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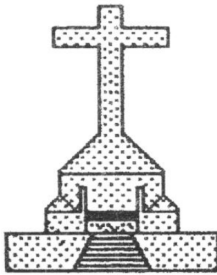
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# **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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## **OUR MINISTRY**

To spread the messages of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus,  
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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**

**12th November 2017  
10th December 2017**

At  
St Teresa of the infant Child Jesus  
Heaton Road  
Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 5HN



**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO  
MEDJUGORJE 2018**  
Spiritual Director—Fr. Martin Morris

**Wed 23rd - 30th May 2018**

**£595 ( Sharing)**

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## OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World

*Given 25th October 2017 to Marija Pavlovic*



**D**ear children! “ I am calling you to be prayer in this time of grace. You all have problems, afflictions, sufferings and lack of peace. May saints be models to you and an encouragement for holiness; God will be near you and you will be renewed in seeking through your personal conversion. Faith will be hope to you and joy will begin to reign in your hearts. Thank you for having responded to my call. ”

### Fr. Martin Morris's Reflection

Spiritual Director of Medjugorje Centre NE

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Medjugorje North East and beyond, Our Blessed Mother the Queen of Peace is with us.

Mary Mother of the Church, star of the new evangelisation is with us.

As we say in the prayer, 'The Hail Holy Queen',

*"Turn then most gracious advocate, thine eyes of Mercy towards us."*

The merciful eyes of Mary are upon us, Motherly eyes, eyes full of compassion and understanding, as this month's message tells us.

**"You all have problems, afflictions, suffering's and lack of peace."**

Her maternal heart understands, and she shows us the answer.

**" I am calling you to be prayer in this time of Grace."**

*What does it mean to be prayer?"*

In this world, so exposed to evil, we may feel more our vulnerability, and thus also the need for Motherly love. With her tender love, Mary accompanies and heals us, and protects us.

Threatened by so many evil forces today this world needs the light and hope of forgiveness, the truth that sets us free.

Prayerful people who in the face of insurmountable difficulties show by the light of Faith the direction to God.

Prayerful people who have a great confidence in recourse to prayer are those who in seemingly hopeless situations, persevere and show us where all our answers are. to be prayer means to have confidence always in prayer, in every situation to believe that prayer makes the difference. Prayer like this makes a gift of ourselves where there is bitterness and unforgiveness. to become Prayer means to say with Mary, *"Yes" your will be done, thy Kingdom come.* To become prayer means to reflect the light of faith and its fruit in our words and actions.

**"May Saints be models for you and an encouragement to holiness."** Who inspires us today, who encourages us. At times

witnesses can be lacking, Christian witness can be shadowed. But Mary reminds us what we say each time when we pray the Creed. " *I believe in the Communion of Saints.*" Let us reflect on the true meaning of becoming Holy. We must always remember that holiness begins in the human heart. It needs to be a free heart that continues to become increasingly free of the spirit of the world, of the flesh, of the material. In this freedom the heart can then continue to open itself to the Word of God and to his Spirit.

The Saints are living witnesses to this openness, and to the Joy of Christian living. They have become true and genuine people, living in the Spirit. We know that they were flawed human beings, but who had a longing for God in their own weakness and imperfection. they overcame these things by the Grace of God. in the lives of the Saints, Prayer was certainly first, and through Prayer their love for God grew, and service to neighbour. So, like them, let us make a true decision for holiness on a daily basis, we must decide against sin, and against the negative in us.

Let us turn to the Saints for their Intercession, their help and encouragement, and with Fr. Slavko let us Pray,

*Lord we thank you  
for having given us Mary.  
Through her intercession and through  
the intercession of all Saints  
In whose lives you were glorified,  
we ask you to open our hearts  
to your Word  
so that we may allow ourselves to be  
taught.*

*May we allow Mary, your humble  
servant, to guide us on the way to  
perfection.*

*Grant us your Spirit so that we may  
come to understand what it means to  
have Saints as an example.  
Grant us the strength in your Spirit to  
follow the Saints  
and to reach you one day-together  
with all the Saints and with Mary  
Queen of Saints.  
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

**Fr. Martin**

### The Apostles Creed



I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord,  
who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from  
the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the  
living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.



