

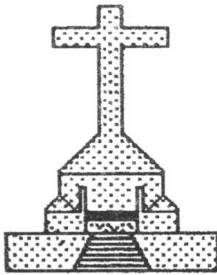
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**MEDJUGORJE
AFTERNOON OF PRAYER**

led by Fr. Martin Morris

St John Vianney

2nd Sunday of the month

4pm – 6pm

*******Cancelled 11th October Cancelled*******
(Due to Retreat at Minsteracres)

Resumes 8th November

Numbers will be limited.

Subject to guidelines on the coronavirus

**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO
MEDJUGORJE 2021**

Spiritual Director—Fr. Martin Morris

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

Aglow Pilgrimages have informed us that Jet2 have reorganised 2021 flights for Newcastle to Dubrovnik due to the Corona virus.

New flight dates have been issued and unfortunately the flight departure and return date is on a Sunday.

Our new Pilgrimage date is Sunday 6th-13th June 2021

All other Pilgrimage details ,Cost etc, remain unchanged.

2021 Pilgrimage is full, a standby list is available ring Kath Ash 01670 733358

Jonathan at Aglow will contact all Booked Pilgrims who have deferred their Pilgrimage from 2020 to June 2021.

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

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OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World

Given 25th September 2020 to Marija Pavlovic



“Dear children! I am with you for so long because God is great in His love and in my presence. I am calling you, little children: return to God and to prayer. May the measure of your [way of] living be love and do not forget, little children, that prayer and fasting work miracles in you and around you. May everything you do be for the glory of God, and then Heaven will fill your heart with joy and you will feel that God loves you and is sending me to save you and the earth on which you live. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Reflection by Fr. Martin Morris

Spiritual Director of Medjugorje Centre NE

Dear Brother's and Sisters of Medjugorje North East and beyond, Our Lady begins this month's message by reminding us of the length of time she has been with us. **"I am with you for so long."**

The coming of the Queen of Peace since 24th June 1981 has been a gift to the whole Church and the world. For it is out of the sheer free, Gratuitous Love of our Heavenly Father that Our Lady comes to us with the Gospel message of conversion.

We often hear objections to the length of time concerning the apparitions. Some say, *"Why so long?"* or *"What's the point of the repetitive nature of the apparitions?"* Well here Our Lady shows us. **"I am with you so long because God is great in his love, and in my presence."**

The apparitions have continued because of God's Love, and His Love

in Mary. The one who is full of Grace.

So, with Our Lady's coming we see something of the generous outpouring of the Father's Love and mercy through Her, for the whole Church and for the whole of humanity. For no other reason but because of God's love!

In the coming of Mary, we each see our true dignity as son's and daughter's of God. The Father is calling us!

"I am calling you, little children: return to God and to prayer"

To a great extent humanity has lost its way, and is wandering in an aimless drift. The result is much disorientation and confusion in people's lives, and so the result can be to despair, to live without any hope or direction.

Mary shows us the route map, how to exit the situation of drift. Her call is

for us all to return to the Heavenly Father, through prayer, like the prodigal son, "*and he came to his senses.*" (Luke. 15: 17)

From the outset of the apparitions Our Lady has shown us how to exit the Crisis of Faith in the Church and the world today. i.e. Prayer of the Heart is Prayer filled with Faith and Love. The type of prayer that leads to the encounter with Her risen Son Jesus. So, in the School of Our Lady we discover where all our solutions are to be found.

" May the measure of your way of living be love." God is Love, St. John the apostle tells us. The very source of our Faith is in the Love of God, made visible in Christ Jesus.

When we are in contact with God we are in contact with Divine Love. So, this same love builds on our lives, and changes our situation. We can measure our lives by all sorts of means, i.e. success, career, family, achievements, how much money we have etc. Whilst these things can be good, they should never become the soul measure of our lives. The measure of our lives is Love. The source is Gods Love, when His love flows into our daily living, we then know the real value of everything-the real quality and depth of living.

" My vocation is Love." said St. Teresa.

