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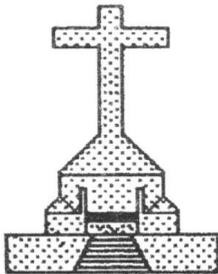
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# **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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## **OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PRAY FOR US**

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**MEDJUGORJE  
AFTERNOON OF PRAYER**

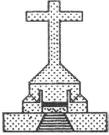
*led by Fr. Martin Morris*

**2nd Sunday of the month  
4pm – 6pm**



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**Spiritual Director—Fr. Martin Morris**

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## OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World

*Given 25th August 2017 to Marija Pavlovic*



**D**ear children! “ Today I am calling you to be people of prayer. Pray until prayer becomes a joy for you and a meeting with the Most High. He will transform your hearts and you will become people of love and peace. Do not forget, little children, that Satan is strong and wants to draw you away from prayer. You, do not forget that prayer is the secret key of meeting with God. That is why I am with you to lead you. Do not give up on prayer. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

### Fr. Martin Morris's Reflection

Spiritual Director of Medjugorje Centre NE

*"Prayer is the life of the new heart. It ought to animate us at every moment. Prayer is a remembrance of God often awakened by the memory of the heart." (CCC: 2697)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Medjugorje North East and beyond, Let us take time to read slowly and carefully Our Lady's words, and allow them to penetrate our very soul. The times in which we are living show seriously the extent of the forgetfulness of God, and Mary comes to help us with her presence.

Let us turn to the Holy Scriptures to help us in our reflection. In St. Matthew's Gospel 13:1-26, we hear the Parable of the sower. The seed which fell by the wayside and on stony places could not germinate. Only those which fell on cultivated land bore fruit.

Mary, queen of Peace, is coming to us and she wishes to help with the cultivation of our hearts so that **"prayer becomes a meeting with the Most High."**

**"Today I am calling you to be a people of Prayer"**

The Church is the Pilgrim People of God, travelling together towards the eternal House of our Heavenly Father. We need one another on this road, we need the prayerful support of each other too, to encourage and sustain our journey.

Mary begins this month's message by reminding us that she has been gathering together for thirty-six years now a people of Prayer. Forming a great river of Faith, a chain of Prayer because she is Mother of the Church. This is why she says we are a people of Prayer. Prayer gives us the gift of unity and peace. With her, under her protective mantle we are together.

Our Lady encourages us to persevere **"until prayer becomes a joy for you and a meeting with the Most High"**

Some people complain that their Prayer seems like a burden, a duty or an obligation. But Mary wants us to

know Prayer as a Joy-filled moment, a happy encounter with her Son. So, for Prayer to be Joy, an encounter means to pray with Love. Prayer is not a problem of time but of love. When we pray with love, with feeling, with quality and value then our prayer takes on an intensity that leads to encounter. For prayer to become Joy, means to pray in the Holy Spirit, to invoke the Spirit of Christ who is the author of all Prayer. For Prayer to become Joy means allowing Jesus to have the first place in our hearts. What does this mean? that we are prepared to confront anything within us that is godless. To recognise that we need to be purified from our wrong actions and thoughts, from false gods, like materialism, and from false expectations. May we have the humility to do this and the insight to recognise what may be preventing our growth in the Life of Prayer.

Mary says that Prayer "Is a **meeting with the Most High**" and the effect of this meeting is *Transformation*. Like Jesus who was transfigured on the holy mountain, and Moses on Mount Sinai may we always recall that the Grace of Prayer is change, that makes us more loving and peaceful.

**"Do not forget little children, that satan is strong and wants to draw you away from Prayer."**

The Catechism reminds us that "*Prayer is both a gift of Grace and a determined response on our behalf. It always presupposes effort. The great figures of Prayer of the Old Covenant before Christ, as well as the Mother of God, the Saints, and he himself, all teach us this, Prayer is a Battle. Against whom? against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter, who does all he can to take man away from Prayer, away from God,*

*for Prayer is union with God.*" (2725) The virtues of humility, trust and perseverance are the means to victory in the Battle for Prayer.