*17th Anniversary of*  
**Fr. Slavco Barbaric—Medjugorje**  
**24th November 2017**

Spiritual Father of Medjugorje  
 and Founder of The Mother Village

A great inspiration to millions of Pilgrims—He travelled throughout the World spreading the message of ‘Peace and Reconciliation’

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*Your Brother Slavco has been born into Heaven  
 and intercedes for you.*

Our Lady’s Message—25th Nov, 2000

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## **Our Lady’s message to Mirjana**

*2nd October 2017*



**“Dear children!** I am speaking to you as a mother - with simple words, but words filled with much love and concern for my children who, through my Son, are entrusted to me. And my Son, who is of the eternal now, He is speaking to you with words of life and is sowing love in open hearts. Therefore, I am imploring you, apostles of my love, have open hearts always ready for mercy and forgiveness. According to my Son, always forgive your neighbours, because in that way peace will be in you. My children, care for your soul, because it alone is what truly belongs to you. You are forgetting the importance of family. A family does not need to be a place of suffering and pain, but a place of understanding and tenderness. Families who strive to live according to my Son live in mutual love. While He was still little, my Son would say to me that all people are His brothers. Therefore, remember, apostles of my love, that all people whom you meet are family to you - brothers according to my Son. My children, do not waste time thinking about the future, worrying. May your only concern be how to live well every moment according to my Son. And there it is - peace for you! My children, do not ever forget to pray for your shepherds. Pray that they can accept all people as their children; that, according to my Son, they may be spiritual fathers to them. Thank you .”



## REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL

*of The Community of The Beatitudes*

[www.childrenofmedjugorje.com](http://www.childrenofmedjugorje.com)

**Medjugorje, October 12, 2017**

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

### **1. On October 2nd 2017,**

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

### **2. The tears of a deaf man!**

Fr. Leonardo, young Spanish priest, was invited to a pilgrimage in Medjugorje. His mother being a widow, he feels very strongly about taking good care of her. Having studied nearly everything there is to know about Medjugorje, he managed to convince her to come with him and to participate in the program offered by the parish.

Like many other priests, he took up his position in a confessional and began to hear the confession of the pilgrims. As for his mother, she prayed the Rosary, sitting on a bench near the confessionals and discreetly managed to keep an eye on the one where her son was.

One day, shortly after evening mass, she saw a man of a certain age coming out of her son's confessional, crying bitter tears. She was deeply saddened and wondered what her son could possibly have said to this man to put him in such a state. She shared her concern with the pilgrimage guide. Late that evening, over dinner, her son seemed tired by so many confessions, but nevertheless happy and at peace. Then he came over to

his mother and to the guide and began to tell them what he had experienced during one of the confessions that day: he had received in his confessional a man weeping bitter tears, but tears of joy. It should be added that this pilgrim was so deaf that even the best hearing aids were ineffective for him. However, during mass, when the Gospel was proclaimed, he became aware that he could hear the reading perfectly! In addition, this mass was in Croatian and he understood every word! That's how he realized that he was cured of his deafness. Overwhelmed by this miracle, he ran to confession to thank God and the Blessed Mother. Upon hearing this, his mother sighed with relief, took a deep breath and rejoiced with her son and all the pilgrims for the gifts that God gives His children through the intercession of His Mother.



### **3. A scent of roses over Poland! In**

Medjugorje, there are now more Polish pilgrims than Italians! They are not shy about their century-old devotion to the Blessed Mother. For the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the Bishop's Conference took a remarkable and historic initiative: given the serious dangers that

threaten Poland, they brought to mind the many miraculous protections which were obtained in the past due to large numbers faithfully praying the Rosary - the victory of Lepanto on Oct. 7, 1571, the victory in Austria after World War II against communist control of the country, the Rosary miracle in Brazil in 1964, etc.



On Saturday, October 7th, over a million Poles gathered along the borders of their country forming a visible string of prayer to save Poland and the whole world.



Not to mention the hundreds of parishes that joined in on this day of prayer, all following the same program: Mass at 11 a.m.; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at noon; and from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. praying all 20 mysteries of the Rosary.



The Poles who were in Medjugorje prayed the 20 mysteries together at Mother's Village after a special Eucharist.

