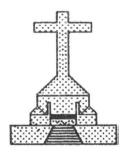
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### **OUR MINISTRY**

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

### 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 coronavirus)

Subject to guidelines on the coronavirus

### ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2021 Spiritual Director—Fr. Martin Morris

### Depending on Coronavirus restrictions Our planned Pilgrimage date is Sunday 6th-13<sup>th</sup> June 2021

(See page 13 for information) We will keep you updated.

## 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.

Further information from: Jonathan Baylis, Aglow Pilgrimages 29 Bargates, BOX SN13 8LT **Tel: 0800 6894792** 

www.aglowpilgrimages.com

### Feast days

### February

2nd	The Presentation of the Lord Saint Blaise St Paul Miki & Companions Our Lady of Lourdes Ash Wednesday
3rd	Saint Blaise
6th	St Paul Miki & Companions
11th	Our Lady of Lourdes
17th	Ash Wednesday
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### March

17th St. Patrick, Patron St of Ireland 25th The Annunciation

28th Palm Sunday

April

1stHoly Thursday2ndGood Friday4thEaster Sunday

### **Our Lady of Lourdes Novena** Led by Fr. Stephen Watson, Lourdes Pilgrimage Director

Daily Prayer - 8am Tuesday 2nd—11th February

Access via—Hexham & Newcastle Pilgrimage to Lourdes FaceBook page

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### OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World Given 25th January 2021 to Marija Pavlovic



"Dear children! I am calling you at this time to prayer, fasting and renunciation, that you may be stronger in faith. This is a time of awakening and of giving birth. As nature, which gives itself, you also, little children, ponder how much you have received. Be joyful bearers of peace and love that it may be good for you on earth. Yearn for Heaven; and in Heaven there is no sorrow or hatred. That is why, little

children, decide anew for conversion and let holiness begin to reign in your life. Thank you for having responded to my call."

### **Reflection by Fr. Martin Morris**

Spiritual Director of Medjugorje Centre NE

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Mediugorie North East and beyond. The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Peace calls us still. We are not alone, and we have not been abandoned in these times. Our Lady is with us and is calling us anew. She comes to us from Heaven with the Gospel message of Conversion to lead us on the way of Salvation. Every person is special to her, that is why she begins by saying, "I am calling you."

"I am calling you at this time of Prayer, Fasting, and Renunciation, that you may be stronger in Faith." On many occasions Our Lady has asked us to pray that we may be strong in Faith. The gift of Faith is something that we have to continually ask God for, like the Apostles did, " Lord, increase our Faith." (Luke: 17: 5-6) The Lord replied, "If you had Faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, be uprooted and planted in the sea, and it would obey you." (Matt: 17: 19-21.)

St. Paul says, "we must believe with the heart and confess with our lips" (Romans: 10: 9-10)

The question for ourselves is, Do we Believe?

When we say Credo- 'I believe' is it coming from the heart, and is it on the lips? Our Lady wants us to pray the Apostles Creed at the start of the rosary, from the heart. Mary said in the early days of the apparitions, " Let the Priest's believe firmly and protect the Faith of the people. Let the people believe firmly and fear nothing." (June 27th 1981)

Jesus prayed for Peter that his Faith would not fail. (Luke: 22: 32), and he asked, "When the Son of Man comes will he find any Faith on earth?" (Luke: 18:8)

Our Faith should not depend on human wisdom, or modern trends or majority opinion, but on the power of God. (Romans: 10:17) Faith is a supernatural gift and Our Lady asked us last month to make an act of Faith regularly. To know Christ Jesus Crucified and the power of his resurrection is the basis of our shared Faith. Mary asks us 'to Pray, Fast, and make Renunciations that you may be stronger in Faith.' Let us pray more for the gift of a Living Faith, and cultivate it by the practises Our Lady recommends. "This is the time of Faith." Says St. Paul to the Galatians. (Gal: 3:23)

So Our Lady continues, **"This is a time of awakening and giving birth."** Let us recall that Our Lady spoke these words on The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

He writes "And last of all he appeared to me too, it was as though I was born when no one expected it."

1: Cor: 15:8.

In St. John's Gospel Jesus says to Nicodemus, "I tell you most solemnly, unless a man is born through water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. What is born of the flesh is flesh, what is born of the spirit is spirit."

(John: 3:4-6)

The 'awakening' Our Lady refers to is the awakening of Faith at this time. the Faith Mary has just spoken in the previous sentence. Hearts are awakening to Faith in silent and hidden ways even though we may not yet see it visibly. New life or 'giving birth' as Mary says is the fruit of all who believe, we may be in the birth pangs of a new era of Faith. The words, 'birth and awakening' invite all of us to the new life of Faith. "A woman in childbirth suffers because her time has come, but when she has given birth to a child, she forgets the pain and suffering, in her joy, that a child has been born into the world." (John: 16: 21)

" As nature which gives itself, you also little children, ponder how much you have received."

Are you a grateful person?

Do you thank God every day for all you have received?

Gratitude is the centre of our Christian life, to give thanks to God. Faith grows in this gratitude. Mary uses an interesting word here.

