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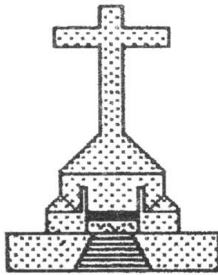
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# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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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.

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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

**St John Vianney**

2nd Sunday of the month

**4pm – 6pm**

**Cancelled until further notice  
due to guidelines on the Coronavirus**



## MEDJUGORJE CENTRE NORTH EAST

Planned to celebrate

**The 39th Anniversary of The Apparitions at Medjugorje 25th June 2020**

*(Due to Coronavirus restrictions for Church Opening)*

**This is now deferred until further notice**

*On the 24th June 1981, The Feast of St. John the Baptist, a beautiful and illuminous young woman with a child in her arms appeared to some young people—Ivanka, Mirjana, Vicka, Ivan, Marija and Jakov, on what is now known as Apparition Hill. They immediately understand that this is the Virgin Mary.*

*On the 25th June Our Lady spoke to them, saying “ Praised be Jesus”.*

In 39 years Millions of Pilgrims have travelled to Medjugorje.

## ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2021

Spiritual Director—Fr. Martin Morris

**Due to Coronavirus - Medjugorje Pilgrimage  
deferred until 2021**

**\*\*\*\*\* NEW DATE—Wed 9th - 16th June 2021**



## **A successful Virtual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje was held 25th—31st May**

Live Streamed on Facebook by Fr. Jeff Dodds and Fr. Shaun O’Neill, together with brother priests Fr. Michael Whalen , Fr. Lee Marshall & Fr. Paul O’Hara ( Hallam). **We thank You.**

We were privileged to join fellow pilgrims and our Brother Priests for a week of ‘Virtual Pilgrimage’ in the presence of Our Blessed Mother Queen of Peace, celebrating daily Mass, Adoration, Rosary with Reflections.

We have not been able to travel to, and experience Medjugorje, due to the pandemic, but with prayer and creativity of our Priests, our pilgrimage was still ‘virtually’ possible within our hearts and minds.

Walking in the foothills and following the paths surrounding Medjugorje in meditative prayer and Holy scripture to the Holy sites.

## OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World

*Given 25th May 2020 to Marija Pavlovic*



“Dear children! Pray with me for a new life for all of you. In your hearts, little children, you know what needs to be changed. Return to God and His Commandments, so that the Holy Spirit may change your lives and the face of this earth, which is in need of renewal in the spirit. Little children, be prayer for all those who do not pray; be joy for all those who do not see the way out; be carriers of light in the darkness of this peaceless time. Pray and seek the help and protection of the saints so that you also could yearn for Heaven and Heavenly realities. I am with you and am protecting and blessing all of you with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

### Reflection by Fr. Martin Morris

Spiritual Director of Medjugorje Centre NE

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Medjugorje North East and beyond, *“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes, and then you will be my witnesses.”* (Acts: 1:8) Our Lord spoke to his Apostles before His Ascension into heaven. In the Creed too we profess who the Holy spirit is, *“The Lord the giver of life.”* *“fons vivus.”- the living source.*

**Pray with me for a new life for all of you.”** It is the new life that the Holy spirit brings, the life that renews our own lives, and the life of the world. *“Behold I make all things new.”* (Rev: 21:5)

Our Lady invites us to pray with her for this new life, the life of renewed faith and love. With Our Lady we are moving from the old time into the new. Saint Pope John Paul II often spoke about the time for a second

Pentecost, or the Triumph of the Immaculate heart of Mary. Our Lady makes it specific at the start of this message what she wants us to join her in praying for: **“Pray with me for a new life for all of you.”** The Holy Spirit is the key to this new life, for the Holy Spirit makes us sons and daughters of God. It is the Holy Spirit who enables us to see the world, others and ourselves with Gods eyes. The Holy Spirit is Love, who gives to each of us the power to see all people and events in and through love. *“You are all one in Jesus Christ.”* (Gal: 3:28)

So, Our Lady next shows us how to obtain this new life. “

**In your hearts little children, you know what needs to be changed.”** In Acts 2; 37-41 St. Paul is preaching on that first Pentecost day about Christ crucified and risen. The people, we

are told were “*Cut to the quick*” and *asked what they must do?*

St. Paul tells them, “*You must repent.*” So too with ourselves still today the road Our Lady points out is one of looking into our hearts and having the courage of humility to change what we know needs to be changed. This is foundational in the Christian life for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This is why Medjugorje is rightly called, The confessional of the world. The heart is the meeting place between ourselves and God, and so let us now look into our hearts and with Mary acknowledge what needs to be changed.