Mary is the woman who with all her descendants won the victory over satan. Her enemy is our enemy. With her, in these times we will triumph over him, whose head she has already crushed. Mary wishes to protect us, but she cannot do this without our co-operation.

Let us renounce evil every day and together with Mary give our total obedience to the Lord. "*For with God everything is possible.*" ( Luke 1:37) Let us renounce evil every day and together with Mary decide for the Most High. May everyday be started and lived in this way so that we will be witnesses of God's love and of Mary's presence, people of love and peace. May we always remember that **"Prayer is the secret key of meeting with God. That is why I am with you to lead you."**

Concerning the devil, we know from the Bible that he accuses human beings before the Lord. Mary now has an entirely different task. she speaks and pleads our cause. She knows that we are weak, that we are sinners, that we have drifted far away from the Lord, and could continue to do so. she prays for us, so that we will stay with her and search for God at her side.

*Mary cause of our Joy pray for us.*

**Fr. Martin Morris**

## Cardinal Ernest Simoni Troshani



The 88 year old priest imprisoned for many years under Albania's former communist regime. Was a guest at this year's 2017 youth festival

In Sept 2014, he met pope Francis during the Apostolic visit to Albania and provided the pope with his own testimony of his experience under the Communist Regime.

Pope Francis was moved to tears describing Simoni as an 'Albania Martyr' and last November made him an honorary Cardinal.

Pope Francis has also appointed Cardinal Simoni as his special envoy to consecrate the new St Teresa of Calcutta Cathedral in Prestina Kosovo 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017.

## Our Lady's message to Mirjana

*2nd August 2017*



**“Dear children!** according to the will of the Heavenly Father, as the mother of Him who loves you, I am here with you to help you to come to know Him and to follow Him. My Son has left you His foot-prints to make it easier for you to follow Him. Do not be afraid. Do not be uncertain, I am with you. Do not permit yourselves to be discouraged because much prayer and sacrifice are necessary for those who do not pray, do not love and do not know my Son. You help, by seeing your brothers in them. Apostles of my love, hearken to my voice within you, feel my motherly love. Therefore pray, pray by doing, pray by giving, pray with love, pray in work and thoughts, in the name of my Son. All the more love that you give, so much more of it you will also receive. Love which emanates from love illuminates the world. Redemption is love, and love has no end. When my Son comes to the earth anew, He will look for love in your hearts. My children, many are the acts of love which He has done for you. I am teaching you to see them, to comprehend them and to thank Him by loving Him and always anew forgiving your neighbors. Because to love my Son means to forgive. My Son is not loved if the neighbor cannot be forgiven, if there is not an effort to comprehend the neighbor, if he is judged. My children, of what use is your prayer if you do not love and forgive? Thank you.”



## REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL

*of The Community of The Beatitudes*  
[www.childrenofmedjugorje.com](http://www.childrenofmedjugorje.com)

**Medjugorje, August 22, 2017,  
 Queenship of Mary**

**Dear Children of Medjugorje,  
 praise be to Jesus and Mary!**

### **1- On August 2, 2017,**

Mirjana received her monthly apparition at the Blue Cross in the midst of a very large crowd of young people. After the apparition, she shared the following message from Our Lady: (see page 4)

**2. The horrible crime** - Katia told me her story, and if I had not met her, I would never have believed the nightmare she went through.

When she met Claudio, her husband, he was a "good guy", although he had bouts of depression, with some ups and downs. But Katia didn't worry about it. He didn't want children (Katia didn't know that, in the eyes of the Church, this is a cause of nullity of marriage), but she wanted at least four. Claudio soon became very harsh and increasingly depressed, especially when their daughter was born. He loved her very much, and although he was never violent, he was very bossy with her. Katia saw her life become more and more restricted, limited by Claudio's depression and his authoritarianism. Furthermore, he blamed his wife for everything; she was the reason for anything that went wrong. He was taking medication to control his depression, but in vain.