" And do not forget little children that prayer and fasting work miracles in you and around you." From the very beginning of Our Lady's coming she has placed Prayer and Fasting together. On one occasion she told us that Prayer and fasting could even suspend laws of nature, wars and famine. Prayer and fasting are powerful because together

they purify the inner spirit of man and give us clear vision to see the things of God. They prepare us for the coming of the Holy Spirit into our personal situation. Our Lady asks us not to forget this, then we shall miracles. If we are not seeing the miracles around us and within, maybe it is because our Faith has grown weak!

" May everything you do be for the glory of God." In all our actions we can choose to make it an offering to Our Heavenly Father for His Glory. It can be something as simple as our daily chores, some penance, some Cross we may be carrying. The point is to see nothing in our lives as worthless but having transforming power. St. Teresa called this her "*Little Way.*" The smallest action offered with Love to God can fill our hearts with his life.

The little children of Fatima said this with the offering of little sacrifices. Do we want to experience Heaven on earth? Then may everything we do be for the Glory and Honour of God.

Our Lady concludes by reminding us why she is being sent in these times. **" To save you and the earth on which you live."**

It is for our Salvation that Mary is with us for so long . There is a connection between how we live our lives and the stability of the very earth on which we live.

Without Faith and our right relationship with God and neighbour, the sinful consequences of man's actions reverberate on earth. *" Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."*

Our Lady does not say "*The world.*" But **" The Earth."**

Natural catastrophes can be the result of man's disorientation without God. We begin the Creed with, "*God the Father Almighty creator of Heaven and earth*" For it is only in Him and with Him that we can live in earthly Peace and Harmony.

God Bless, Fr. Martin

Pope Francis' ROSARY invitation

The Holy Father invites all the faithful, of all the world, to pray the Holy Rosary every day, during the entire Marian month of October, and thus to join in communion and in penitence, as the people of God, in asking the Holy Mother of God and Saint Michael Archangel to protect the Church from the devil, who always seeks to separate us from God and from each other.

Let us pray with the Holy Father:

**Prayer Intention for
OCTOBER 2020**



The Laity's Mission in the Church

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We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

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Pope Francis

‘St. Joseph the Worker’ Charity handed over to ‘Mary’s Hands’



Marijine ruke
Medjugorje

Following the death of Sister Muriel-Founder of The Charity St. Joseph the Worker her loyal assistant from 1999 Mary Walsh announced that The Charity will be handed over to ‘Mary’s Hands’ established by The Visionary Jacov Colo.

St. Joseph the worker has sufficient funds to provide and supply food for 196 Elderly and Destitute in the area. They also, have enough funds to complete the Centre of Special Needs in Citluk.

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REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL

of The Community of The Beatitudes
www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

Medjugorje, September 13, 2020
5th apparition of Mary at Fatima
in 1917

My dear friends, praised be Jesus and Mary!

1. The high places of true power. A

few days ago we welcomed here at home a long-time priest friend who has a wonderful ministry: he opens up chapels of perpetual adoration in various parishes. Father Justo Lofeudo is an "itinerant" priest of the Diocese of Toulon (France), traveling from country to country and city to city in response to his ardent desire to ensure that the Savior is present in the Eucharist among His people, to be loved and adored day and night by those who are willing to stand watch with Him for the world. The true power, of course, is the power of love: love for the living Christ! When the apparitions began here, the blessed Mother expressed her wish that a chapel of perpetual adoration to be set up in all the parishes. We are still a long way off, but there is hope. Those who get involved in this effort are delighted, given the graces that flow from this accomplishment in their own lives and the lives of their loved ones. How could it be any other way? Who better than the Creator of the world to bless His children and spread upon them the beautiful gifts they thirst for.

Father Justo has dozens of concrete examples, for he has seen with his

own eyes the unexpected transformation of so many people who have become "adorers", sometimes without even knowing Christ very well. He has seen Jesus working on the inner emptiness that afflicts so many people today, not to mention the terrible disease of despair!

