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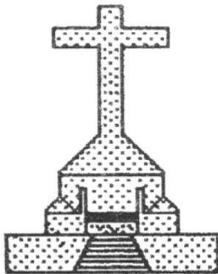
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# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**MEDJUGORJE CENTRE NORTH EAST**  
(Established since 1989)



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## OUR MINISTRY

To spread the messages of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus,  
given through the visionaries in Medjugorje.

**PEACE CONVERSION**  
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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**

**13th May 2018**

**10th June 2018**

**St John Vianney**  
Hillhead Parkway  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE5 1DP



**Medjugorje Centre (North East)**

**MEDJUGORJE RETREAT AT MINSTERACRES**

**Spiritual Director—Fr. Jeff Dodds**

**Cost is £130 pp**

**Fri 12th –14th October 2018**

**Booking forms available from  
Marian Fletcher  
Telephone 0191 4174413**



**Medjugorje Centre North East  
Invites you to celebrate the**

**37th Anniversary of  
The Apparitions at Medjugorje**

**7pm Monday 25th June 2018**

**Rosary, Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Led by Fr. Martin Morris**

**St John Vianney**  
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## OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World

*Given 25th April 2018 to Marija Pavlovic*



**Dear children!** “ Today I am calling you to live your new life with Jesus. May the Risen One give you strength to always be strong in the trials of life and to be faithful and persevering in prayer; because Jesus saved you by His wounds and by His Resurrection gave you new life. Pray, little children, and do not lose hope. May joy and peace be in your hearts and witness the joy that you are mine. I am with you and love you all with my motherly love. 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, The word "New" is a word that always appeals to us. "A new car, a new house, a new dress, or a new shirt." The word "New" denotes a fresh start, another opportunity, a different time. But in Holy Scripture we are told that Christ came to bring us everything that is truly "new." Christ himself, said St. Irenaeus, " is the Newness of the Father." Jesus is our newness, and Our Lady uses this word twice in this month's message. " *Behold, I am making all things new.*" (Rev:21:5)

In the sacred scriptures we see this newness of God in action in the Saving work of Jesus Christ. Our Lord's healing's, his miracles, his encounters with different people, his call to Conversion, and Repentance, were an invitation to the "newness" in this life of God.

This month Our Lady begins, "Today I am calling you to live your "New" life with Jesus." We

received this new life when we were Baptised, but I think it also points us back to the Paschal Mystery we celebrated at Easter time, when we entered into the saving Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Saviour. This is the "New life" Mary calls us to live. Christ is always offering us the "newness" of his Grace. In him everything is made "New", every prayer we make, every Sacrament received in Faith, each word of Sacred Scripture, every difficult situation faced with love, opens for us the "newness" of our life in God. It is a holy confidence Mary wants us to have in him who Saves us, and to live our "new" life with renewed fervour. Our Lady then tells us that our Risen Saviour will give us strength, "**to always be strong in the trials of life.**" It is to him she asks us to turn, who upon the feeble bestows Divine strength. "**And, to be faithful and persevering in Prayer.**"

Mary, Queen and Mother of Peace, points us to our true source of

strength, her Risen Son. She wants us to focus on him when especially the trials of life overwhelm us. This means offering Jesus the gift of a loving and attentive heart in our prayers. Mary, our Mother and Teacher reminds us that it is precisely at such times of trial in our lives that we should turn to Prayer, because Jesus is Risen, and he will give us strength.

**"Because Jesus saved you by his wounds, and by his Resurrection gave you new life."**

St. Peter tells us, *"He personally carried the load of our sins in his own body when he died on the Cross, so that we can overcome sin, for by his wounds you have been healed."*(1 Peter: 2:24)

Do you feel bitter, angry, sad, or maybe disorientated by the trials of life? Mary tells us to look at the wounds of her Son. It is in the Crucifix that we see them. Look at the crucifix, take it in your hands, hold it close, like the Saints do. When we are feeling lost, sad, frightened, or in pain, let us look at our Salvation, and enter into the wounds of Jesus.

