

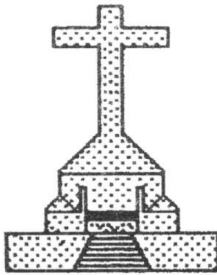
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OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World

Given 25th June 2018 to Marija Pavlovic



Dear children! “ This is the day that the Lord gave me to give Him thanks for each of you, for those who have converted and have accepted my messages and have set out on the way of conversion and holiness. Rejoice, little children, because God is merciful and loves you all with His immeasurable love and leads you to the way of salvation through my coming here. I love you all and give you my Son that He may give you peace.

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,

One of the great fruits of Mary's coming to Medjugorje these last thirty-seven years has been the rediscovery of the sacrament of Holy Confession for so many pilgrims. Indeed, Medjugorje is now acknowledged as, the '*Confessional of the world*' because of the vast amounts of people who experience within them, whilst there, the desire for purification, the forgiveness of sins.

So many can say, they have encountered the '**God who is merciful, and who loves us with an immeasurable love**' and experience an interior renewal through Holy Confession. This is Our Lady's school of Prayer where for thirty-seven years now, we have participated in a '*Pentecost*' experience encountering '**the God who is merciful and who leads us by the way of Salvation.**'

In the acts of the apostles, St. Peter preaches to the people, and when they

ask, "*What must we do?*" St. Peter replies, "*You, must repent and have your sins forgiven.*" (Acts: 2: 14-36)

For thirty-seven years now, we have been in the time of grace given by Our Lady, and we sense the Joy of Mary in this month's message when she says, "**Rejoice little children because God is merciful.**"

"This is the day that the Lord gave me to give thanks to him for each one of you." Each of us are special to her, each one of us known to her, her *Dear children*.

Mary is thankful for our response, our growth in Faith, Prayer and Holiness. These years have produced a harvest. "**For those who have converted and have accepted my messages and have set out on the way of conversion and holiness.**"

Our Lady calls us to "**The Way**"- a path to be followed, a light to guide us forward. The reason for Mary's coming is the call to holiness and conversion and we sense her

Gratitude as she sees her children on "**The Way.**"

All of Our Lady's words these thirty-seven years have shown us the true face of God, Our Heavenly Father who reaches out in love to His children.

"God is merciful and loves you all with an immeasurable love."

Jesus is the true face of the Father's Mercy, in his saving Word we see the mind of the Father, in The Prodigal Son, The call of St. Matthew, The

Good Samaritan, to mention but a few.

May we never tire of turning to the Father of Mercies, "*It is us who tire, but never him,*" says Pope Francis.

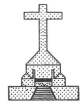
Mary gives us the life and love of her Son, she is the God-bearer the sign of the one who leads us by her hand on the way of Salvation.

Let us stay close to her, the woman clothed with the sun, who loves us and who gives us the Peace of Christ.

God Bless, Fr. Martin

Rev Fr Kevin Scallon CM- RIP
(Founder of Intercession for Priests Movement)

25th June 2018



The Magnificat, A Ministry to Catholic Women Announced:

It is with a heavy heart that we share with you the passing of our beloved Fr. Kevin , but we are joyful knowing the Lord most likely greeted him with open arms saying well done, good and faithful servant! He was a long-time friend of Magnificat and served the ministry faithfully as the CST Spiritual Advisor for over 16 years. His Fiat, wit and wisdom were such gifts. He will be missed!

We understand 83-year-old Vincentian priest, Fr. Kevin died on Monday 25 June after celebrating Morning Mass in his residence in Palm Harbour, Florida and then was called home by the Lord. It was reported that Sr. Briege McKenna said his last meal was the Eucharist. Praise God!

Fr. Kevin entered the seminary in 1953 and ordained into the Priesthood 27th May 1961. He started the Intercession for Priest, a movement to pray for the Spiritual Renewal of the ordained ministry in the Catholic Church in 1976 and worked with Sister Briege McKenna of The Sisters of St. Claire. Just before his death he had been ministering at the Intercession for Priests in the UK and Europe.