Last January and February, Our Lady said: "The Rosary is my dearest prayer which fills my heart with the most beautiful scent of roses." "I cannot but be where I sense the scent of roses." And we know, every Ave Maria is a rose offered to the Mother of God. Imagine Poland covered with the scent of perfume from millions of roses! For the past 36 years, Our Lady has been telling us to pray the Rosary every day, as a most powerful weapon against evil. It is even capable of changing the course of history!

This magnificent initiative is not an isolated event. In different parts of the world, in connection with the 13th of October which was the last public apparition at Fatima, various prayer groups, Christian organizations, parishes and communities have joined forces to move the heavens with their prayers.

For instance, at the initiative of Don Pablo Martin (former parish priest at Civitavecchia), many groups all over Italy have planned special prayers at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, October 13th, as well as fasting all day on bread and water as per the instructions of the Blessed Mother ([www.aiasm.it](http://www.aiasm.it)). Those who cannot fast for health reasons can offer another renunciation to God. Their purpose is

to ask Our Lady to save Italy from apostasy, as well as the world, and for her children to reconnect with their Christian roots! In addition, it is asked that participants be in a state of grace, in other words, to make a good sacramental confession.

We hope that like our Polish brothers, more than a million Italians will participate in this powerful initiative! What about America and the other countries?

**4. Scotland gives the world a beautiful example!** To mark the centenary of the apparitions at Fatima, the Catholics in Scotland began a forty-day prayer on July 26th, 2017 which ended on 3 September with the consecration of the Church of Scotland and of the Kingdom of Scotland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, by all Scottish Catholic Bishops. The initiative came from Archbishop John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley. The consecration took place at the national Scottish Shrine of Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes of Carfin, diocese of Motherwell. In order for this national consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary to truly be that of an entire people in prayer, a call was made to all Scots living in Scotland and elsewhere, and to all their descendants around the world. What an example for all the other nations!



**5. Vicka has come back to her station at the Blue House!** After more than a year of absence due to her bad health, in late September she was strong enough to share the messages of the Gospa with her dear pilgrims. She was clearly jubilant as she sent kisses to everyone from her staircase! During these meetings, she prays a great deal in silence, some prayers the Mother of God taught her, and that she cannot reveal now. Only Mirjana knows them, too. These prayers attract great blessings on the crowd. This teaches us that to change hearts, prayer is infinitely more important than words!



**6. Last September**, during my mission in Spain, I experienced great joy at finding very good priests in each of the 12 parishes we visited, true shepherds for souls. In a word, the living Church of Christ! No confusion, the true Catholic faith! Our faith is so beautiful! Like cherry on the cake, the Blessed Mother gave us this message on October 2nd: "My children, do not ever forget to pray for your shepherds. Pray that they can accept all people as their children; that, according to my Son, they may be spiritual fathers to them." These priests can be found in many places! Well, their number is small, but it is up to us to increase those numbers! I'm always impressed to see so many fervent lay people welcoming us and giving so much of themselves to make sure that the mission is fruitful. I am discovering a



great deal of holiness hidden here and there. For instance, a member of our team, for the past 20 years, gets up every morning at 4:00 a.m. and prays for 3 hours in front of the Blessed Sacrament, before taking on his job at 8 a.m. It is encouraging to see that Our Lady also has her fans, and what fans!

**7. Your gifts for the Blessed Mother!** I would like to thank all those who responded to my call last month for my 70th birthday. Our Lady might have rejoiced so much at all the masses that were celebrated for the full realization of her plans. I haven't the words to thank you enough. One day you will see in heaven the good you will have drawn on the earth by offering these masses. May God reward you a hundred fold!

**8. My next live broadcast in French** about November 2 message will be on November 3rd. The October 3rd live broadcast can be seen at <http://www.enfantsdemedjugorje.fr/direct-du-3-octobre-2017/>

***Dearest Gospa,** will you please accept us as real "apostles of your love"?*

*Please help us walk hand in hand with you,*

*In the face of today's world that is bombarding us with its fake lights and false happiness!*

*With your powerful support, again today*

*we choose Jesus at all cost!*

**Sister Emmanuel +**

## World Day of the Poor 2017 Sunday 19th November

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*Blessed are the open hands  
that embrace the poor....*

*They are the hands that bring  
hope!* ”



Pope Francis asked the entire Catholic community worldwide to observe the World Day of the Poor for the first time on Sunday 19 November 2017.