*"Within your wounds hide me."* We pray in the '*Animae Christi*' at Holy Communion. Our Lady told us last year, that we should often take hold of the Crucifix, and ask that evil and sin have no part in us. So, let us be like St. Thomas and touch, hold and kiss the wounds of Jesus Crucified and Risen,

*"for by his wounds you are healed."* (1 Peter. 24)

On March 18th Pope Francis said, *"When a child gets hurt, his or her mam or dad, asks to see the scratch or the bruise. They kiss it and say, 'all better now' Pope Francis said, he*

*imagines God doing the same, God wants to see the wounds of his children, to touch them and heal them. "There in the encounter of our wounds, next to the wounds of Jesus, which is the proof of our Salvation there is the tenderness of God"* (Angelus address, 18th March, 2018)

Dear Friend's, as we reflect on this month's message of Our Lady, we cannot fail to think of the statue of the Risen Christ in Medjugorje. A place of great healing and peace where the pilgrims gather under the wounds of Jesus, and a stream of living water flows. Mary reminds us that it is by his wounds we are saved and given **"New life"**. May we always take heart that she tells us, *"You belong to me"* and find our refuge and safety in the hope that comes from the wounds of her Son.

*"When it seems to you that your suffering exceeds your strength contemplate my wounds."* (Jesus to Sr. Faustina)

God Bless, Fr. Martin

## ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2018

Spiritual Director—Fr. Martin Morris

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

£595 (Sharing)

**FULL**

Flying from Newcastle—Half Board  
Hotel Orbis—Close to St. James'  
Church

## IVAN— On the ‘Solemnity of the Annunciation’

April 9, 2018

Ivan Dragicevic met with his prayer group at the Blue Cross. Our Lady came to him (approximately 10:00 pm). Here is what Ivan shared after his encounter with Our Lady:

Our Lady came to us joyful and happy. And she gave all of us her motherly greeting: “Praised be Jesus, my dear children!” Then Our Lady continued to pray with her arms extended over all of us here. In a special way she prayed over those of you who are sick present here.

After that Our Lady said, “My dear children! Also today I call you to abandon that which is of the passing world that is more and more distancing you from my Son. Decide for my Son. Accept His words and live them. Thank you, dear children, for also today having responded to my call!”

Then Our Lady blessed all of us with her motherly blessing and she blessed everything that you have brought to be blessed. Then I recommended all of you, your needs, your intentions, your families in a special way all those of you who are sick here, your intentions and your desires, that the Mother may pray for all of you and intercede before her Son for you. After that Our Lady continued for a while to pray over us and she left in that prayer, in a luminous sign of the cross with the greeting, “Go in peace my dear children!”

In Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

*(MaryTV)*

## Our Lady’s message to Mirjana

*2nd April 2018*



**“Dear children!** Through the great love of the Heavenly Father I am beside you as your mother and you are beside me as my children, as apostles of my love whom I ceaselessly gather around me. My children, you are those who, along with prayer, need to completely surrender to my Son so that you may no longer live but my Son may live in you - so that all those who do not know my Son may see Him in you and come to desire to know Him. Pray that in you they may see resolute humility and goodness, a readiness to serve others; that in you they may see that you live your vocation in the world with the heart, in communion with my Son; that in you they may see meekness, tenderness and love for my Son as well as for all brothers and sisters. Apostles of my love, you must pray much and cleanse your hearts so that you may be the first to walk on the way of my Son, that you may be the just who are united with the justice of my Son. My children, as apostles of my love, you must be united in the communion which emanates from my Son, so that my children who do not know my Son may recognize the communion of love and may come to desire to walk on the way of life, the way of unity with my Son. Thank you .”



## REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL

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

Medjugorje, April 16, 2018

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

**1. On April 2, 2018 (St. John Paul II's birth into heaven), Mirjana received her monthly apparition at the Blue Cross**, on a beautiful spring day in the sunshine. After the apparition, she delivered the message Mary gave for all of us. ( see page 4 )

### **2. Vicka in Loreto.**

Some time ago, Vicka went with a dozen friends to the Marian shrine of Loreto (Italy). When the Basilica was almost empty at around 2 p.m., she was able to pray at length in what is considered to be the "House of Mary" transported by angels from Nazareth to Loreto. One of her friends, Gemma, noticed that while she was praying, Vicka would turn her head from left to the right and was moving in a rather unusual way, smiling a lot. When they left the Basilica, Gemma, intrigued by what she saw, asked her, "Why were you turning your head like that?"

