

Fatima Centenary Year 2017

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WAF England and Wales Newsletter, April 2017 First Saturdays

Dear Friends,

We are now in the Centenary year of the Fatima apparitions, and as reported in last month's newsletter, the Visitation programme for the WAF National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady, and the Relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco, got off to a wonderful start at Westminster Cathedral on 18 February.

The picture above comes from the meeting between Cardinal Nichols and the WAF England and Wales Committee and Spiritual Directors, and Jorge Leitao and Nuno Prazeres, which took place before the Westminster event. (This photo is copyright © Angelica Macabangon - A/M photography. Please do not copy or circulate it without permission).

You can see a report of what happened, here, at the Diocese of Westminster website:

<http://rcdow.org.uk/news/cardinal-vincent-consecrates-england-and-wales-to-the-immaculate-heart-of-mary/>

Please tell your family and friends about the rest of the Visitation programme, which will be taking place between May and October. Here is a reminder of the Cathedrals, Abbeys and churches which the Statue and Relics will be visiting:

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

Upcoming venues include Downside Abbey (4-5 May), Cardiff Cathedral, (6-7 May), Belmont Abbey (10 May), Southwark Cathedral (13-14 May), Shrewsbury Cathedral (20-21 May), the Shrine of Our Lady of the Taper in Wales, (27 May), and Menevia Cathedral (27-28 May).

We are sending out information periodically to the various diocesan newspapers - if you happen to see something from WAF England and Wales in your local one, if possible can you please scan the article, or take a photo, and send it us - that way we can keep track of how our publicity campaign for the Visitations is going.

The talk by Tim Tindal-Robertson, the WAF England and Wales National President, at the Symposium which followed the event in Westminster cathedral, has been published on the EWTN website:

<https://www.ewtn.co.uk/news/latest/our-lady-of-fatima-chose-little-children-to-confront-the-godless-wilderness-of-secularism>

Please read this, and have a look at our website and then consider how you can help the work of our Apostolate in introducing Our Lady's message into the Church, in order to strengthen the faith and spiritual life of the family, and overcome the currents in society that threaten to undermine and destroy the true vocation of the family in God's plan for marriage. We urgently need people to help us in this way.

This very important topic of Fatima and the family is developed at greater length in the CTS booklet *Message & Prayers of Fatima*, for which Tim wrote the opening section, and I put together the prayers and devotions section. This booklet is available at the CTS website:

<http://www.ctsbooks.org/the-message-and-prayers-of-fatima-2>

Below is a link to a CTS audio interview on the Fatima Centenary between Cristiana Ferrauti and Fergal Martin of the CTS, and members of the WAF England and Wales committee, Timothy Tindal-Robertson and Mike Daley. Also included were Nuno Prazeres, the Director of the International Secretariat of the World Apostolate of Fatima, and Jorge Leitão, the Portuguese Jeweller who made the Centenary Crown for the WAF National Pilgrim Virgin Statue.

<https://soundcloud.com/catholictruthsociety/fatima-centenary-the-story-and-the-message>

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>

Finally, this coming Saturday, 1st April, is the first Saturday of the month, so you may want to keep the Fatima Five First Saturdays devotion in your local parish.

At the Church of the Assumption, Beeston, Nottingham, Mass is at 10 am, followed by the Rosary and confessions until 11:15. And there are also First Saturday devotions at St Barnabas Cathedral in Nottingham from 9 am.

At the church in Glastonbury, there is Mass at 10 am this Saturday, with First Saturday devotions beginning at 9.20 am.

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 make sure that the times etc., as advertised, are correct for the coming month.

**Thanks and God bless,
Donal**

on behalf of WAF England and Wales Committee

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