In 2008, on her way home one day, Katia found her 7 year-old daughter stabbed with seven deadly wounds and Claudio lying dead in his own

blood. Had he had a raptus - a pathological paroxysm giving vent to impulse, even violence? Only God knows! Here is what Katia said:

"To say that I was desperate is too weak a word. My life was broken forever; I thought I couldn't go on living. The pain was excruciating, impossible to bear. My gut was torn to shreds. I wanted to die. Only my faith in God prevented me from doing something terrible. Three days after the tragedy, a friend saw my daughter in a dream, in the arms of the Mother of God. That comforted me a great deal! Then, one morning, I opened my eyes and saw my daughter at the foot of my bed. She didn't talk to me, but she looked at me with great tenderness. Her eyes told me so much! I knew then that I had to choose to live, since my little one was with me. The fever immediately left me; I was able to stop taking medication and go back to work. But the pain remained and there was this resentment in me that blocked any possibility of serenity. It was like a stone that crushed my heart. I was angry at everyone.



The Krizevac effect - "I was able to go to Medjugorje last year, my heart full of hope, knowing that my daughter is happy with Jesus and Mary. On Mount Krizevac, the cross

mountain, at the 4th station of the Cross where Jesus met his mother, my gaze was drawn to the brilliant reflection from a stone and I clearly saw in this reflection my little baby girl, smiling as always. I burst into tears. I sobbed for a very long time. When I pulled myself together, I found peace and serenity at the depth of my heart. The pain had left me! I was able to forgive my husband and those who did me wrong. I was healed!

Now, I praise and thank Jesus and Mary every day. I live alone and I work. I take care of my parents. My strength is renewed by the Sunday Eucharist and Thursday adoration in my parish."

How was Katia able to come out happy from this awful nightmare? I was able to personally sense her deep serenity when I met her. Once again, the miracle of peace that is granted in Medjugorje is proven real, the Mother of Mercy and her Son Jesus beautifully restored the heart and life of this broken mom, who trusted them!

**3. A Splendid Consecration!** On August 14th, we celebrated St Maximilian Kolbe, who died as a saint in the Auschwitz camp in 1941.

His passion was to make known the Immaculate Mother of God and for people to learn to love her. He left us with a beautiful prayer! I noticed that many people wonder how they can devote themselves to Mary so as to really belong to her. Therefore I wish to mention here the prayer of consecration of Fr. Kolbe, which he experienced himself until his death of love:

*O Immaculate, Queen of heaven and earth, Refuge of sinners and our most loving Mother, God has willed to*

*entrust the entire order of mercy to You. I.... an unworthy sinner, cast*



*myself at Your feet, humbly imploring You to take me with all that I am and have, wholly to Yourself as Your possession and property. Please make of me, of all my powers of soul and body, of my whole life, death, and eternity, whatever pleases You. If it pleases You, use all that I am and have without reserve, wholly to accomplish what has been said of You: "She will crush your head", and "You alone have destroyed all heresies in the whole world." Let me be a fit instrument in Your immaculate and most merciful hands for introducing and increasing Your glory to the maximum in all the many strayed and indifferent souls, and thus help extend as far as possible the blessed Kingdom of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. For, wherever You enter, You obtain the grace of conversion and sanctification, since it is through Your hands that all graces come to us from the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

**4. With great joy, Father Jozo Zovko** celebrated his Golden Jubilee with Jesus, the High Priest: in other words the 50th anniversary of his ordination! This took place the day of the Transfiguration of the Lord, on August 6, at Badija, on the island of Korčula. See <https://franjevci.info/zlatna-misa-fra-joze-zovke/>