The World Day of the Poor will be observed each year on the 33rd Sunday of the Church's liturgical calendar.

"The poor are not a problem," the Pope wrote in the statement. "They are a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practice in our lives the essence of the Gospel."

His Apostolic Letter introduces the day. This poster can be used to share this event and this prayer card offers some prayers for the day.



## Medjugorje Annual Retreat at Minsteracres nr Consett

Spiritual Director  
**Fr. Shaun O'Neill**  
PP English Martyr's and  
St Robert's, Fenham, Newcastle

**Minsteracres,  
13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

This year, the retreat was led by Fr. Shaun O'Neill, parish priest Of English Martyrs' and St. Robert's Church, Fenham, also Dean of the Partnership of Blackfriars in the Diocese.

Again, this week-end, attended by 48 retreatants, was very special with Holy Mass, the Rosary and some beautiful homilies providing us, not only food for thought but indeed, spiritual nourishment! David Ritson once again provided the heavenly music!

The beauty of the sacrament of the priesthood was closely interwoven with each decade of the rosary during the week-end. Priests are very close to Our Lady as there are many Medjugorje messages referring to priests. On August 25th 1997, Our Lady said *"I call all priests and religious brothers and sisters to pray the rosary and to teach others to pray"* and very recently, on September 25th 2017, Our Lady said: *"In a special way I am imploring you to pray for priests and for all the consecrated, that they may love Jesus still more fervently; that the Holy Spirit may fill their hearts with joy; that they may witness Heaven and Heavenly mysteries"*.

Fr. Shaun's talks linked the Garden of Eden, the Annunciation and the Garden of Gethsemane in a way that

most of us had previously not been aware of; it made one realize that all words and events in the Bible are there for some valid reason, in our quest to bring us deeper into union with Jesus. As Our Lady of Medjugorje said,

*"Nothing is by chance: neither pain, nor joy, nor suffering, nor love. All of these are graces which my Son grants to you and which lead you to eternal life. Of you, my Son asks for love and prayer in Him. As a mother I will teach you: to love and to pray in Him means to pray in the silence of your soul and not only reciting with your lips; it is even the least beautiful gesture done in the name of my Son - it is patience, mercy, the acceptance of pain and sacrifice done for the sake of another...."* September 2 2016,

Fr. Shaun emphasised that Mary brought life into the world through the event of The Annunciation and also, the Crucifixion because when Christ dies life comes into the world with the birth of The Church.

The angel Gabriel radiates God's glory and wisdom and "invites" Mary to be the mother of Jesus. On the other hand, in The Garden of Eden, the devil uses subtle half-truths to tempt Eve and manages to sow doubts about God's motives.

Mary, in her calm, reflective manner, turns towards God whilst Eve in her impetuous state turns away from God by being disobedient.

Eve consciously eats the forbidden fruit and thus brings sin upon herself and into the world. Eve, in her attempt for knowing more, challenges God and refuses to live in the mystery of God's freedom and generous love. Eve forfeits all the graces that would have been hers. Mary listens, thinks and ponders; she trusts in God; She does not seek to understand. In this way, Mary receives the gift of life for ever as the angel promises her "that His life will reign for ever". Knowledge equates to Power; Truth brings Freedom. The Bible reminds us to walk in The Truth and the prayerful words of The Magnificat extols the beauty and joy of this gift. Eve leads her husband into sin; his eyes are opened as both he and Eve have lost their innocence; Elizabeth's eyes, too, are opened as John The Baptist "jumps for joy". We are reminded of the importance of covering ourselves with the armour of Christ as described by St. Paul to the Ephesians.

The image of the shape of a helix (spiral) was used to illustrate that when we reflect on our sins we move away from that place, and are brought to a different and higher plane delving deeper into the mystery of God.

God has to protect The Tree of Life in The Garden of Eden, otherwise sin will last for ever. When Jesus comes into the world, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in other words, The Holy Trinity, unites humanity through the gift of atonement. Mary brought the fruit of the tree of life through the fruit of her womb, into the world. We partake of The Tree of Life when we attend Mass, receive the sacraments,

pray, read The Bible and undertake acts of charity.