Here is one story he told: "A woman was going to end her life because she saw herself as a complete failure. At 4 am, on a winter's night, she left her house, determined to throw herself off a bridge into the river. But in the darkness, she went the wrong way and turned right instead of left. Suddenly she was drawn by a light that she saw. All she could see was a tiny light and she couldn't tell that this was a chapel. Something moved her toward it, and when she got to the door, she saw that it was open. She walked in, and suddenly found herself standing before the Lord! She collapsed, fell to her knees, and began to cry. In her heart, she understood everything: The One who called her, the One who stood before her, is the



Resurrection and the Life! Far from committing suicide, she found hope

again, because she was no longer alone. This happened in 2008 in Prato, Italy, where there are now two chapels of Perpetual Adoration."

Why is this transformative power of the heart so evident in the lives of those who adore Jesus? Why do they obtain so many graces and so many benefits for themselves and for others? Someone walking into a chapel of perpetual Adoration sees nothing special there, nothing to attract the senses. People sit, kneel or stand, motionless, in deep silence. The only peculiarity is that everyone is staring at a monstrance placed on a small altar or in an open tabernacle, and Jesus is there, very humbly, in the form of the Eucharistic Bread. But His entire divine person, all his power, all his immense love is concentrated in this living host... For the whole world, this simple place becomes a place of healing, liberation, outpouring of the Holy Spirit, peace, conversion and reconciliation! Also a place of reparation, so dear to our Lord.

My favorite testimony is that of Trieste, a story that has become famous in Italy. This city had the highest rate of suicides in Italy and in all of Europe for that matter. In 2005, Father Justo launched his first chapel of perpetual Adoration in the heart of the city. According to official City Hall reports published in the local newspapers, within just one year, the number of suicides dropped dramatically, by more than half! Yes, these chapels are indeed an oasis of peace in our stormy and restless world.

2. Just a simple gaze... When an "adorer" looks at Jesus, he should know that the rays of life and love that emanate from the host touch his heart, but do not stop there! They go far beyond the heart, reaching out to God's children present in the city and all over the world. Jesus is always active, always creating, and creating anew. Hence the well-known phenomenon that is still true today: Set up a chapel of perpetual adoration in a city, and within a few years, the good gains ground over evil which melts away little by little, like snow in the sun: a significant decrease in divorces and all kinds of divisions, abortions, drugs, thefts, suicides, crimes, Satanism, occult practices, rapes and other sexual assaults... Where the Evil One divides, where the homicides reign, on the contrary God gathers His children and invigorates them. In Medjugorje, the Mother of God gives the ultimate key to true ecumenism by recalling that Christ is the central hub of our unity: "Dear children, today I invite you to become lovers of the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. Adore it, little children, in your parishes, and thereby you will be united with the whole world." (25/09/95)



It's important to note that it's not about going there to "feel something."

Of course, Jesus sometimes allows us to feel His presence, but not feeling it does not mean that nothing is happening. If we go to a Holy Hour with the sincere desire to spend time with Jesus, to keep Him company (actually, he is in fact the One who is keeping us company), even if we end up there by chance, when we leave we are changed and enriched with a new peace. In many cases, a light is shed on a decision we need to make. However, with God, there is nothing magical or automatic. As is the case in any truly loving relationship, every exchange is new and creative, it is about two souls that mysteriously unite, with moments of sweetness and moments of struggle. "Watch and pray with me," said Jesus to His disciples, "so that you will not fall into temptation... (Matthew 26:41). It would take many pages to tell you here about all the benefits of a Holy Hour for those who commit to it, and also its healing power for the world.

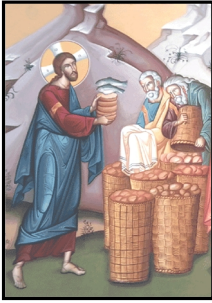
Saint Faustina tells us: "Nocturnal Adoration today. I couldn't attend because of poor health, but before I fell asleep I united in spirit with the sisters at Adoration. When I immersed in prayer, I was transported in spirit to the chapel, and I saw Jesus in the monstrance, but instead of the monstrance, I saw the glorious face of the Lord, Who said to me, "What you are seeing in reality, these souls see through faith. Oh, how pleasing I find their great faith. You see that, although ostensibly there is no trace of life in me, yet in reality the fullness of that life is there, contained in every Host; but if I am to work in a soul, it must have faith." (Diary, § 1419 and 1420)

Faith and trust... 2 major keys to move God's heart toward his children and unleash His power of love in their lives!