## 5. Do not abandon Medjugorje!

Since the negative note expressed by the Pope in his interview in Lisbon on



May 13 (that the Virgin is not a post-office employee, etc.) some pilgrimages were cancelled. What a pity! We must above all be aware of the huge step forward for Medjugorje, as expressed by the Pope that same day: that the apparitions of the 7 first days will be recognized as authentic (Fatima had 6...!). The positive conclusions of Cardinal Ruini's Commission were accepted, even praised by the Pope! This will make the shrine of Medjugorje a genuine place of Marian apparitions. Even a single day would have sufficed to place Medjugorje on the list of apparitions recognized by the Church. So, please, without fear, answer Our Lady's call and come in large numbers! This will hasten the fulfillment of Mary's plans for all of us and the coming of the Great Sign on Podbrdo that she foretold!

*Dearest Gospa, seeing the lack of peace in today's world, more than ever we beseech you, Refuge of Sinners and loving Mother: please hasten the day of the triumph of your Immaculate Heart, and decrease the time of tears! Are you looking for workers and apostles of your love? Here we are!*

## Notes:

**A) Great News! Sister's new book, "Scandalous Mercy. When God goes beyond the boundaries"** will be out in Medjugorje by the beginning of September, and soon as an E Book! Preface from Ralph Martin. Keep watch on our website for the details. [www.sremmanuel.org](http://www.sremmanuel.org)

**B)** Our upcoming missions, the fruits of which will depend a great deal on your intercession: Spain in September. Italy in October; Argentina, Uruguay and Chile in November. Details will be given in the first days of September.

**C)** The Youth Festival was a precious wonder! Tens of thousands of young people and over 500 priests from 70 different nations were gathered here, enabling young people to see the beautiful face of the Church and the Holy Spirit living in her. More than 700,000 people were able to follow the Festival every day on the net. Here's a "private" little video about the young people who stayed in our House...<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQJHxXtbAhQr>

**D)** On Aug. 18, the visionary Ivan received this message at the Blue Cross during a public apparition at 10pm: "Dear Children, today again I wish to call you to pray for peace. Peace in your hearts, peace in your families. Know that I pray for all of you. I pray before my Son and I intercede for all of you. Thank you, dear children, for your perseverance and for having responded to my call today."

**E)** Vicka is still suffering a great deal because of her back, pray that her deep desire may be fulfilled: to give witness again for the pilgrims.

**Sister Emmanuel +**

## Medjugorje youth festival, Aug 2017

*'I came to Medjugorje to renew my faith in God'*

By Lilian

*Three young people represented the North East at The Medjugorje 2017 Youth Festival – We would like to Thank all who supported their Pilgrimage - St. Teresa, Heaton & St. Aidans Benton Parish's and The Medjugorje North East Newsletter Readers: Their encounter with Our Blessed Mother Queen of Peace was a real life changing experience:*

When I think of Medjugorje I think peace, joy and love. It is a place that fills you with wonder that in this time and age, there are still multitudes of children of the most High God coming together to worship Him in spirit and in truth through or by connection to his Mother Mary, our Lady. The different nationalities brings a sense of joy to show that we are all one people under our Lord Jesus Christ who died for our sake so we can have salvation.

I came to Medjugorje to renew my faith in God, to come back to his bosom, because to me it felt that I was no longer as strong or confident in my faith, as a child of God should be. I went bearing my burdens, the burdens of my family and friends and I laid it all at his feet. I went for some peace, restoration and consolation from Our Lady and out of curiosity, as I had never heard of Medjugorje.

The first day was awe inspiring seeing many people come together for mass and adoration. The songs were always catchy and made you want to dance each time, which I always did. Seeing the many priests come out of their way to serve people because of God was very impressive, as they helped to give out Holy

Communion, help with confession and other services, showed the greatness and goodness of God through man. Going up the apparition hill, where the blue cross was and on August 2<sup>nd</sup> when Our Lady appeared to Mirjana, was a curious but fulfilling experience. The message from Our Lady about peace, love and forgiveness draws me back and reminds me of letting go of everything and letting God rule over every aspect of my life. With the world as it is, our Lady is drawing and pleading with us to come back to her son Jesus Christ, as he is our salvation and hope.