**“Return to God and his commandments.”** *“If you love me you will keep my commandments.”* Friendship with Jesus Christ is an exchange of love between ourselves and Him. The commandments only make sense when lived in love. They are our surest way to happiness, for they place love at the centre.

**“So that the Holy Spirit may change your lives and the face of this earth which is in need of renewal.** The Spirit comes to help us in our human weakness, the Spirit transforms decay into new life. The Holy Spirit enables us to know God's Love and to grow firm in power in regard to our inner selves. All renewal in the world begins in the human heart, with each individual.

In the preface at Holy Mass on a Saints Feast Day we read, “In every age you raise up men and women outstanding in holiness, living witnesses of your unchanging love.”

**“Be prayer for those who do not pray, be joy for those who cannot see the way out.”** The sign that

prayer is authentic is when it begins to turn everything into prayer. So, every so often we can ask ourselves if the fruits of prayer, the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit are more evident in my heart, in our lives? i.e. peace, joy, gentleness, self-control, etc. Do I feel the new life within me that Our Lady is asking me to pray for?

Note the following words of Our Lady. **“For all those who do not see the way out.”** Our Lady calls us to be witnesses in prayer that is joyful because many people are in darkness, trapped in their own situation.

On one occasion in 2017 Our Lady referred to believers as “*Apostles of the Revelation.*” Those who carry in them the Good News of Christ Crucified and Risen. Our Prayer makes a difference, the Church is sent with this message, it is up to us each in our own way, to carry the light.

Next Our Lady says, **“Carry the light in the darkness of this peaceless time.”** We carry Jesus with us, because he is the light of the world. It is Jesus the light of the world who is the new life and shows us **“the way out.”**

Our Lady then encourages us to **“Pray and seek the protection of the Saints so that you can yearn for Heaven and heavenly realities.”**

We need the protection of the Saints because we face danger, the world is in danger.

The saints are interceding for us in heaven, they are waiting for us to turn to them. Let us have our favourite saints, and may they always be our friends on the way to eternal life. The saints lived this life always conscious of what lay beyond, Our Lady wants us to have the desire for heaven in us, so that no trial may conquer us.

Our Lady concludes this message by reminding us that she is with us, and that we are under her Motherly Blessing. This Blessing is a sure sign of Gods love upon his people, to be under the protection of the greatest of all the saints: Our Lady Queen and Mother of Peace.

God Bless,  
**Fr. Martin**

### A Prayer for Priest



Keep them, I pray Thee, dearest  
Lord,  
Keep them for they are Thine -  
Thy Priests whose lives burn out  
before  
Thy Consecrated shrine.  
Keep them for they are in the world  
Though from the world apart,  
When earthly pleasures tempt, allure  
-  
Shelter them in Thy heart.  
Keep them and comfort them in  
hours  
Of loneliness and pain  
When all their life of sacrifice  
For souls seems but in vain.  
Keep them, and O remember Lord  
They have no one but Thee  
Yet they have only human hearts,  
With human frailty.  
Keep them as spotless as the Host,  
That daily they caress -  
Their every thought and word and  
deed,  
Deign, Dearest Lord, to Bless

### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven: by the  
power of the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is  
adored and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
I confess one baptism for the for-  
giveness of sins,  
and I look forward to the resurrection  
of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen



children  
of  
Medjugorje

## REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL

*of The Community of The Beatitudes*  
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Medjugorje, May 16, 2020

**My dear friends, Christ is risen, alleluia!**

### Some news from Medjugorje...

It seems that the coronavirus has disappeared from Medjugorje, let's hope it does not come back!

**Evening mass is once again being celebrated** at St James's Parish, while complying with mandatory social distancing. Thanks to live streaming, this mass is always very well attended.