Sister Emmanuel said: This great Irish disciple of Christ just made his way to the Heavenly Father. On the 37th Anniversary of the apparitions of Medjugorje (June 25th) In Florida. Dear father Kevin has been one of the best supporters of Our Lady so far. Of course, we are happy for him that he has now returned to the Lord whom he dedicated his life and ministry to. But how we miss his gentle re-assuring presence here on earth! However, we will have a great advocate too in paradise guiding and watching out for us just as he always did here.

We will pray to Our Lady that she may "caress our souls" in this sorrowful time for his family and close friends, especially for Sister Briege McKenna who ministered with him for 44 years, leading missions for priests all over the world! May the offering of this deep mourning be source of blessings for those who mourn without knowing Jesus!

Fr Kevin's remains arrived home to Dublin 2nd July.

Funeral Mass St Peter's Church, Phibsborough, Dublin on Wednesday 4 July at 12pm.

Followed by Memorial Mass Sacred Heart Church Irvinestown , Co Fermanagh on Thursday 5th July. And burial afterward in the adjacent cemetery.

ANNUAL APPARITION TO THE VISIONARY IVANKA

25th June 2018

www.medjugorje.hr



The visionary Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez received her regular annual apparition on June 25th 2018

At her last daily apparition on May 7, 1985, Our Lady confided to Ivanka the 10th secret and told her that she would have an apparition once a year on the anniversary of the apparitions. It was that way also this year. The apparition, which lasted 3 minutes, took place at Ivanka's family home. Only Ivanka's family was present at the apparition.

After the apparition, Ivanka said: Our Lady gave the following message:

“Little children, Pray, Pray, Pray”.

25.06.2018

Our Lady's message to Mirjana

2nd June 2018



“Dear children! , I am calling you to accept my words which I am speaking to you as a mother, with a simplicity of heart, so that you may set out on the way of complete light and purity, of the singular love of my Son, man and God. A joy - a light indescribable in human words - will penetrate your soul and the peace and love of my Son will take hold of you. I desire this for all of my children. Therefore, you, apostles of my love, you who know how to love and forgive, you who do not judge, you whom I encourage, you be an example to all those who are not going on the way of light and love or who have diverted from it. By your life show them the truth. Show them love because love overcomes all difficulties, and all of my children thirst for love. Your unity in love is a gift to my Son and me. But, my children, remember that to love also means to desire the good for your neighbor and to desire conversion of your neighbour's soul. As I am looking at you gathered around me, my heart is sad, because I see so little brotherly love, merciful love. My children, the Eucharist - my Son alive among you - His words will help you comprehend, because His word is life, His word makes the soul breathe, His word brings about cognition of love. Dear children, anew, I am imploring you as a mother who desires the good for her children: love your shepherds, pray for them. Thank you. .”



REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL

of The Community of The Beatitudes
www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

Medjugorje, June 20, 2018

Dear children of Medjugorje, praised be Jesus and Mary!

1. On June 2, 2018,

Mirjana received her monthly apparition at the Blue Cross, in the presence of a huge crowd. After the apparition, she conveyed the message that Our Lady gave for us all. (see page 4)

2. Mirjana not feeling well?

Many pilgrims have noticed that Mirjana seems to be in pain when she awaits Mary's apparition on the morning of the 2nd. We can see that she strives to stand straight, however she actually has back problems that cause her great pain and make it difficult for her to kneel. It is unthinkable for her to receive the visit of the Mother of God standing or sitting; so she forces herself to remain on her knees and that explains her discomfort. She also spends hours in prayer the night before the 2nd, which also explains her tired face. But what an illumination when Our Lady appears to her! She no longer feels the aches and pains in her body during the ecstasy, because she is carried into another world and she becomes oblivious to the external realities. When the ecstasy ends and she returns to this world, she feels the pain and physical weaknesses in her body again, and Miki hands her a piece of paper so that she may write down the message...