Visiting the community and men of Cenaclo was another inspiring moment of God's mercy and loving grace. It shows that he is a God of second chances. Whenever we are down and in need of help, he is always there.

Overall my experience at Medjugorje was very memorable and I would always want to go back to re-live the events. On the last day of the youth festival and after my group from Aglow got together to pray, I felt sad that we had come to the end of the youth festival but God reminded me that it may be the end of the youth festival but a beginning of good and new things in our lives.

I highly recommend this experience. It is a life changer!

*Lilian*



## Vatican investigator: ‘All indications’ Medjugorje could be approved this year

(www.catholicerald.co.uk)

*Medjugorje is one of the most popular pilgrimage destinations in the Catholic world (CNS)*

*“Archbishop Henryk Hoser believes the first apparitions will likely be approved”*

A Polish archbishop appointed by Pope Francis to investigate the pastoral situation at Medjugorje has said “all indications” are that the apparitions will be recognised by the Vatican, “perhaps even this year”.

Archbishop Henryk Hoser, who was appointed to assess whether pastoral practices at the Bosnian town were in keeping with Catholic teaching, said “everything is going in the right direction” at the site, and compared Medjugorje to places of pilgrimage such as Lourdes, Fatima, Lisieux and Czestochowa.

Although he was not appointed to investigate the veracity of apparitions, the archbishop said it was more likely than not that, at the very least, the first apparitions will be recognised.

“All indications are that the revelations will be recognized, perhaps even this year,” [he told](#) Polish Catholic news agency KAI.

“Specifically, I think it is possible to recognise the authenticity of the first apparitions as proposed by the Ruini commission. Besides, it is difficult to get another verdict, because it is difficult to believe that six seers will lie for 36 years. What they say has

been consistent. They are not mentally incompetent. A strong argument for the authenticity of the apparitions is their faithfulness to the doctrine of the Church.”

“Anyway,” Archbishop Hoser added, “this movement will not stop and should not be stopped, because of the good fruit that grows out of it. It is one of the most lively places of prayer and conversion in Europe – and has a healthy spirituality.”

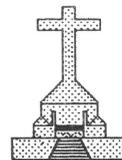
The biggest phenomenon at Medjugorje, he said, was confession. “On the sides of St James’ church are two long, specially built pavilions, in which there are fifty confessionals.”

The archbishop said he had spoken with priests hearing confessions at the site, who told him “it was enough to listen to confessions for an hour to witness real conversions”.

Archbishop Hoser’s report will be supplementary to the official commission into Medjugorje, heading by Cardinal Camillo Ruini.

### BREAKING NEWS

(Aglow Pilgrimage Facebook)



The Catholic Church’s evaluation of alleged apparitions sees them as “a gift of God and a sign of God’s presence at a certain time, in a certain place and to certain seers” -

Fr Salvatore Perrella - Member of the Commission to Medjugorje

## Fr. Jozo Zovko former Parish Priest of Medjugorje Celebrates his Golden Jubilee

**With great joy, Father Jozo Zovko** celebrated his Golden Jubilee. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination with Jesus, the High Priest. On the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, on August 6, at Badija, on the island of Korčula. See <https://franjevci.info/zlatna-misa-fra-joze-zovke/>

Fr Jozo Zovko OFM was parish priest of St James, Medjugorje when the apparitions began. At first he did not believe in them, but later he felt prompted by God when one day in church he heard the words: "Protect the children", and he became the young visionaries' defender. Within weeks he was arrested and imprisoned by the Communist authorities, who suspected him of political intrigue, but he became one of the great spokesmen for Medjugorje through his missionary journeys around the world and through the large crowds he drew to his preaching and healing services at the Franciscan monastery of Siroki Brijeg, near Medjugorje,

After years of greeting pilgrims and talking about the apparitions in Medjugorje, exhausted Fr. Jozo went on Sabbatical for three year in Austria. It was due to health reasons, the need for rest and recuperation, and due to the commencement of construction on Badija, that Fr. Jozo Zovko asked his superiors for permission to reside outside of the Province. The Province Board approved this request.