"It's because the Gospa came", she replied, "and as she was walking here and there in the room, I followed her with my eyes!" "Oh really, said Gemma, deeply moved, so she was walking among us?"

"Yes, replied Vicka, it's normal, she was at home, it's her house!"  
 We are truly living in a time of grace!

How wonderful to know that our Heavenly Mother is so close to us, so tender, so normal, so human and so divine! Though we do not yet have the joy of seeing her with our own eyes, we can already grasp this beatitude, "Blessed are those who believe without having seen!"

### **3. Charity works miracles!**

Isabel Margarita Rojas Leiva, from Chile, belongs to the Lay Missionaries Consecrated to the Holy Spirit. She runs inner healing retreats all around the world. She received a special gift for healing the wounds of the heart. During one of her missions in Spain, she shared the following testimony:

"One day, my Bishop sent me for the first time to a juvenile prison. While I was with them, I started to play the guitar. They all came closer and formed a circle around me, adding their voices to mine, except for one young man who just stayed in a corner by himself. Once the songs ended, I headed towards him. However, I had barely approached when he yelled:

"Stay away!" Seeing my surprise he said it again: "Do not come any closer, I'm a bad person." Then he showed me a tattoo of Satan on his back.

At that point, without knowing why, I got the idea to ask: "Tell me, when did your Mom kiss you for the last time?"

"She never did," he replied. "And he burst into tears."

'Can I kiss you?' I asked. I don't know why I said that, because I didn't feel comfortable with it, but I kissed him anyway. Then we talked for a long time about the love of God.

When the time came to say goodbye, he said: "If you really love me, give me the cross you're wearing!" I must confess that this request crushed my heart. This crucifix had great sentimental value for me, because it was the last memory I had of my deceased mother. But I felt that God was asking me to make this sacrifice, and so, taking a deep breath, I replied: 'I love you. Here, take it!'

We said goodbye, then we lost contact. Seven years later, I met him during another mission. He had already been released from prison. With a face completely transfigured and beaming with joy he approached me and said: "Do you remember me, Isabel? We met in prison. You gave me this crucifix. Since then, I have been baptized! I now belong to the Church and regularly receive the sacraments."

I cannot describe the joy I felt at that moment. I knew, then, that Divine Mercy is infinite. Miracles take place when we open up to this Mercy, when we give ourselves completely without holding back."

#### **4. Pentecost on the world on May 20!**

How can we not suffer at the sight of how the spirit of evil is at work in the world! It would be a trap to draw up

the impressive list of Satan's actions in different parts of society. It would only serve to make him proud of being so successful! On the contrary, like the little Maryam of Bethlehem, we will hunker down and pray even more, and vehemently call upon the Holy Spirit!

Not only to be able to keep our head above water, but to walk with confidence on this path of holiness that our Blessed Mother has been showing us for nearly 37 years.

Venerable Marthe Robin (1902-1981), the French mystic who for 50 years experienced the Passion of Christ every week, prophesied a "New Pentecost of Love" for the world.

To see it to fruition, the Holy Spirit is looking for volunteers in order to reduce the time when Satan thinks he can get away with anything, causing terrible suffering those we love. We have the power to do this!

There are many invocations to the Holy Spirit, everyone can choose their own. Here is the one that has been prayed by generations of saints. It is good to recite it at least once a day if we want to remain under the guidance of the Spirit and resist all the tsunamis of evil...

COME, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,  
and in our souls take up Thy rest;  
come with Thy grace and heavenly  
aid to fill the hearts which Thou hast  
made.

O comforter, to Thee we cry,  
O heavenly gift of God Most High,  
O fount of life and fire of love,  
and sweet anointing from above.

Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts are  
known;  
Thou, finger of God's hand we own;  
Thou, promise of the Father, Thou  
Who dost the tongue with power  
imbue.

Kindle our sense from above,  
and make our hearts o'erflow with  
love;  
with patience firm and virtue high  
the weakness of our flesh supply.

Far from us drive the foe we dread,  
and grant us Thy peace instead;  
so shall we not, with Thee for a  
guide,  
turn from the path of life aside.

Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow  
the Father and the Son to know;  
and Thee, through endless times  
confessed,  
of both the eternal Spirit blest.

Now to the Father and the Son,  
Who rose from death, be glory given,  
with Thou, O Holy Comforter,  
henceforth by all in earth and heaven.  
Amen.

## 5. Sr Emmanuel Prayer

*Dearest Gospa, please, pray for us  
more than ever! Attract in us the Holy  
Spirit who fills us up to the brim! Evil  
surrounds us on every side, but you  
are here next to us... This is the time  
of the perseverance of the  
Saints (Revelation 14:12). Take us  
under your motherly mantle, for with  
you we are secure!*

**Sister Emmanuel +**

## Solemn celebration of Easter in Medjugorje

(02.04.2018)



This year, many pilgrims gathered for the Holy Triduum celebration in Medjugorje from Austria, Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Mexico, France, Italy, UK, Ireland, the United States, Columbia, Argentina, Ukraine, Spain, Lebanon, Slovakia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia. Groups of pilgrims had their Holy Thursday services before the noon, while the evening Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. Slavko Soldo in the parish church and many faithful remained in the silent prayer in the church afterwards.

Services of Good Friday were also held in the afternoon in different languages and in Croatian the Service began at 6 pm, led by Fr. Zvonimir Pavicic. During the day many faithful climbed Cross Mountain.

The Liturgy of the Words Service was held on Holy Saturday in different language groups and all these groups joined the parish at the Easter Vigil Service that began at 9 pm and was led by Fr. Marinko Sakota. Fr. Perica Ostojic sang the Easter Exultet. Many local and foreign priests spent the days in the confessionals.

## Annual Medjugorje Day of Prayer

at Sacred Heart RC Church

14<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Led by Fr. Noel Colohan

Approximately 50 Medjugorje Friends were led by Fr. Noel with his gentle strength in the Scriptures and The Holy Priesthood, taking us back to the hills of Medjugorje and Our Lady, reminding us to turn again to God. 'Jesus is God'.

He reminded us that being open to Our Lady and days of Renewal, connects us all on the same wavelength, reminding us of the things of Heaven. We meditated and prayed the Joyful Mysteries of The Holy Rosary

1<sup>st</sup> The Annunciation

2<sup>nd</sup> The visitation

3<sup>rd</sup> The Birth of Jesus

4<sup>th</sup> The Presentation

5<sup>th</sup> The Finding of The Child Jesus in the temple.

The Joyful Mysteries gives us an insight and meditation of the Early life of Jesus from The Annunciation, taking us to the Visitation, suggesting that Mary became a Mid wife to Elizabeth her cousin at the Birth of St. John the Baptist before The Birth of her Son Jesus, the Son of God. At the Presentation the infant Jesus melts the heart as he is presented to The Father. God presented himself in Love and Compassion of Heart. Suddenly at 12 years old Jesus disappears from view and we are left searching for him. Mary shows us the Face of her son the Bible.

Jesus is with us, he walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus and he walks beside us every day.

Fr. Noel helped us meditate on 4 Icons in the life of Jesus

**Jesus in Cornfields (Matt 12)** Jesus explains the truth of the Sabbath Day.

**The Woman at the Well (John 4)** The Samaritan Woman is given Spiritual Awareness of the Living Water.

**The Last Supper ( Matt 26)** – The Wonderful mystery of the Eucharist that we take for granted.

**Jesus walks on the Water (matt 14:22)** – Reach out your hand and Jesus will save you.

In Medjugorje Our Blessed Mother gives us 5 stones:

**The Eucharist**

**Mass**

**Confession**

**Fasting**

**Reading the Bible**

To encounter Jesus the Messiah, Our Lady asks us to read the Scriptures. Keeping our eyes focused on Christ, we should try and pray for 15 minutes daily. He reminded us the importance of Sunday Mass and keeping the Sabbath Holy. Also Fasting gives us a Spiritual Weapon. In the afternoon we moved into the Day Chapel to spent time in Prayer in front of The Blessed Sacrament, accompanied with occasional music. The Sacrament of Confession was available before Holy Mass Reassured that Jesus is with us now, Gods love is without condition, the Holy Mass is a living sacrifice, Christ directs our attention. Renews our Faith and reminds us He is the Vine and we are the Branches.

