the way.

All in all it was a beautiful occasion, with weather to match, and also a great sign that the people of Southwark were very glad to have the opportunity to show their love and devotion to Our Lady and Saints Jacinta and Francisco.

Southwark cathedral official photos

Here is a link to the photos taken by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales official photographer, at the Visitation to St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Saturday 13th May:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/catholicism/albums/72157680990990662>

There were also successful Visitations during May to Downside Abbey, Cardiff Cathedral, Blemont Abbey, Shrewsbury Cathedral, and Menevia Cathedral and the Shrine of Our Lady of the Taper in Cardigan.

Centenary programme of WAF Visitations in June

In June, the Visitations begin at Leicester, at the Dominican Priory, from 1st - 2nd June and then will continue at Nottingham Cathedral from 2nd - 4th June, and then the Statue

and Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto will travel to St Mary's church in Louth in Lincolnshire from 4 - 5th June.

At each of these Visitations the faithful will be able to venerate the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco, and participate in devotions to Our Lady.

On the following weekend, 10-11th June, the Statue and Relics will be at Ordinariate church in London in Warwick Street, and on the weekend 24-25th June at Plymouth cathedral.

Just to give advance notice of the July Visitations – these are at Arundel Cathedral (1-2 July), the Dominican church at Haverstock Hill (8 July), and Birmingham Cathedral (29-30 July)

For details of these and the succeeding Visitations please see:

<http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/visitation.html>

where you can download posters, flyers etc., and access the relevant websites.

Donations to WAF England and Wales

If anyone wishes to donate towards the costs of the Visitation programme, which are considerable, they can do so by emailing:

donate@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk

and the bank account details etc., will be sent to them.

Fundraising for WAF England & Wales

There is still time to sponsor Les Whittaker cycling 1,500 miles to Fatima, Portugal, this summer, in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions, and the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Abortion Act.

He is also undertaking this cycling pilgrimage to raise funds for WAF England and Wales, and will start on 6th June, expecting to finish at the Chapel of the Apparitions, Fatima on 13th July.

Thus his arrival will coincide with the WAF National Pilgrimage to Fatima from 10th to 17th July. Bishop O'Toole from Plymouth and Bishop Byrne CO from Birmingham, are accompanying this pilgrimage.

If you would like to sponsor Les, please make a donation at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fatima100>

You can see more details about Les's ride here:

<http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/fundraising.html>

You can see details about the WAF England and Wales Centennial tree programme here:

<http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/cent-tree.html>

and **details of how you can donate gold and silver items for the Centennial Crown**, here:

<http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/crown-gifts.html>

The answers to Alan Frost's Fatima Centenary crossword, are as follows!

Across: 1 Angel Of 6 Sun 8 Adore 9 Of Grace 10 Three 11 Ave Ave 13 Agatha
15 Anselm 17 Cloche 20 Acorn 21 Coimbra 23 Choir 24 The 25 Senhora

Down: 1 Alcobaca 2 Google 3 Loca 4 Faber 5 Portugal 6 Secret 7 Nine 12 Valinhos
14 Ave Maria 16 Sconce 18 Cabeço 19 Scars 20 Aunt 22 Icon

This coming Saturday, 3 June, is the first Saturday of the month, so you may want to keep the Fatima Five First Saturdays devotion in your local parish.

There will be NO First Saturdays devotion at the Church of the Assumption, Beeston, Nottingham, but there will be First Saturday devotions at St Barnabas Cathedral in Nottingham from after 10 am Mass, as **part of the weekend Visitation there**.

At the church in Glastonbury, there is NO morning Mass at 10 am, so First Saturday devotions will be at 9.40 am, with Confessions from 10:30 – 11:00 am.

At the Sacred Heart church in Morrision, Swansea, there will be 1st Saturday Devotions from May – October as follows:

10:10 - Act of reparation and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart
10.15 - The Rosary

10.30 - Holy Mass
11am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers of the Angel
Time for Confession and the 15 minute meditation in company with Our Lady
11.45 - Benediction
12 Noon - the Fatima Ave

You can see details of churches around the country where the Five First Saturdays devotion is kept, here:

www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/localffs.html

Please visit this page to check about your local church and contact them directly before travelling to check that the times etc., as advertised, are correct for the coming month.

If you know anyone who lives within a reasonable travelling distance of the places where Visitations are to take place over the next few months then please forward this newsletter to them and let them know what is happening. All the details are here:

<http://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/visitation.html>

Also, if you intend to attend any of the above Visitations and are not already involved with the preparations for them/helping on the day, but would like to help, then please get in touch via:

info@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk

And please feel free to forward this newsletter to anyone you think might be interested.

Finally, please keep praying for the success of the WAF Cathedral Visitations, that people will be open to Our Lady's message and supportive of what we are doing.

**Thanks and God bless,
Donal**

on behalf of WAF England and Wales Committee

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