The hours of adoration have also been restored, to everyone's joy, as well as morning masses in Croatian, English and Italian. Confessions will resume next week, with adequate protection between the priest and penitent. Everything has become almost "normal" again, except that our dear pilgrims are still absent. Let us pray for a swift reopening of the borders.

The villagers have gone back to doing some farming, something they had partially abandoned in favor of working in the hotels, restaurants and shops. We are seeing many small shoots popping up in the fields around the houses. The pomegranate

trees are in bloom, and the vines are giving forth their fragrance. Walnut trees are forming their baby leaves, with the promise of a good harvest.

**Has the Blue Cross disappeared?** Yes, for the time being. It will be back, but work is being done at this location in order to facilitate a better prayer space for the pilgrims.



The young people from the Cenacolo Community are actively working to make this space beautiful and better utilized. The work being done here does not prevent people from going there to pray faithfully. You are always in our prayers, and it seems that Mary, during this long silence, is sharing with us her eagerness to see you come back to see her, back to your Mother!

**Our old shoes?** I would like to share with you a thought that came to me in the face of certain pitfalls that may tarnish the joy of a newfound freedom, since confinement will soon be coming to an end. The media is showering us with information of all kinds, often contradictory, sometimes terrifying, some of it unfounded,

some well-crafted but not necessarily enlightening. There is a great temptation to be distracted and scattered. It would be a shame to lose the values we were able to acquire during this confinement, and to just put our old shoes back on to walk as we did before.

**What are these values?** Many of us have understood that storms like these are a sign of the times, able as they are to rattle all of humanity with a tiny virus that is invisible to the naked eye. A sign that has roused awareness and challenged people's landmarks, which have now become obsolete. Some of the Blessed Mother's messages, which we had not read or had misread, have become illuminated with a prophetic light, and we see in them a salutary common thread. She is a Mother who loves her children too much to let them go adrift.

This pandemic, so costly to human lives, suffering and tragedy - not to mention the economic turmoil - is not part of Medjugorje's secrets. These secrets have not yet been revealed, and are still yet to be realized. According to Mirjana, the events they mention will happen after being revealed by the visionaries through a priest of their choice. Please note, however, that a secret does not necessarily mean a disaster.

**A CT scan?** This pandemic has caught us off guard, and we can see it as a kind of CT scan of our society. A CT scan is revealing. It can reveal both deep trouble in one organ and an absence of problems in another. In her maternal tenderness, Mary is

warning us of these troubles, but always gives hope for the future. I will first mention some of the troubles mentioned in her messages, then her positive messages of hope:

"Dear children, I am with you all these years to lead you on the way of salvation. Return to my Son; return to prayer and fasting. Little children, permit for God to speak to your heart, because Satan is reigning and wants to destroy your lives and the earth on which you walk."  
(25/3/2020)

"Dear children, Satan deviates you through materialism, selfishness and modernism."

"Dear children, I invite you to reflect on your future. You are creating a new world without God, only through your own strength, which is why you are not satisfied, and you do not have joy in your heart." (25/1/97)

"In families there must be holiness because, little children, without love and without holiness, there is no future for the world, for it is in holiness and joy that you give yourself to God the Creator who loves you with immeasurable love. That is why he sends me to you." (25/1/2020)

**Saint John Mary Vianney, the Cure of Ars**, had a true heart of a shepherd and lived in constant prayer and sacrifice, to the point of heroism. In doing so, he snatched many souls from Satan's hands and brought them back to the path of salvation. But in his fury against the Saint, the enemy let slip these words: "If there were only three like you in France, I would

not be able to set foot there." That makes things perfectly clear... What reduces the enemy to impotence are neither the weapons of the world, nor endless political discussions, nor petitions born of anger, nor violence, nor the plans for control devised by the powerful leaders in our nations, nor even indifference... What saves us from the dangers of death that threaten us today more than ever before, is the man who prays, fasts and above all does everything for the love of Love. For Love bears the name of the living God, Love is God.

In other words, let us be clear: **what will save us is the holiness** of all who have understood what an extraordinary destiny awaits us, already here on earth with divine peace in our hearts, and then with God in eternity. The "elite" and the "powerful" are like everyone else, they will die one day, perhaps even tomorrow, and their plans will die with them; so why be afraid of them? If two more saints like the Cure of Ars would have been enough to kick Satan out of my country, then here is the true power, the immense power of holiness.