3. An exceptional live?

On June 26 at 9:00 pm I will speak about the message of June 25, because on that day we will celebrate the 37th Anniversary of the apparitions. This Anniversary will be marked by great joy since, on May 31, Pope Francis named Mgrs. Hoser as Apostolic Visitor for Medjugorje.



This is an extraordinary turning point in the history of Medjugorje! The bishop's task will be to assist the pastoral needs of the pilgrims who visit the Franciscan parish of Medjugorje.

4. Her heart is sad?

It is not the first time Our Lady has appeared sad when she looks at us. What does she see? Or rather, what doesn't she see? As the Mother of the Creator, she knows the splendor of holiness to which every one of us is called. She also sees our choices today, and the easiness with which we let ourselves be trapped by the snares of the Evil one, who wants to destroy us. She tells us, "My children, I want to gather all of you under my maternal mantle, to protect you from the attacks of Satan."

What is the maternal mantle under which Our Lady invites us? It is the one she received at the Annunciation when the Angel Gabriel told her, "The Holy Spirit will overshadow you." This "overshadowing" of the Holy Spirit, has never left her. This is why the poisoned arrows of the Evil One could never go through it, since it is the Holy Spirit Himself protecting her. This is why the ones who live under the mantle of Mary are protected too!



If Mary is sad today, it is because she dreams of communicating to us all the love that flows from her Immaculate Heart; she sees all the love that we could share with one another but we don't because we wander out of the mantle, far from her Heart... As a result we expose ourselves to inner emptiness and many needless tribulations! Every mother understands that very well.

To be sure to live inside the maternal mantle of Mary, the road is simple, and we are privileged to be able to take it: knowing, meditating and living her messages with all our heart! In other words, living the Gospel of her Son, re-explained with her motherly words for our time.

5. Ireland ablaze! Like most European countries, with the exception of Poland, Malta and Cyprus, on May 25 the majority of voters in Ireland made their choice in favor of the culture of death making abortion legal. There are questions over whether the referendum was carried out fairly and some challenges have been made. One complaint is that some groups of people were not able to vote, particularly convents and elderly people. This result does not really express the voice of the Irish people yet they have to submit to the consequences of it until the triumph of the Immaculate Heart, when everyone's hearts will be enlightened. The culture of death, even if it made the partisans of abortion dance, never attracts the blessing of God upon a country nor peace in the hearts of those who live there!

But one must admire the generosity of so many Irish people who prayed and fasted with so much fervor during the months preceding the vote. The shock they received upon seeing the sad victory of the culture of death provoked a beautiful reaction: they kept on praying, but this time as reparation for the abortions performed today and the ones to come in the future. As Our Lady said on March 18 in her yearly message given to Mirjana, "Dear children, your battle is difficult, it will become even more difficult!"

Dear Irish friends, don't give up hope, the victory is already won by The One who crushes the head of the serpent with her heel. Be patient, for after new ordeals that you will offer to God for those who have not yet

known the love of God, you will see that Jesus was, is, and will be in your boat, and that you will not sink! On the contrary, you will catch many fish in your nets!

A comforting note: In Portugal, the law in favor of euthanasia was rejected by Parliament.

6. Vicka met Mgrs. Peric on his recent visit to the village of Krehin Gradac where Vicka lives with her family. The bishop of Mostar had just given the sacrament of Confirmation to the children; among them were Vicka's children. A providential meeting as this picture is showing! Mgr Peric will retire within the next few months. Let us continue praying for him!



7. After the interruption of summer in July and August, my next Live in French about the message of the 2nd will be on September 3rd at 9:00 pm. The live of the 3rd of June can be found on:

<http://www.enfantsdemedjugorje.fr/medjugorje-direct-du-3-juin-2018/>

Dearest Gospa,
we are still praying the novena preceding the Anniversary of the Apparitions, so we beg you, inspire each one of us to know which present you would love to receive from us.