The words of the 10 Commandments were written on blocks of stone but the finger of God writes The Word on the flesh of the womb of Mary. The Old Testament is about stones and words; The New Testament is about flesh and The Word.

Mary is our perfect model and example; by trusting and surrendering ourselves to God, by emptying everything that separates us from God, we will allow God to fully work within us. We do not need to understand. The Song of Bernadette contains the words:

"For those who do not believe, no explanation is sufficient;  
For those who believe, no explanation is necessary".

Let us ponder on these words.

*FJ*

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*I call all priests  
and religious  
brothers and sisters  
to pray the rosary  
and to teach others  
to pray*  
”

(August 25th, 1997)

**Thomas Tom Lascelles: Newcastle upon Tyne**  
**“Ever since I came to Medjugorje I was never as happy as now“**  
 (www.medjugorge.hr)

Thomas (Tom) Lascelles, a 20 year old young man, comes from Newcastle upon Tyne in the North East of England. He was born with Cerebral Palsy, and has been in a wheelchair most of his life.



Despite his physical disability, there are no obstacles for this young man no problem he cannot resolve. Medjugorje is his second home today, a place he lives in and allows his dreams to become truth.

Tom was our guest on radio “Mir” Medjugorje. He said: “I was born with cerebral paralyses and I am one of twins that were born, but the other did not survive. I have two older sisters. When it comes to the life with disabilities, at first I was able to walk with a walker. Later on, I had three surgeries and they did not go well, so due to them I ended up in wheelchair since 2008. I never allowed my disability to affect me or a life. I was blessed to have a priest who guided me through this process. When it comes to the disability, I could have lived thinking about all those things I do not have and I cannot do, but instead of that, I began to observe my life with purpose. I was trying to see what I could do to make my life more meaningful and joyful compared to

other people, also I could fulfil the purpose of my existence”.

Tom came to Medjugorje in July 2005, for the first time. “I was invited by Fr. Senan Ryan, religious from Ireland. At that time we communicated via Skype and we used to talk a lot. I spoke to him about my calling, about things I felt in my heart. I asked him where he was going on holiday. He said he was going to Medjugorje and I joked and asked him if I could go with him? This joke soon became a reality. I came to Medjugorje and that week was amazing. I received so many gifts and so many graces and I simply could not explain all what happened in that week”, said Tom who came again with Fr. Senan in 2016.

“I felt a desire to return here as soon as I could. I knew I did not want to be part of a group and surrounded with other people, I wanted to be alone. I felt I needed to discover more profoundly about Jesus and Mary. In August 2016 and I decided to take a vacation. This was incredible since I made the decision to quit my job and I knew this was the right decision. Ever since the summer last year, I’ve been in Medjugorje more less all the time. I go to England for a few weeks every couple of months, but I always come back . I was never so happy as when I am here. All that is here for me is because of God’s grace. I have met many people who help me here and I have a good relationship with priests who are in Medjugorje. Each day I am trying to discern to see what God wishes of me in my life”,

said Tom who is so thrilled with confessions in Medjugorje.

At the end he thanked this parish and the youth here: "I would like to thank all, particularly those who carried me up the Cross Mountain, which was the most amazing experience.

One can really feel such brotherhood

among those boys. I am grateful to God for being in this parish, surrounded with all these wonderful people, especially nuns and priests, particularly Fr. Marinko who helps me spiritually. I have received huge graces and gifts in Medjugorje."

### **‘A Worldly Accomplishment is Rewarded with a Heavenly One’**

Ran the front-page headline of the New York Times

#### **Extract from The Rector of Knock – Messenger July/Aug 2017**

(www.saintanthonyofpadua.net)

It is not often that a good news story about the Catholic faith makes it on the front page of the New York Times/. [‘A Worldly Accomplishment is Rewarded with a Heavenly One’](#) ran the headline. The story told how the remains of a poor Irish immigrant, who worked as a labourer and hospital orderly, who never married and died without family or financial means, and was buried in an unmarked grave by a community of religious sisters on Long Island was to be reinterred in the Cemetery of the Basicia of St. Patrick’s Old Cathedral in New York’s Little Italy. The poignancy of John Curry’s simple and poor life (1874-1943) contrasts with the divine events he witnessed as a 5-year-old in his native Knock Co. Mayo in August 1879.