Then Mary, who sees everything in the light of God, warns us maternally:

"Dear children, you are ready to sin and to put yourself in the hands of Satan without thinking. I call upon you: let everyone decide in conscience for God and against Satan. (25/4/87)

**"Without Jesus, you have no joy, no peace, no future, no eternal life."**

"I cannot help you if you do not live the commandments of God, if you do not live the Mass, if you do not abandon sin." (25/10/93)

**"Many seek happiness where it gets lost."**

**"Trials are coming,** and you will not be strong. Sin will reign..." (25/7/019)

That is why, with all the strength of her tenderness towards us, Mary is calling us:

"Dear children, I invite you to radically change the direction of your life (*Let us not take back our old shoes, because everything has changed.*)

"Dear children, **as of today, live a new life.** Understand that God has chosen each of you to be used in a great plan of human salvation. You cannot understand the importance of your role in God's plans. Therefore, dear children, pray so that you may understand God's plan through you. I am with you to enable you to achieve it in its fullness." (25/1/87) (*Who among us trusts her enough to believe that she will succeed in guiding us, since she is with us to carry out God's plan for us.*)

"Know, Dear children, that God is testing you because He loves you. Always **give up your burdens to God** and do not worry.



(11/8/84) *(What peace flows to us when we abandon our burdens to God! Why carry burdens that are too heavy for us?)*

"Dear children, **through love you can obtain everything**, even what you find impossible. (28/2/85)  
*(Getting it all? Then I want to love! Why miss such a promise from Heaven?)*

"Dear children, **this is MY time!** (25/1/97)  
*(Since it is HER time, she has tons of graces in store for us. I do not want to disappoint her love for me nor miss the showering of graces.)*

"I ask you to open your hearts to the Lord of all hearts. Give me your feelings and your problems. **I want to comfort you in your trials.** I want to fill you with peace, joy and divine love. (20/6/85) *(Consoling me in my trials? That is very timely, for my trials are many and I am so very thirsty for this divine love that does not disappoint.)*

"**Do not be afraid!** He who prays is not afraid of the future and the one who fasts is not afraid of evil."

"Dear children, today I call you to holiness. **Without holiness, you cannot live.** Therefore, through love, be victorious over all sin. Through love overcome all the difficulties that come to you. Dear children, please live love in you (10/7/86)

*(I am going to have to really start loving God and my neighbour. If Mary asks me, for sure, she will help me.)*

"**If you are mine**, you will win, for your refuge will be the Heart of my Son Jesus." (2/7/2019)  
*She points me to a safe haven, so I want to seize it, especially since there are no more shelters in this world.)*



"Dear children, I wish to share my joy with you. In my Immaculate Heart, I feel that there are many who have come closer to me and who, in a particular way, carry in their hearts the victory of my Immaculate Heart by praying and converting. I want to thank you and motivate you to work more for God and His Kingdom, with love and the strength of the Holy Spirit. (25/8/2000)

*(When I arrive in heaven and stand before my Saviour, what a joy if He tells me that I am one of them. One of those who carried in their hearts the victory of His Mother's heart... I will not have failed to glorify Him and make Him happy.)*

**Today, before we leave our confinement**, we can choose our main direction: To belong to Mary as fully as possible and **to carry in our hearts the Triumph of Her Immaculate Heart.**

Let us turn off our electronic devices for a while if they do not bring us peace. Let us leave aside any agitation that causes us to lose our

inner serenity. Of course, the actions of a believer are always a kind of struggle, but this struggle consists first and foremost in letting God act, in listening to Him: "Listen, Israel." **Only His plan will succeed!** Let us enter the silence of our hearts and listen to God cry out. He cries out His rejected love, He cries out His desire to see us happy at last, He dreams of helping us and fulfilling us, He cries from our tears and suffers from our illnesses, He is in us more intimately than we ourselves are. He is our DNA in a way. Let us not let His Heart be despised and rejected any longer for the sake of some fleeting false happiness.