How can we thank you enough for 37 years of apparitions?! Do not abandon us!

Sister Emmanuel +

PS1. On June 4, Ivan received the evening apparition on Podbrdo and The Blessed Mother renewed for us this call: "Also today, I wish to call you to pray for my plans especially during this time, the plans that I wish to realize through my coming to you. In a special way, dear children, I want to encourage you to pray for the family and for the youth. Pray and be untiring in prayer. I intercede for all of you before my Son."

On June 15, she said through Ivan: "Dear Children, also today in a special way I wish to call you to the Eucharist. May Holy Mass be the center of your lives. In a special way dear children, may the Eucharist be in your family. The family has to live Holy Mass in order to give glory to Jesus. Jesus must be at the center of your lives. Therefore pray, dear children, in your family and set out after Jesus..."

Medjugorje North East Pilgrimage May 2018

Spiritual Director Fr. Martin Morris

Pilgrims Progress - To Jesus through Mary

By Geraldine Dobson

Our 2018 Medjugorje pilgrimage began with an early morning flight on 23rd May 2018 from Newcastle to Dubrovnik. 42 pilgrims including four priests, Fathers Martin Morris, Jeff Dodds, Shaun O'Neil and Michael Whalen as well as fifteen 'first time Pilgrims'.

We particularly welcomed back organiser, Kath Ash who, due to ill health, had been unable to accompany us in 2017.

From Dubrovnik for 3 hours our coach followed the magnificent Adriatic Coast to Medjugorje – a wonderful experience with breathtaking, God given beauty.

Medjugorje, is a small town situated in the western part of Bosnia and Herzegovina, southwest of Mostar and close to the border of Croatia. The name 'Medjugorje' means, 'between the hills', the population is Croatian and Catholic. The parish, a grouping of five hamlets, i.e. Medjugorje, Bijakovici, Vionica, Miletina and Surmanci, is a part of the state of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I imagine that, by now, most people will be familiar with the events which began on 24th June 1981 when two teenage girls, Ivanka and Mirjana, saw a vision of Our Blessed Lady ('the Gospa' in Croatian) whilst walking in the rocky hills of Mount Prodrdo above their village in what was then

Yugoslavia. Later this experience was shared with four other children. The next day all six went to the hill and saw the apparition of Our Lady close up for the first time. These six children constituted the group of visionaries from that time on and began the longest series of Marian apparitions in church history until the

present day with the messages of Peace, Prayer and Reconciliation.

This region is becoming increasingly familiar as I, my sister, Veronica and her husband, Robert recently completed our 3rd pilgrimage in May this year with the Newcastle group. Our first visit, in June 2016, came at a time of great personal sorrow and raw emotions, our mother having died in the April. Our visit turned out to be a time of great consolation and, quite unexpectedly, of great conversion too. We were so moved by our experience we could not imagine not returning the following year and the one after ad infinitum.

Blessed with absolutely glorious weather throughout and a friendly and knowledgeable guide, Slavanca, we were all on our way.

30 years ago, the area was not developed, no shops or hotels and earlier pilgrims recite stories of how they lived with locals or slept under trees in the fields. Expansion and development has meant that there are



now the usual Hotels, shopping areas selling pious objects, souvenirs.

One huge advantage of staying in Medjugorje in a Central Hotel is that all services are in close proximity of the church of St James and various other devotional places; the locality is slowly becoming wheelchair friendly.

The Confessional of the World.

Confession is, by far, the very best start to the pilgrimage and is a large part of Our Lady's plan in Medjugorje. Time actually spent in confessing is never an issue and everyone is encouraged to take up this wonderful opportunity, this golden, God given time to share with God our thoughts, sins and transgressions via His priest servant. Confession areas are numerous, either enclosed or in private outside, where confessions are heard in many languages by numerous priests who are always readily available.