*Thanks to Fr. Noel Colohan who will be leading The Divine Will Retreat alongside Tony Hicky at Ministeracres during October 2018.*

*Thank you to David Ritson for leading us in music – CD's available Ring 0191 4897280.*

*Proceeds to Mary's Meals and St. Joseph The Worker Charity.*

## Pope institutes new celebration of Mary, Mother of Church

By Devin Watkins

Pope Francis inserts the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, into the Roman Calendar on the Monday following Pentecost Sunday.

Pope Francis has decreed that the ancient devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of Mother of the Church, be inserted into the Roman Calendar.

The liturgical celebration, *B. Mariæ Virginis, Ecclesiæ Matris*, will be celebrated annually as a Memorial on the day after Pentecost.

In a decree released on Saturday by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, Cardinal Robert Sarah, 'its Prefect', said the Pope's decision took account of the tradition surrounding the devotion to Mary as Mother of the Church.



He said the Holy Father wishes to promote this devotion in order to "encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety".

'Mother of the Church' in tradition

The decree reflects on the history of Marian theology in the Church's liturgical tradition and the writings of the Church Fathers.

It says Saint Augustine and Pope

Saint Leo the Great both reflected on the Virgin Mary's importance in the mystery of Christ.

"In fact the former [St. Augustine] says that Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church, while the latter [St. Leo the Great] says that the birth of the Head is also the birth of the body, thus indicating that Mary is at once Mother of Christ, the Son of God, and mother of the members of his Mystical Body, which is the Church."

The decree says these reflections are a result of the "divine motherhood of Mary and from her intimate union in the work of the Redeemer".

Scripture, the decree depicts Mary at the foot of the Cross (Jn 19:25). There she became the Mother of the Church when she "accepted her Son's testament of love and welcomed all people in the person of the beloved disciple as sons and daughters to be reborn unto life eternal."

In 1964, the decree says, Pope Paul VI "declared the Blessed Virgin Mary as 'Mother of the Church, that is to say of all Christian people, the faithful as well as the pastors, who call her the most loving Mother' and established that 'the Mother of God should be further honoured and invoked by the entire Christian people by this tenderest of titles'".

Votive Mass now made a fixed celebration

Then, in the Holy Year of Reconciliation in 1975, the Church inserted into the Roman Missal a votive Mass in honor of the Blessed

Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. With the present decree, Pope Francis inserts that celebration into the universal Church's liturgy as a Memorial on a fixed date. The Congregation for Divine Worship has published the official liturgical

texts in Latin. Translations, the decree states, are to be prepared and approved by local Bishops' Conferences before being confirmed by the Congregation. (*catholic news*)

## Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

By Fr. Bill Kiel ([www.spiritofmedjugorje.org](http://www.spiritofmedjugorje.org))

The month of May is remembered as the month of Mary.'

Memories go back to 'May altars' set up in church, school and home, honouring our Blessed Mother with Her statue and flowers. On February 11, 2018, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments announced the *Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church* is to be celebrated annually on the Monday following Pentecost. This year it will be *May 21*.

St. Augustine says that Mary is the mother of members of Christ, because with charity She cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church.

St. Leo the Great says the birth of the Head is also the birth of the body, thus indicating that Mary is at once Mother of Christ, Son of God, and mother of the members of His Mystical Body, which is the Church.

These considerations derive from the divine motherhood of Mary and from Her intimate union in the work of the Redeemer, which culminated at the hour of the Cross.

At the conclusion of the Third Session of the Second Vatican Council, Blessed Paul VI on November 21, 1964 declared the

Blessed Virgin Mary as "Mother of the Church." Words taken from the official Decree state: "This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God."

Pope Francis believes the promotion of this devotion will encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church and increase genuine Marian piety. The Memorial will appear on all calendars and liturgical books for celebration of the Mass and Liturgy of the Hours and will have its own readings. The Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church will be another reminder for all Christians and Catholics, as this Mass is celebrated, of the importance of the role Mary has in our lives and in the Church.

*Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.*

**Divine Mercy Sunday in  
Surmanci (Nr. Medjugorje)**  
(01.04.2018)



Church of Divine Mercy is located in Surmanci, just along river Neretva, and each first Sunday after Easter we celebrate the Feast and the blessing of this church built in 2002. The main Holy Mass follows Sunday, April 8, at 11 am.

It was a prayer group from Trento that gave to Medjugorje the icon of the Merciful Jesus. The icon is full of significance, since the miraculous healing that happened before this icon was one of the proofs used in the beatification of Sr. Faustina Kowalska and recognition of Devotion to the Divine Mercy, as well as institution of this Feast on the first Sunday after the Easter.

This icon was in the chapel in Surmanci for the first few years and later on it was moved to this newly built church, devoted to The Divine Mercy. Once the faithful from all over the world discovered this place, they all began to come and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet before this famous icon.

*“The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls”*

( St. Faustina )

**RIP**



**Wayne Weible**

We offer our condolences to the family of Wayne Weible, who died on April 21, 2018. Aged 80.

Wayne Weible, born in Long Beach California in 1937, died on Saturday April 21st 2018 after a three month illness.

Wayne is survived by his beloved wife, Judith Weible, his six children: and five grandchildren.

For the past 33 years, Wayne has made it his life's mission to spread the messages of Our Lady of Medjugorje bringing hundreds of thousands of people to conversion to God. Wayne has travelled the world speaking about Medjugorje, he has written twelve books which have sold worldwide. In addition, Wayne has lead dozens of pilgrimages to Medjugorje throughout the past 30 plus years.

During the 1990's Medjugorje NE were privileged to welcome Wayne Weible to St. Dominics Priory, Newcastle. He spoke to a full church, with great passion about The Apparitions and Messages of Our Blessed Mother of Medjugorje. He spoke with great warm and encouragement. We thank God for his life and his Witness.

*Spirit of Medjugorje paid tribute to Wayne saying:*

*‘In struggling to find the words to explain who Wayne Weible was, I*

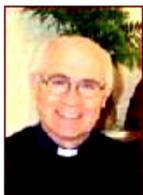
prayed to Wayne and the next morning, someone sent me what Wayne himself wrote on December 9, 2017: 'I have been involved with Medjugorje for 32 years, beginning as a lukewarm Protestant who knew nothing about apparitions. It has changed my life... I have travelled the world to spread the messages, given thousands of lectures and

written 12 books on the apparitions.' Wayne's first book, 'The Message', which has been a catalyst for countless conversions, is estimated to have sold over a million copies. "The Miracle at Medjugorje," a series of newspaper articles, has reached 100 million-plus copies and is still distributed throughout the world. ([www.Spiritofmedjugorje.com](http://www.Spiritofmedjugorje.com))

### 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fr. Ciaran McDonnell RIP

(Former Spiritual Director of Medjugorje NE 1993 -2012) and PP of St. Augustines, Leam Lane.

Who died on Ascension Sunday  
20<sup>th</sup> May 2012 aged 64



Fr, Ciaran will be remembered during The Afternoon of Prayer at St. John Vianney.

Holy Mass will be offered during Our Pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

Fr, Ciaran had a deep love for *Mary, the Mother of God* and led many Pilgrimages to Medjugorje. A few years ago he went to *Medjugorje* on sabbatical where he ministered to the English speaking Pilgrims, hearing daily confessions.

**Pax Christie**

*Priest and Servant of  
the Love of God*

### Act of Personal Consecration to the Holy Spirit

O Holy Spirit, love that proceeds from the Father and the Son, font of inexhaustible graces and life, to You, I desire to consecrate my person,

my past, my present, my future, my desires, my choices, my decisions my thoughts, my affections all that I am, all those whom I encounter whom I think of, whom I know, whom I love and all that with which my life makes contact.

From, the power of your light, from the warmth of your presence, from your peace, are all your blessings.

You are the Lord and giver of life, and without your strength nothing is without fault.

O Spirit of eternal love, come into my heart, renew it and make it evermore like the heart of Mary, so that I can become now and always, temple and tabernacle of Your Divine Presence.