"Dear children, the love of my Son is great. If you knew the greatness of his love, you would never cease to adore and thank Him. He is still alive with you in the Eucharist, for **the Eucharist is His Heart.** The Eucharist is the heart of faith. He never abandoned you, even when you tried to get away from Him." (8/2/2019)

*Dearest Gospa, with you we are not afraid. You exceed all our expectations and we love you immensely.*

**Your sister, Emmanuel +**  
(Community of the Beatitudes)

### **Date for your Diary**

**Medjugorje Retreat at Minsteracres**  
9th - 11th October 2020

**COVID19:** Subject to Government guidelines for the Hospitality industry.

### **Ivan the visionary**

received this message on May 4th 2020 during a prayer meeting, and he passed it on to all those who pray with him:

"Dear children, this is a time of thanksgiving. Today I expect love from you; do not look for mistakes and flaws in others or judge them. I ask you to love and spread the truth. For the truth is eternal, immutable and always present. Carry the light of my Son. In doing so, you will eliminate the darkness that wants to seize you ever more and distance you from my Son. Do not be afraid, I am with you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

### **Let us pray with the Holy Father:**

#### **Prayer Intention for JUNE 2020**

### **The Way of the Heart**



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We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

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*Pope Francis*

## The interview with Archbishop Henryk Hoser, the Apostolic Visitor with the special role for the parish of Medjugorje

date: 19.05.2020.

**Q. Your Excellency, I thank you for giving us this interview. The world stopped for coronavirus, so can you tell us, do you see something positive, something good that can develop out of this great drama we are living right now?**

The epidemic has surprised us with the extent and it affected the whole world and we call it pandemic. In this moment, most of the countries have been touched by this virus, most of the societies too and there is absence of social and economic life. However, on the other side, faithful feel also limitations when it comes to religious practices, churches are closed, there are strict rules and only few people are able to be in a church at the same time. This situation has not been seen before because in the past, regardless of wars or natural catastrophes that affected people they always rushed into the churches and now they cannot. Nevertheless, they can all be at home now and this is opportunity for families to be together, those who did not have opportunity before, due to the busy lifestyle of parents, activities of children, and this all led to many broken family relationships. Many parents did not talk to their children and children did not talk to their parents, brothers and sisters did not meet together, there were no family meals and prayers. This moment is the opportunity for families to be renewed in their lives and this is unique time. Besides all statistics of those who were infected, healed, statistics regarding economy and the future, on



the other hand side we have a sign for the whole world. This is all a great shock to all those who seemed to be ruling over this world, for those who

created the only ideology that is important today – the ideology of the profit, which was the purpose of the entire world economy and now all those dominating lobbies have been crashed in a certain

way. We are going through one great spiritual renewal, that requires of us to reflect on our way of life and our consumption way of life and the civilisation of the garbage that devastates the world, as well as of the ideas that are a sort of a garbage. In this time, we can all return to basics, we can reflect now when we are not able to receive sacraments and when we long for that. This is something that takes place in Medjugorje too.

**Q. Pilgrims used to come to Medjugorje throughout the whole year and now they are no longer able, but they can be connected to Medjugorje in their homes or in smaller groups. There is a live streaming service that more than 3 million people follow, which is quite a big number and can we, therefore say that we live some new reality in Medjugorje?**

Medjugorje in these days looks empty and there are not many people in the streets, no pilgrims and people of Medjugorje cannot be in the church due to sanitary demands. However, those families are big families with

several different generations, and they all pray together every day, particularly the rosary. This Medjugorje liturgy is broadcasted to the whole world too – Holy Mass and Adorations and this is how the connection between Medjugorje, and pilgrims is kept, between all those who are longing for this place and anticipate the time when they would be able to return there.

**Q. This time last year, on May 12, we recall the day when Pope Francis approved pilgrimages to Medjugorje. Archbishop, can you recall that event, great for each one of us?**

This was such a great joy for us all in Medjugorje and I remember we had a privilege of announcing this statement of the Holy See in Medjugorje church of St. James, patron saint of pilgrims. I will remind you of the content of that statement – there are no obstacles in organising pilgrimages to Medjugorje and all categories of the Church officials, starting with the cardinals, archbishops and bishops, priests from all over the world, all people were allowed to come to Medjugorje. Indeed, in that place people find what they lost in their lives and they encounter someone who waits for their God, our Lord Jesus and the Mother of God. This was a great joy that expanded all over the world for it brings the universal role of this shrine where people from all of the continents come. We are happy about this and this reflects the future of Medjugorje that needs to live in the rhythm of the heart of the universal Church.