Walking the 'Red Path' through the fields leads to The Hill of Apparitions, it is very much part of the pilgrimage and a favourite of the Pilgrims. Early one morning we journeyed together praying the Rosary before climbing the hill. The compacted, claylike soil along the way is notably a very 'rich red' colour, the type of soil that develops in a warm, temperate and moist climate. The 'red path' is lined on either side with wild flowers and vegetation of various kinds including vine yards. Springtime is a most beautiful time to be in Medjugorje, a time when the flowers are in bloom and it is so easy to be in communion with God in nature. I once read that these mountains, fields, flowers, grapevines, and trees are part of a village that has been chosen to bring

healing to the whole world – I now know this to be true.

Locals also sporadically line the 'red path' selling table cloths, handmade crucifixes, rosary beads, fruit, water etc. The path leads to the small hamlet of Bijakovici with formal shops and eventually to the 'Blue Cross', a small shrine to Our Lady at the base of Apparition Hill where visionary, Mirjana hears interiorly Our Lady's voice on each 2nd day of every month, sometimes she also sees her.

Mount Podbrdo /Apparition Hill is the name of the "hill" where Our Lady first appeared to the visionaries. The steep and rock-strewn path that ascends to the actual location where Our Lady appeared. Apparition Hill's rugged, rocky, uphill climb is a challenge where pausing at each of the sculptured tableaux of the Joyful mysteries of the Rosary is welcomed by most to catch one's breath as well as contemplate on the mystery. One is rewarded at the top with a feeling of accomplishment and being able to kneel and pray before a large statue of Our Blessed Lady – how she got there is another story!

KRIŽEVAC means Cross Mountain. Its history makes one more appreciative of the past efforts and sacrifices of the Parishioners and the pilgrims climb, therefore, much more meaningful. It is the highest mountain in the area at 520 metres above sea level. In 1933, Pastor Bernadine Smolian and the parish of St. James erected a large concrete cross to commemorate the 1900th Anniversary of Jesus' Passion and Death on the Cross. During construction of the 8.56 metre, 16-ton

cross, the parishioners carried all of the materials, cement, sand, water, tools, etc., in memory of Christ's way of the Cross. The cross was completed on March 15, 1934. They engraved the words, *"To Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the human race, as a sign of their faith, love and hope. From every evil deliver us, O Jesus."* A relic of the True Cross of Jesus was received from Rome from Pope Pius XI and built into this cross

Before 1933, and the erection of the cross, Medjugorje endured many hail storms that destroyed the villager's crops in the fields. This was a tremendous hardship because, materially, the villagers had little. Upon completion of the cross, the storms ceased, and there have been no reports of such storms again in this area.

The villagers began to meet every year on top of the mountain for Holy Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross, on September 14th. During the Communist regime it was forbidden to have any outside religious gatherings, the authorities made 'The Triumph of the Cross' an exception every year.

Those of us who chose to climb Cross Mountain and pray the 'Penitential Way of the cross' began in the coolest part of the day at 5.30am before breakfast, armed with ruck sacks, water, sun hats, stout footwear and walking sticks – Climbing Apparition Hill is a 'doddle' compared with the very steep, winding, rugged rock climb to the top of Cross mountain. Most of us



welcomed the breaks as we stopped to pray at each of the 14 stations of the cross on the way! Whilst climbing one is very much alone with one's thoughts whilst at the same time out of breath, trying to decide the safety of the next step on the ascent and also trying to comprehend that this mountain is where Our Lady has appeared many times!

I read recently that Cross Mountain is central to one's pilgrimage to Medjugorje, that it is a 'penitential climb' leading pilgrims to reflect upon their relationship with God and what they need to change in their lives to draw closer to Him. Also, that when pilgrims arrive at the top they often experience deep healing, cleansing and peace at the summit of the mountain, at the foot of the cross. I learned only recently that Our Lady has made it clear in Her messages that it is Her desire to see pilgrims climbing both Cross Mountain and Apparition Hill.