3. Multiplications keep happening.

A worry that disturbs the peace of so many people today is the fear of lack of food, or a famine. The economic crisis caused by the coronavirus has exacerbated poverty for the poor, and diminished the wealth of many rich people. Far be it from me to provide an analysis of the current situation. I simply wish to remind everyone that the Lord's arm has not become any shorter, and that fear should have no place in our hearts as believers. Two small instances, among many others, from the One who multiplied the loaves and fishes...

In the spring of 2002, my sister Florence had to take care of our house in Medjugorje while I was away on a prolonged mission. Before leaving, I showed her some thirty audio cassettes that were stored in a display window, and told her "If pilgrims want any cassettes, you can offer them these." I left for my mission, and when I got back, I found the exact same number of tapes in the window. "No one came to get any tapes," I said, "too bad" "Actually, she said, "many pilgrims came, and I sold some almost every day. I also gave many away for free." I smiled in silence, for after so many years of consecration, I had begun to know the One who is my divine Bridegroom... She added: "Every time I went to get a tape, I found the same number." No comment!



During the same period, her daughter had rented a room in the city for a fasting and prayer retreat with a friend for 9 days. They had bought a loaf of bread for the first day, and in the evening there was some left. But the next day they didn't have to buy another loaf of bread. To their surprise, they found the previous day's bread whole, intact, as if it had just come from the bakery. In short, during their entire retreat, they never had to buy bread! It reappeared every day. This being said, they were not so poor that they could not afford to buy their daily bread. So I asked the Lord, "Why are you doing this?" And Jesus gave me to understand that He simply wanted to prepare us for the difficult times in the future, should significant shortages occur, for He is as alive today as he was 2,000 years ago. He reminds us of His own words, inviting us to ask with faith in order to receive in abundance and - especially - be able to share.

But that isn't all. Jesus sometimes also multiplies gasoline in cars, or change in one's pocket... We see in the Gospel that He was very laid-back with respect to earthly goods. When He did not have enough money to pay the tax for himself and Peter, He did not make any big calculations

because, working with all His might for the Kingdom of God, He knew that His Father would not fail to provide for His needs. His trust in the Father and His active goodness inspired Him to find the necessary coin in a fish (Matt 17:27). There is a reason this story is told, because it confirms the words of Jesus: "But seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness, and all of these things will be provided for you as well." (Matt 6:33). This does not only happen in Medjugorje, but in the life of every true believer. Jesus dreams of giving more and more, for He loves us so much. Why then underestimate His goodness, why behave like orphans and fall into the slavery of fear? To believe means to adhere in Hebrew, and adhering means to be united with the One to which one adheres. Faith in God is demanding, but a source of such joy! You have to ask for it.

God provides not only for our needs with humanly inexplicable signs, but more often than not through simple events where one can discern His hand as a loving and merciful Father... If only the Church lived with the faith of our fathers, like in the early Church, moved by the Holy Spirit! They had nothing, but they had everything!

4. Vicka celebrated her 56th birthday on September 3rd and on this occasion the Blessed Mother prayed with her and kissed her, as she does every year. Vicka told me that the Gospa kisses "like everyone else," and she mimicked it. She does what Croatian moms do, a simple kiss on each cheek. But for Vicka, the joy she

receives is so extraordinary that she begins the countdown a whole month before her birthday. We will all experience this joy in Heaven... Just be patient.