**Q. Looking back at the year that is behind us, how do you see this decision and its fruits?**

This decision has brought the visible fruits and there was the increase in the number of pilgrims as well as priests

who come with them, there were also many esteemed Church officials, beginning with the Youth Festival and in the following months up to this pandemic. I presume, once this is over, pilgrims will return to Medjugorje, a very charismatic place, for it is the place where the light of the Gospel shines – the light of the Christ.

**Q. This week is full of Marian events, on May 13 we commemorate the anniversary of Fatima apparitions and the assassination attempt on John Paul II. Do you recall that tragic event, what happened then and where were you at that time?**

At that time, I was in missions in Ruanda. This was a tragic news that paralysed us in a way, Archbishop André Perraudin told me that during our meeting in one of the parishes. We all prayed for the healing of John Paul II as we dramatically lived the coming hours and days when he fought for his life in the hospital Gemelli, as well as during his slow and painful rehabilitations. Later on the Pope was able to return to his daily obligations, but already in the hospital, from his window he blessed all those who prayed for him and stood outside the hospital.

It was John Paul II who said that Our Lady's hand redirected the bullet that Ali Agce shot at him and this is how he survived as the bullet avoided his vital organs.

Yes, the Holy Father was saying that Our Lady redirected the bullet that did not hit his vital organs and this bullet was engraved in the crown of Our Lady in Fatima, for the assassination attempt happened on the feast of Fatima apparitions and John Paul was very devoted to Our Lady, his motto was Totus Tuus Mary – all yours, Mary. He

lived the profound Marian spirituality all of his life, something that he received from his home upbringing. While he worked in the quarry, he always had a book of Louis de Montfort on devotion to Our Lady, and later on this was something he developed more and more in his pontificate in the 20th century, all in the spirit of the Second Vatican Council and *Lumen Gentium*, 8th chapter – this used to be the starting point of his entire reflection. Also, he succeeded another Marian Pope, Paul VI, who was aware that post-council crisis causes escape from the Marian devotions, that suddenly seemed unworthy and irrelevant to the intellectuals of the opened Church and that is why Pope Paul VI released three important documents regarding Marian cult, “*Marias cultus*.” John Paul II was entrusting himself to Mary from the very beginning and he often travelled to her shrines, like when he visited Mexico for the first time only to go visit Our Lady of Guadalupe. Later on, he continued to visit Marian shrines in his pontificate and thanks to him, the mosaic of the *Mater Ecclesiae* was placed on St. Peter’s Square. This all shows how much he loved the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Q. The pontificate of John Paul II was at the time when devotions in Medjugorje began. Archbishop, are you familiar with the opinion of John Paul II and Medjugorje apparitions?**

From the very beginning, John Paul was very inclined and interested in Medjugorje, for all the events we discover today as the Marian cult present here in devotion to the Queen of Peace is deeply rooted in Fatima apparitions. Today we recall those events, the anniversary of the apparitions in the valley of peace in

1917, and eight days afterwards, Pope Benedict XV introduced invocation the Queen of Peace in the Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary. These apparitions protected our future from the conflicts, invited us to conversion and conversion is the state of peace between God and man – God’s peace in man’s heart. The restlessness is first created in each of us and radiates in a negative way around us. Unless we reconcile with God, with our neighbours, we would not be able to live with the others as with the children of the same God.

**Q. Speaking of Fatima, I need to ask you something that people find quite disturbing. Do we know all of the apparitions from Fatima, has all what the Mother of God wanted to convey to us been published?**

I think that the mystery is something we discover only partially, in that sense we do not have any absolute certainty, but all that was revealed shows the purpose of these apparitions for the world today especially, since the apparitions take place in the apocalyptic future, in the constant battle between good and evil, constant battle for Christ’s Kingdom, so His opponent, the Prince of this World, would no longer exist.