### This is the Time for My Soul

( Spirit of Medjugorje July 2017)

*The following is an excerpt from a reflection written by Fr. Jozo Zovko in April of 2007.*

This time of grace and with Our Lady is a time that the Mother has given as a gift to us to teach us to love, to pray, and to be obedient to God. We are overjoyed that we immediately responded to Her call. Yes, this truly is the time for my soul. When you climb the Hill of Apparitions and when [you] gaze at the opened Heaven and listen to the voice of the Mother as a prophet does, it is time for *your soul*.

When you have a headache and feel the stress of fasting, say to your heart: *"Fear not. This is the time for my soul."*

When you turn off the television or put away the magazine that disturbs you, say to your heart: *"This is the time for my soul."*

When you open the Bible, listening to the Lord as Samuel did, say to your heart: *"This is the time for my soul."*

In this way, continue to go through Our Lady's messages one by one.

Accept them resolutely and say to your heart: *"This is the time for my soul."*

We are happy that the Mother is with us. We are happy that She is waiting for us whenever we set out to meet Her. We know that She loves us immeasurably. This immeasurable love of Our Lady heals our immaturity and helps us to become more mature in our love for Her, for God, for the Church and for our neighbor. "Mother, I know how great your love is. I am ashamed to try to compare it with what is visible and measurable because it is immeasurable. Thank you for so great a love."

**RIP**

## **Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor 1932 – 2017**

Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, became the tenth Archbishop of Westminster (2000-09), He was born in Reading on 24 August 1932, the fifth son of Dr George Murphy-O'Connor and his wife Ellen. His parents originally came from County Cork.

The following statement was released by The Catholic Church in England and Wales:

Cardinal Vincent Nichols announced the death of his predecessor Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor who died peacefully, 1 September 2017:

I am writing to let you know the sad news that Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor died peacefully this afternoon, surrounded by his family and friends.

Please pray for the repose of his soul. Pray, too, for his family, and those many friends and colleagues from the Diocese and far beyond who mourn his loss.

Information about the funeral rites for the Cardinal will be circulated as soon as possible.

With my good wishes and prayers,

*Cardinal Vincent Nichols Archbishop  
of Westminster.*

On 15 February 2000 Murphy-O'Connor was appointed tenth Archbishop of Westminster, in succession to Cardinal Basil Hume.

The following year, on 21 February 2001, he was created a Cardinal Priest. Among the other new cardinals created that day was Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the future Pope Francis, with whom he would enjoy a friendly relationship. The new English cardinal was given the prestigious titular church of Santa Maria sopra Minerva, which not only contains the remains of St Catherine of Siena but also the tomb of Cardinal Philip Howard, great-grandson of the martyr St Philip Howard, whose shrine is at Arundel Cathedral.

### **Walsingham 2004**

(<http://www.rcdow.org.uk>)

“ When we think of Mary we remember all she has meant in the life of the Church throughout the centuries. The countless millions who have prayed to her, asking her to be close to the 'fruit of her womb, Jesus'. But we live, today, and we pray in the Hail Mary, 'Pray for us now'. Now is the present moment in the pilgrimage of your life and my life when we must carry on, continue the journey to the Kingdom of God. It is now, my dear people, that we need her prayers. We pray to Our Lady now as we continue our pilgrimage of life. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us now. ”

*Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor*

### **Lourdes 2007**

“ Lourdes is a place where you can be quiet and to listen. My prayer for you is that you will be able to find time to be still and listen to

God and in this way deepen your life of prayer, A chance for all of us in our own personal lives to turn way from what it is that leads us away from God.

Cardinal Comac Murphy O'Connor stressed the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation: to go to confession and to say to God what it is that is troubling you, what it is that I need freedom from.