***Dearest Gospa,** we do not know what the future holds. But we are in peace, for our only true future is your Son Jesus, our only true refuge is His Heart, united with your Immaculate Heart. And you are preparing for victory over evil.*

Sister Emmanuel +
Community of the Beatitude

WALSINGHAM



After a 5 year term as Rector of The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham we bid a fond farewell to Msgnr John Armitage as he returns to parish life in the East End of London – Canning Town. We Thank him for the warm and friendly welcome that he gave to us Pilgrims. Our Love & Prayers go with him.

As we bid a fond farewell to Msgn John Armitage we in turn welcome Msgn Philip Moger his successor and look forward to meeting him on our next Pilgrimage to Walsingham.

Msgn Moger was formally inducted as rector 24th September 2020 on the Feast of Our lady of Walsingham.

Assurance of God's Protection from all dangers (Psalm 91)

“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the LORD, who is my refuge—then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

“Because he loves me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

Our lives are marked by the sign of the cross

Fr. Damir Pavić, OFM at Cross
Mountain – Our lives are marked by
the sign of the cross
(16.09.2020)



Eighty-six years have passed since the cross on Cross Mountain was built and the first Eucharist was celebrated on the hill that became so famous in the last decades all over the world. In Medjugorje, the Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross is celebrated traditionally on the first Sunday after the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, this year it was on September 13, and the solemn Holy Mass at 11 am was celebrated by Fr. Damir Pavić, OFM.

"Everything we begin to do in our lives and all events until our last breath are marked by the sign of the cross", said Fr. Damir and stressed how important it is to be with Jesus' cross all the time, to cling to it.

He said that as he prepared for this Holy Mass, in his mind was the image of St. Peter, sitting by the fire in that horrifying night when Jesus was betrayed and surrendered to those who tortured Him to the death. This image of St. Peter, with fire the symbol of security, is the image of running away from the cross.

"We, faithful, instead of being at the foot of the cross, instead of embracing it and carrying it, we often run away from the cross. The problem of Christians today is that we all want Jesus miracle-maker, not the One who was crucified, and the main reason we avoid being at the foot of the cross is because it was from that cross that Jesus forgave all those who killed him and prayed for them." Fr. Damir also quoted one beatified Croatian priest who was brutally murdered by communists and said:

"My vengeance is forgiveness. We need to forgive our enemies for only in that way we would invite them to conversion", said Fr. Damir.

He explained the importance of Jesus' words on the cross, especially those that He said to His beloved disciple, John: Behold your Mother! The words that are so significant for Medjugorje.

"Aren't all these years of Mary's presence the revelation of that promise of Jesus. Mary is here, we need her always, that is why she has been coming, appearing, for her heart hurts for her children. She suffers when she sees that children of Her Son, who shed His Blood for them, do not listen to His words and do not care for Him", said Fr. Damir at the end.

The Miracle of the sun at Medjugorje and Fatima

Medjugorje—from the beginning days of the apparitions and continuing into the present, millions of pilgrims in Medjugorje have witnessed the spinning of the sun. Pilgrims have witnessed this miraculous happening at different times during the day for the last 39 years,

but it seems that it is especially seen during the evening Rosary, Apparition time and Croatian Mass each evening in Medjugorje. For many of the youth, growing up in Medjugorje, the spinning of the sun

has become almost a natural occurrence, as this has been happening daily since they were born. They may consider it supernatural if the sun didn't spin.

Pilgrims report being able to look at the sun without hurting their eyes and seeing many different things: the Host spinning in the centre of the sun, the sun spinning and dancing all around, it moving closer and farther away from them, different figures around the sun, such as hearts, crosses, etc.

“On August 2, 1981, the Feast of Our Lady Queen of the Angels, in the late afternoon, before the sun had set, the sun was seen to spin in its orbit, then descend toward the watching people of approximately 150, then retreat – a ‘dance of the sun’ that reminded the people of the miraculous phenomenon at Fatima. When the people were able to look at the sun without hurting their eyes, they saw

figures around the sun, as it seemed to circle, in the shape of a cross. The strange phenomena caused many to cry, or pray, or even run away. Then six small hearts appeared in the sky, centered around a large heart. Then a white cloud covered the hill and the site of the first apparition, and the sun

returned to its normal place. The people interpreted this unusual happening as the sun's witnessing to its Creator. All of this happened over approximately fifteen minutes

” The dance of the sun in Medjugorje

reminds people of the miraculous phenomenon of Fatima.