Many pilgrims, old and young alike, climb barefoot to add a little more to the sacrifice and it's not uncommon to see people unable to walk, being carried up on stretchers or in chairs. Despite the effort of the challenge, the sense of achievement and exhilaration when one reaches the summit is so rewarding. The views are magnificent, spectacular, but also present one with a great sense of perspective as well as the presence of Almighty God. Descending the mountain was even more of a challenge as the same rocks are slippery smooth and shiny with wear but we all reached bottom safely - the graces gained and the joy experienced

by climbing and walking far outweighed the effort and sacrifice.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the warm, balmy air of the evenings is a beautiful, uplifting and emotionally moving experience in Medjugorje. Our Blessed Lady has come to teach us how to adore Her Son in simplicity through beautiful music, song, spoken meditations and silence.

There are few places on earth in which the connectedness of the Church is so visible and so powerful. It is truly a unique experience of Medjugorje for English speaking pilgrims to gather in the outdoor area behind St James church and kneel in prayer and unity before their Lord beside many other nations from all over the universe, France, Italy, Croatia, Germany, Poland, Russia, Japan, China, Hungarian, Africa, etc. Our Lady has told us that She is always present when the faithful are adoring Her Son.

The occasion reminded me of an Indian priest from the USA on retreat in Darlington who told us that Adoring the Blessed Sacrament during Exposition is the closest to Jesus any of us will ever get whilst on earth – what a profound thought, how fortunate we are.

The Homily during the English Mass – We are blessed to hear the word of God discerned each day at the English Mass, Fr. Martin Morris N.E led the Mass on the Feast of St. Phillip Nero and gave an inspired welcomed Homily to the English Congregation. N.E. Pilgrims read and led the bidding prayers with sincere enthusiasm.

25th May 2018 -Ireland's Abortion Referendum: Homily by Fr. Brian McKevitt OP, Dominican, Dublin.

We happened to be in Medjugorje when Ireland was voting on 8th Amendment. All Pilgrims in Medjugorje were asked to Fast & Pray, a local baker had donated free bread to 'Marys Meals Cafe' to help encourage the Pilgrims.

During the Homily, Fr. Brian spoke eloquently and courageously about the devastating result of the Irish vote to abolish the 8th Amendment thereby allowing abortion. He talked about what modern society considers as 'normal' like caring for the sick and the poor which are, in fact, Christian principles and that this vote was a return to ancient barbarism, "Ireland", he said, "has had a long and very often a tragic history but nothing in Irish history has been as evil as what the Irish voted. It is beyond imagining the depths of the evil we did to a God given right to human life.to undermine the very concept of a human life. To reject not just the commandments of God but the God of the commandments."

He said 'We believe in the resurrection of Jesus. We do not know what part this vote has in the plan of Almighty God, but God can draw good out of evil, not one tiny prayer is wasted. Grasp the wonderful thing it is to have the Catholic faith. Grasp the wonderful thing, it is to be people of hope, hope in the resurrection, hope in eternal life, we can suffer it and offer it up, knowing that ultimately the victory is Christ Jesus' Fr. Brian was given a Standing Ovation by the Congregation, which is rarely seen in Medjugorje.

(Full homily on www.MaryTV)



Our Blessed Lady calls us' **do not neglect prayer because prayer works miracles.**'

(25th May 2018 message to Marija,)

Our Blessed Lady has given us all '5 little stones' as weapons against what she calls our 'Goliath', namely:

- **Prayer with the heart** - let the Rosary be in your hands as a sign you belong to me
- **Eucharist** - receive Holy Communion regularly
- **Holy Bible** – read the bible every day
- **Fasting** – Keep faith, fast and pray
- **Monthly confession**

Quotations from first time pilgrims:

'Truly blessed and at peace',

'A brilliant experience'.