On perseverance, he urged Catholics to make a lifelong commitment to the Lord: "It is easy to follow the Lord for a day or a week, to be faithful to God for a short while, but we are asked to be faithful to God day after day, week after week and year after year.

"I pray that all of you may have the faith and the perseverance to continue in your love of Christ and faith in Him."

These are good times to be a Christian and a Catholic. Our faith teaches us to live the kind of life that is an example to the world today. ”

*Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor*

### **Medjugorje**

It was rumoured that the Cardinal made a private pilgrimage to Medjugorje on at least one occasion.

## **RIP**

### **MERRENA SEDDON**



We pray for the repose of the soul of: Merrena Seddon - Morpeth died Peacefully in Wansbeck General Hospital on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017, aged 91 years. Beloved wife of the late Brian and loving mother, Grandma and Great Grandma.

A warm welcome was always given to Medjugorje friends by Merrena whenever we were gathered together at the Medjugorje afternoon of prayer at St. Roberts Morpeth.

Joining the Medjugorje Pilgrimage and Retreat she was a popular lady with a true devotion to Our Lady Queen of Peace.

Merrena's Requiem Mass was held at St Robert's R C Church, Morpeth on Thursday 17th August.

Holy Mass, Prayers and Candles burn in Medjugorje especially for Merrena and Medjugorje deceased friends.

*Eternal Rest  
give unto them Oh Lord  
and Let perpetual light shine upon them,  
may they rest in peace  
Amen*

World Apostolate of Fatima England and Wales



# VISITATION OF THE NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE (NPVS)

& THE RELICS OF SAINTS JACINTA AND FRANCISCO

## St Mary's Cathedral

Clayton Street West, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 5HH

**Saturday, 16 September 2017**

**12:00 noon** - Procession & Enthronement of NPVS & Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco, followed by **Holy Mass said by Bishop Seamus Cunningham** and Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart

**13:15** - Veneration of the Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco

**14:30** - Fatima film on the "The Little Shepherds"

**15:15** - Talk on the Fatima Message

**15:45** - Enrolment & Investiture of the Brown Scapular

**16:00** - Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary & Fatima devotions

*First day of Visitation ends 17:00*



SANTA JACINTA MARIU



SANTO FRANCISCO MARIU

**Sunday, 17 September 2017**

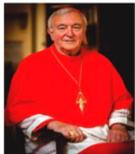
**Holy Mass** at **08:00, 10:00 & 11:30** am (Farewell Mass), including Act of consecration

*Veneration of the Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco follows each Mass*

**12:45** - Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary

**13:10** - Enrolment & Investiture of the Brown Scapular

*Second day of Visitation ends 13:15*



The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is on a journey around the cathedrals of England and Wales in these coming months. I pray that this will be a time of grace for many, as they honour Our Lady of Fatima in this centenary year.

**H.E. Cardinal Vincent Nichols 18th February 2017**

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## Medjugorje Centre North East

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### MIDDLESBROUGH CENTRE FOR PEACE

#### MARIAN EVENING

Friday 13th October 2017  
Friday 10th November 2017

**7.30pm to 9.30pm**

***Rosary : Holy Mass : Talk : Witness***

**JOHN PAUL CENTRE  
55 GRANGE ROAD,  
MIDDLESBROUGH, TS1 5AU**

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### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady's Apparitions at Fatima

*Medjugorje is a continuation of Fatima.*

*"I desire to realise the secrets I began in Fatima may be fulfilled"*  
(Medjugorje message 25 Aug 91)



#### **VIRGIN STATUE (NPVS) AND THE RELICS OF BLESSED JACINTA & FRANCISCO.**

Will visit 18 Catholic Cathedrals in England and Wales including the North East - Diocese of Middlesbrough 9th -15th Sept and St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne Sept 16th and 17th 2017 (Hexham & Newcastle Diocese)

*Further details : [www.worldFatima-england-wales.org.uk/visitation.html](http://www.worldFatima-england-wales.org.uk/visitation.html)*

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