The Fatima Visionary Lucia had asked Our Lady to perform a miracle “so that everybody will believe you are appearing to us” in reply Our Lady promised a miracle at Fatima as follows: “In October, I will tell you who I am and what I want, and I will perform a miracle for all to see and believe.” This prophesy of a miracle became well known throughout Portugal, and accounts for the fact that at least 70,000 people turned up on 13 October at the Cova da Iria, despite the terrible weather.

Marian researcher Donal Foley records, that the poet Alfonso Lopes Vieira who lived over 30 miles away from Fatima along with others witnessed the phenomenon in the sky. He wrote, “On that day, 13th October 1917, without remembering the predictions of the children, I was enchanted by a remarkable spectacle

*‘My heart will triumph,
what I began in Fatima
I will continue
in Medjugorje’*

Our Lady

in the sky of a kind I had never seen before.”

Foley tells the story of a young boy, Inacio Lourenco, who grew up to become a priest. He was a schoolchild of nine when he saw the miracle at a village about 12 miles from Fatima. He described how the children and their teachers were attracted outside by a commotion in front of the school to see the miracle of the sun. He tells of how he could look at the sun, which looked like “a ball of snow revolving on itself,” before it suddenly came down in a zigzag toward the Earth. Terrified, I ran and hid myself among the people, who were weeping, expecting the end of the world at any moment.

Thousands witnessed the miracle, including sailors on a British ship off the coast of Portugal. Foley recounts the experience in England. He gave a presentation on Fatima at a college in England and was told by one of the teachers that her grandfather saw the miracle from his ship.

Witnesses described how the sun turned everything different colours, yellow, blue, white, and it shook and trembled; it seemed like a wheel of fire which was going to fall on the people. Some cried out: ‘We shall all be killed, we shall all be killed!’ Others called on Our Lady to save them and recited acts of contrition.

Lucina cry of “Look at the sun!” was taken up by the people until it rolled from the centre to the edges of the crowd as a “great wave of sound,”

At the end of this apparition, Lucia reported that Our Lady grew very sad and said: “Do not offend the Lord our God anymore, because He is already so much offended.”

The Bishop of Leiria in his pastoral

letter of 13 October 1930, declared the visions of the children worthy of credence, and permitted the following of Our Lady of Fatima, he wrote as follows about the miracle:

The Fatima author Francis Johnston wrote that this was only the third time in history that God had used the sun to perform a miracle, a reference to Joshua 10: 12-14 and 2 Kings 20: 8-11, (Fatima the Great Sign, p. 54).

It was suggested we compare what happened at Fatima with Guadalupe in Mexico in 1531, where Mary rearranged the flowers for Juan Diego with her own hands, or at Rue du Bac, Paris, in 1830, where Catherine Labouré put her hands on Mary’s lap, or Knock, where one of the witnesses felt the grass under the apparition to be dry, despite the rain, and another saw it as ball of light from a distance, then clearly we are dealing with apparitions which impinged on reality, and felt real to those involved. The same is true of the apparitions at Beauraing and Banneux in 1930s Belgium, where similar aspects were present. At Beauraing many witnesses saw a “ball of fire” in the place of the apparitions on one occasion, while at Banneux, the mother of the seer saw a mysterious shape.

What seems to have happened at Fatima is an extension of these principles to cover a much larger area, so that at the final apparition, the miracle of the sun, was seen by the tens of thousands who thronged the Cova, and who truly believed that they had witnessed a stupendous miracle.

Extracts from the Miracle of the sun- <https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/>
<https://www.medjugorje.com/>

The Power of the Rosary

by Meg Hunter-Kilmer - kind permission from Aleteia

From Lepanto to Ireland to Austria and beyond, this prayer should truly be considered a weapon.