**(Fr. Ciaran)**



## RIP

**Dorothy Carr**—Blackhall Co.  
Durham

17th April, peacefully, aged 75 years  
Dearly beloved wife of the late Joe, a  
much-loved mam of Susan, David,  
Kathleen and Joe, a dear mother in law,  
devoted nana and great-grandma.  
Dorothy's Requiem Mass took place at  
St Josephs RC Church, Blackhall on  
Thursday 26th April prior to interment  
at Blackhall Cemetery.

Dorothy was known and loved for her  
devotion to Our Blessed Mother.  
Despite suffering a stroke which left  
her severely disabled, many years ago  
it never deterred Joe and her making  
Regular Pilgrimages to many shrines  
around the world including  
Medjugorje, Fatima and Lourdes. They  
prayed and supported Medjugorje NE  
at many events.

Sadly in 2014 Joe and Dorothy  
suffered at the hands of Burglars losing  
their life savings. The devout  
Christians wanted justice but said they  
were willing to forgive their  
perpetrator.

Joe and Dorothy were married for over  
50 years and are now at Peace together.

### **Madelein Brown**

April 2018.

We pray for the repose of the soul of  
Madelein, a gentle and devoted Pilgrim  
and follower of Our Lady of  
Medjugorje.

Beloved wife of Ted and much-loved  
mother of Julie and Grandmother.

Her Requiem Mass was held at Our  
Lady of the Rosary, Peterlee.

*Eternal Rest give unto them O Lord and  
let perpetual light  
shine upon them  
May they rest in peace.  
Amen*

ROSARY ON THE COAST FOR  
FAITH LIFE AND PEACE

### **Medjugorje NE Rosary**

led by Fr. Martin Morris



**Rosary on the Coast – 3pm**  
**Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> April**  
**St. Mary's Lighthouse Whitley**  
**Bay**

Just as the barricades went up and  
surrounded our Coastline during the  
war.

So, we surrounded the UK with  
prayers of Faith, Life and Peace  
Friends of Medjugorje North East  
gathered, united with Local North  
East Rosary Groups. Crowds  
gathered from Berwick to Saltburn  
and beyond, praying the Rosary,  
uniting groups at various locations  
around the Coast of Great Britain to  
pray at 3pm.

Looking out over the sea  
remembering that the waves brought  
evangelisation to our land, from  
ancient times and days of The  
Apostles, from Iona, Lindisfarne &  
Rome, we breathed in the chilly fresh  
air and prayed the Rosary giving  
thanks for our Faith.

The great white St. Mary's  
Lighthouse holds a beacon of light  
that shines in the darkness, it helped  
to remind us that Our Lady of  
Medjugorje is also a beacon of light  
in our world of darkness today.

*'Peace, Peace, Peace'*



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### MINSTERACRES

#### DIVINE WILL RETREAT



TONY HICKEY

(Manchester Medjugorje Centre)  
with Fr Noel Colahan will give a weekend  
Retreat from

**October 26th to 28th 2018**

**Cost £135pp**

For further details and Booking ring  
Margo at Minsteracres  
Tel: 01434 673248 or write to her with £25  
deposit.

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### MIDDLESBROUGH CENTRE FOR PEACE

MARIAN EVENING

Friday 11th May 2018

Friday 8th June 2018

**7.30pm to 9.30pm**

*Rosary : Holy Mass : Talk : Witness*

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

For further details please contact:

Mrs Marie Bedingfield  
Tel: 01642 530739

**The Film—Paul, Apostle of Christ (UK )  
is dropped from UK Cinema Release**

**DVD scheduled release July 2018**

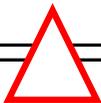
(www.thechristianfilmreview.com)

According to IMDB 'Paul, Apostle of Christ', the upcoming film based on the life of Paul from Affirm Films was scheduled to be released in UK cinemas. However sadly and unfortunately the film has been dropped from a UK cinema release.

### Dates for your diary

<b>13th May</b>	Medjugorje Day of Prayer
<b>20th May</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
<b>21st May</b>	Mary Mother of the Church (New Universal Feast)
<b>23rd May</b>	Medjugorje NE Pilgrimage
<b>25th May</b>	St. Bede
<b>27th May</b>	Holy Trinity ( Sunday )
<b>31st May</b>	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>25th June</b>	37th Anniversary of Medjugorje

## IMPORTANT



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