'A wonderful, interesting and emotionally fuelled visit to a beautiful place' –

'A truly spiritual place', 'Heaven on earth'

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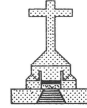
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Prayer For Priests



God our Father, we ask you to bless
our priests
and confirm them in their calling.
Give them the gifts they need
to respond with generosity
and a joyful heart.

For our part, we pray
that we may always be attentive to
their needs
and never take them for granted.

They, like us,
need friendship and love,
welcome and a sense of belonging,
kind words and acts of
thoughtfulness.

We pray, also, for the priests
who have wounded priesthood.

May we be willing to forgive
and may they be open to healing.
Let us support one another during
times of crisis.

We offer this prayer for our priests,
They are our brothers
and our friends.

Amen

“

*You are a Priest forever,
A Priest like
Melchizedek of old.*

”

Psalm 110:4

**Announcement from The
Provincial of Herzegovinian
Franciscan Province.**

The Holy Father appointed Archbishop Henryk Hoser, S.A.C., retired bishop of Warsaw-Prague (Poland), Apostolic Visitor with a special role for the parish of Medjugorje, for an indefinite time, and ad nutum Sanctae Sedis.

It is exclusively for the pastoral ministry, continuing the mission of the Special Envoy of the Holy See for the parish of Medjugorje, entrusted to Mgr. Hoser on February 11, 2017

The purpose of the mission of the Apostolic Visitor is to ensure a firm and permanent escort of the parish community in Medjugorje and those who come to pilgrimage, whose needs require special attention.

We wish to greet and welcome with the same respect and loyalty on our behalf, the current Special Envoy of the Holy See for Medjugorje, His Excellency, Archbishop Henryk Hoser, now appointed Apostolic Visitor with a special role and authorities.

It is up to the appointed Archbishop, to use all the authority and governance of his mission, to clarify all matters regarding the role and the mission entrusted to him by the Holy Father Francis.
Pax et bonum!

*In Mostar, May 31, 2018.
Fr. Miljenko Šteko, OFM, the Provincial*

**THE PAPAL ENVOY,
ARCHBISHOP HENRYK
HOSER**

arrived in Medjugorje.
(14th June 2018)

This historic event was streamed live
by MARY TV...

Upon his arrival, the Papal Envoy to Medjugorje addressed all those gathered in St. James Church:

“We are in the place that gathers many pilgrims. Let us all together



pray for the intercession of the Mother of God, so she would open our hearts to the grace of God, so she would open our minds to the grace of God, to the teaching of the

Church and to the Word of God. Our life is the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church. We seek for God’s truth, God’s truth about ourselves, but we also seek for the truth about man.

This place of prayer is now famous in the whole world, and the Holy Father is very interested in the development of devotion of the faithful that takes place here. This is also part of my mission – to evaluate the pastoral activity that takes place here and to suggest some guidelines that should be accomplished in the future. I come from the country that has special devotion towards the Mother of God. Mary is the Queen of Poland. My wish to all of you is to make Mary the Queen of your lives. For the time being, this is what I have to say.”

At the end, Archbishop Hoser invoked the blessing of God upon all those gathered in the church.



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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
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Tel: 01434 673248 or write to her with £25
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MIDDLESBROUGH CENTRE FOR PEACE

MARIAN EVENING

Friday 13th July 2018
Friday 10th August 2018

7.30pm to 9.30pm

Rosary : Holy Mass : Talk : Witness

JOHN PAUL CENTRE
55 GRANGE ROAD,
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MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2018

19th Sept—25th Sept

£589 + Insurance

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Flying from Leeds Bradford— £550
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OUR LADY OF MOUNT GRACE OSMOTHERLY

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND CONSECRATION

SATURDAY 14th JULY 2018

Pilgrims to assemble at 11.30am
at St Peter's Anglican Church,
Osmotherly Village
followed by a silent walk to the
Shrine.

To finish at 6.00pm approx.

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All are very welcome

The Centre recognizes and accepts that the final authority regarding the apparitions at Medjugorje rests with the Holy See of Rome. We willingly submit to that judgement.