On October 7, 1571, the Christian West was in peril. As Protestant and Catholic fought bitterly against each other (and amongst themselves), the Ottoman Empire was advancing. A war-ravaged Europe was unprepared to respond to the Islamic armies that threatened to overtake all Christendom, and it seemed there was no hope.

With all Europe hanging in the balance, Pope St. Pius V commanded his people to pray. Throughout the West, churches were packed as desperate Christians prayed the Rosary night and day. The answer to their prayer came in a seemingly-miraculous victory, St. Pius V saw in a vision from Rome. "The Christian fleet is victorious!" he cried out in the middle of a meeting, weeping for joy. The Ottomans were defeated; they would continue to knock on the door of the West for some time, but never again would they threaten to break it down. The victory attributed to the Rosary.

In the wake of the battle, St. Pius V declared its anniversary to be the feast of Our Lady of Victory, later renamed in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary. This feast has, from its inception, been a declaration of the power of the Rosary as a weapon in defence of the Church.

QUEENSHIP OF MARY

We're called to join the army of this "Warrior Queen"

During the Penal times in Ireland, when it was illegal to be Catholic, the faithful clung to their rosaries and refused to cave. On failing to subdue them in the 17th century, Oliver Cromwell wrote to his superiors, "All is not well with Ireland yet. You gave us



the money; you gave us the guns. But let me tell you that every house in Ireland is a house of prayer, and when I bring these fanatical Irish before the muzzles of my guns, they hold up in their hands a string of beads, and they never surrender." It was the power of the Rosary that kept Ireland Catholic in spite of centuries of persecution.

In the years after World War II, Austria was subjugated under Communist rule. Knowing how Communists felt about the Church, this Catholic country turned desperately to prayer. Under the leadership of Father Petrus Pavlicek, a Capuchin priest, the Austrian people began to pray the Rosary daily, even multiple times a day. By 1955, more than ten percent of Austrians were publicly committed to praying the Rosary for the freedom of Austria. Then, inexplicably, the Russians announced that they would leave Austria. Without a single shot fired, Austria was free of Communist rule.

In these times of crisis, when darkness seems to encroach from every side, we would do well to stand



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beside our ancestors, who have taken up the Rosary for nearly a millennium and begged Mary's intercession for the protection of the faithful. Pope Pius XI called the Rosary a powerful weapon, saying, "If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labours."

More than just a weapon, the Rosary is a healing balm, a meditation on the life of Christ that calms our hearts and strengthens our souls. "We put great confidence in the Holy Rosary," said Venerable Pope Pius XII, "for the healing of evils which afflict our times." Even those of us who may struggle to pay attention or truly enter in to the Rosary will find, in time, that the rhythm of the prayers soothes the sin-sick soul even when the mind is less focused than we might like.

October is the month of the Rosary

and as good a time as any to take up this devotion that has brought peace to so many hearts. It's a Marian devotion, yes, but it's also a Bible study, a lullaby, and a powerful weapon. "Give me an army saying the Rosary," said Bl. Pope Pius IX, "and I will conquer the world."

May Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, transform our hearts and purify our Church through this most powerful of prayers.

With thanks to Geraldine Dobson

RIP



Jacob Conroy (Morpeth)
Sunday 27th September 2020
Aged 78

Beloved husband of the Late Elphin, loving Dad and special Granda.

True witness and faithful follower of Our lady of Medjugorje.

We give thanks for his life & devotion to Our Lady and the work he did as Brancardia in the shrine of Lourdes His Requiem mass will be Private at St. Roberts, Morpeth due to the Cornona Virus restrictions.

Donations in lieu of Flowers to HPCT
www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jacobconroy or

Jacob Conroy & Son 8 Manchester Street, Morpeth, NE61 1BH
Requiescat in Pace

Jean Marie White (Hebburn)
27th August 2020

We pray for the repose of the soul of faithful pilgrim of Medjugorje NE. Beloved wife of the late Bill and much-loved Mother & friend.

A prayerful loving lady.

Requiem Mass was offered at St. Aloysius Church, Hebburn.

Our Lady Queen of Peace pray for her.

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

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.