He was one of fifteen witnesses who saw a vision of Our Lady, St. Joseph, St. John and the Lamb of God.

The chief celebrant at the Requiem Mass was Cardinal Timothy Dolan and he was joined by the current rector of Knock Shrine in Ireland Fr. Richard Gibbons. These two men had worked together to ensure that ‘a man

who in the eyes of this world had nothing to his name would be’ honoured by the Cardinal Archbishop of New York’. In Fr. Gibbons view John Curry’s story is important, not only because he was a witness to the apparition, but also a reminder that not everyone who emigrates to America makes it big ‘John Curry was a very simply ordinary man who was humble and faithful.

He wanted nothing more from life than to live well and do what he could. There are thousands of John Curry’s even today- people who go to the USA in search of a better life, but not all of them make it , some find it very hard and difficult. Through John Curry we remember all of those who have nobody and all of those who are buried without anybody and all of those who are forgotten.

#### **Cardinal Dolan presides at Requiem Mass for Knock visionary ‘John Curry’**

(CatholicIreland.net)

John Curry was “A man whose only quiet boast was that he was an altar boy from his childhood in Knock to his death at Sacred Heart home with the Little Sisters of the Poor – rarely

if ever missing daily Mass – and Holy Communion.”

The remains of the last official witness to the apparition in Knock in 1879 were reinterred in the walled graveyard outside St Patrick’s Cathedral in New York. The Requiem Mass for John Curry was presided over by Cardinal Timothy Dolan.

John Curry was just five years old and the youngest of the 15 witnesses who saw the apparition in Knock on 21 August 1879, when Our Lady, St Joseph, St



John the Evangelist and the Lamb of God appeared.

A number of John Curry’s relatives attended Requiem Mass, including his grand-nephew who has written a book on his life.

A pilgrimage group from Knock, led by parish priest and Rector of Knock Shrine Fr Richard Gibbons, also attended the Mass. They were part of the first ever pilgrimage to fly directly from Ireland West Airport to New York.

In his homily, Cardinal Dolan recalled how John Curry beheld the apparition “with the simplicity and sincerity of a little five year old boy”. Curry arrived in New York as a young man of 21, “An immigrant who really only distinguished himself by his simplicity, his humility, his kindness and his piety,” Dr Dolan told the congregation.

He spent his final seven years with the Little Sisters of the Poor at Sacred Heart Home on 70th Street where he died quietly in 1943.

He was buried in a donated, unmarked grave. His remains lay

there until now when, the Cardinal said, “his proud and grateful spiritual and natural heirs gather to give him finally the prominence and esteem he deserves”.

In his homily, Cardinal Dolan expressed solidarity with immigrants,

reminding the congregation that Jesus, Mary and Joseph were refugees once in Egypt and that “John Curry was but one of the millions of immigrants who came here to America from Ireland

but also from almost every nation in the atlas to enrich this country mightily and to make this nation a light to the world through its embrace of the John Currys of the world.”

He stressed that this was a “light we cannot allow to grow dim today”.

The Cardinal said John Curry’s faith in Jesus had animated his tender care for the sick at the hospital for the destitute on Roosevelt Island where he worked.

He was “A man whose only quiet boast was that he was an altar boy from his childhood in Knock to his death at Sacred Heart home with the Little Sisters of the Poor – rarely if ever missing daily Mass – and Holy Communion.”

He said that they were burying John Curry, a simple, sincere, holy man “with reverence for who he was; with reverence for the country from whence he came; with reverence for the nation where he settled; and with reverence for what he saw that August 21st 1879.”



## Medjugorje Centre North East

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### MIDDLESBROUGH CENTRE FOR PEACE

#### MARIAN EVENING

Friday 10th November 2017

Friday 8th December 2017

**7.30pm to 9.30pm**

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

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

For further details please contact:

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### **St. Mary's, Hexham Torchlight Procession**

in honour of Our Blessed  
Lady Immaculate

To celebrate the feast of the  
Immaculate Conception

**7.00pm Friday 8th Dec 2017**

Led by Fr. Christopher Warren KHS

Meeting at the bandstand in park  
adjacent to  
Hexham Abbey  
and processing with candles to St Mary's  
for homily and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Refreshments will be available after the  
procession and service

St.Mary's Catholic Church, Hencotes,  
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