**Q. Let us go back to Medjugorje. Many pilgrims wonder if the Youth Festival and the other events would be held this year?**

We are all longing for the Youth Festival, for that was the most important event in the whole liturgical year in Medjugorje, but it depends on this pandemic and its development. If this situation lasts, unfortunately this year we would be able to have only same virtual encounter with Medjugorje, not real when people would be able to come. Now the

borders are still closed and the transport does not function, there are no conditions for coming to Medjugorje and most probably the Youth Festival will not be held this year.

**Q. When can we expect the final decision regarding the Youth Festival?**

Perhaps in the end of June, for people need to have time for preparation, everything needs to be organised in Medjugorje and pilgrims need to have all documents necessary too for this trip and coming to Medjugorje.

**Q. Anything you would like to say to our viewers, pilgrims of Medjugorje, friends of this place?**

Dear friends of Medjugorje, dear pilgrims and parishioners, I speak to you with a plea to continue living in the spirit of hope, for Medjugorje has an obligation to bring hope to people, God's hope, for He is the one who leads us all with great love and mercy, who sends us the Mother of God so she would bring us all to Him. She, in Medjugorje, has been pointing to Jesus all the time and I ask you all to be those who would sow Peace, Trust and God's vicinity in these moments.

Please look at your vineyards and olive gardens that remind so much of the Holy Land where Jesus lived. He continues to walk with us throughout the centuries, He sends us His Mother to protect us, for her to be patroness of our inner, family and social peace.

We continue to be connected, through the media who are active in these days, all so you would continue to be spiritually connected to Medjugorje, praying for the moment when we would meet there again to thank God for all the gifts we received.

**The Vicariate for Faith & Mission  
Pope Francis –  
Prayer to Mary for Protection  
during the COVID-19 Pandemic.**



O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that,

as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will

and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,

through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test –

and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



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### The Catholic Churches Close Masses live-streamed across the Diocese

#### COVID19: Prayer and Worship at Home

Due to the need to stop the spread of COVID-19 there is no change in the Government regulations which means that all churches and other places of worship remain closed. The Bishops of England and Wales are working with the Government to prepare for the gradual reopening for private prayer and later for public worship.

#### Live Streams across the Diocese

Parishes have indicated that they will be live streaming Masses during the closure of churches for acts of public worship.

Please visit the Hexham & Newcasle Diocese web site for the full list.  
(www.rcdhn.org.uk)

**Cramlington, St. Paul's** – are live streaming Masses through the [Facebook Page](#). Masses will be celebrated every day at 10.00am including Sunday. They will also celebrate a Sunday Vigil mass on a Saturday evening at 6.00pm.

**Gosforth, St. Charles** – Mass daily at 9.30am and Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6.00pm via [YouTube](#).

**Hexham, St. Mary's** – are now broadcasting a high quality stream of Mass and other services live from. This can be accessed on via their parish website [www.stmaryshexham.org.uk](http://www.stmaryshexham.org.uk) and their [YouTube channel](#). Timings; Sunday Mass 10.00am, weekday Mass 6.00pm and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Sunday 4.00pm.

**Minsteracres, St. Elizabeth's** – Mass streamed at 9.30am on Sunday via their [Facebook page](#) and a recording available after on their [YouTube channel](#).

**Newcastle, The Cathedral Church of St. Mary** – the Cathedral will live stream Holy Mass each day Monday to Saturday at 12.00 noon and on a Sunday at 11.30am. Mass will still be offered for specific intentions. Please check the Partnership website for any further updates. The live stream of Mass can be found on the [Cathedral's YouTube Channel](#). There will also be a live streaming of a time of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and devotions from 5.00pm until 5.45pm.

**Newcastle, St. Teresa, St. Lawrence, Our Lady and St. Vincent** – Mass streamed via their [Facebook page](#) weekdays at 1.00pm (except Tuesday when at 6.00pm) and Sunday at 11.00am.

Daily Morning Prayer 8.00am and Rosary at 6.00pm.

**Stockton Parish Family** – are currently streaming Masses via their [Facebook Page](#).

#### Government Coronavirus Guidelines

Stay alert | Control the Virus | Save Lives

*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.*