**'Ponder'** St. Luke uses this word when he says, "*Mary pondered and treasured all these things in her heart.*" (*Luke: 2:19*) The word **'Ponder'** comes from a Greek word*syneterei*, meaning to 'KEEP SAFE' Our Lady wants us to 'keep safe' everything she has brought to us over these years of her coming. To guard the graces that have been given, to watch over the gifts bestowed.

"Be joyful bearers of peace and love that it may be good for you on earth." The gift of Joy comes from the Holy Spirit. It shines especially at difficult times in those who are full of Faith. Our Lady asks us 'to be joyful bearers of peace and love' because it will make the world better. What a privilege! Α reading of St Matthew's Gospel, Chapter five shows us how to be bearers of Peace and love, to make a difference to the world through our Faith.

### "Yearn for Heaven, and in Heaven there is no sorrow or hatred."

Our Lady desires that we fall in love with eternal life. This means to use everything in our earthly lives to help us draw closer to our Heavenly Father. Our Lady wants us to discern what our hearts are truly longing for and Why? She wants an orderly desiring of our choices. When we pray the 'Our Father' we say 'Thy Kingdom come.' We should yearn in this prayer for the reign of heaven in our hearts, because then there will be no sorrow or hatred that will spoil our time here on earth. Blessed Carlo Acutis understood this when he said, "Sadness is looking at myself, happiness is looking at God." Mary wants our hearts to be free of sadness and any trace of hatred because we are called to 'be bearers of peace and love.'

Our Lady concludes this month's message by reminding us that we need to 'decide for conversion and holiness anew'.

Mary repeats so many times that only ourselves can decide for holiness. Being holy depends not on living up to external ideals, rules or laws, but on our yearning and desiring for Jesus Christ. And Jesus Christ is Love, and Holiness depends on yearning for Him who is Love, then we grow in Peace and Love, and have Heaven in our Hearts.

God Bless, Fr. Martin

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Be joyful bearers of peace and love

# The Apostles Creed

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

### Amen.



**REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL** of The Community of The Beatitudes www.childrenofmedjugorje.com

Medjugorje, January 15, 2021

My dear friends, praised be Jesus and Mary.

**1. The Queen of the Prophets speaks out.** Many people have their eyes and hearts fixed on the Blessed Mother in these troubled times, for the Queen of the Prophets knows how to tell her children what they need to know, at the right time for them. She speaks with simplicity, accuracy, tenderness and she irradiates peace.

Silent and hidden miracles? The country of Hungary, which was consecrated to the Mother of God by Saint Stephen shortly before his death in 1038, gives us a new mystic who deserves to be known: Sister Maria Natalia Magdolna, a servant of God, 1901-1992. Her process of beatification is proceeding quickly, as this nun has shown amazing signs of holiness. I will mention here only a few excerpts of what Our Lady said to her. For instance, she spoke to her about the unimaginable miracles that will occur in souls, silent and hidden miracles. that will be obtained through unceasing prayer of atonement.

Mary said to her, "When Satan thinks he has become the master of the world and thinks he can sit on the throne, **I will snatch his treasure from him.** The final victory will belong only to my Son and to me."

She also stated in other words: "When Satan takes victory for granted and has dragged most souls along with him: when. in his pride immense and boundless arrogance, he believes he will be able to destroy goodness and all of God's creation (including souls); when the light of faith will shine in only a few souls, since the weak have always been easily deceived by the Evil One. it is then that God's Mercy and Grace will triumph definitively. It will be the end of the Lie and the beginning of a path that will bring divine peace to the world "

Well, praise God. These words of hope and deep encouragement are most welcome today.



2. The story goes that an old king was to die, but he was without an heir. So he said to himself: "I will invite all the eligible aristocrats in my Kingdom, on such and such a day and at a given time, and I will choose my heir among them." When the day came, a great feast was prepared in his palace, and no one suspected the secret plan that the king had devised. He dressed up as a beggar and placed himself prominently in front of the large front door, holding his empty little beggar bowl. The aristocrats began to enter the room one by one as they chatted. They all walked past the beggar king without giving him anything, not even a single glance. Actually, not all of them ignored him. One of them stopped, smiled at the beggar and discreetly slipped beautiful offering into his little bowl. When they all had entered, the king himself walked in, wearing his wretched clothes, and to everyone's surprise, he went straight to the aristocrat who had taken to heart the suffering of the poor, and solemnly said to him, "You will be my heir." With great wealth comes the responsibility to give back to those who are less fortunate than oneself.

This isn't just a lovely story. It is to be remembered for the days we are living in, where those who are considered useless. even or embarrassing, are suffering a great deal. The elderly, weakened by illness or disability, the poor of all kinds, those who are wounded by life. those who are considered too expensive for the nation and whose profile does not fit in with the plans of those who live in plenty, are indeed threatened by profound discouragement. But if we carefully read the Word of God, especially the New Testament, we discover God's immense tenderness for these "little ones" and how important they are in humanity's plan of salvation. They are the beloved little remnant of God. In reality, their life in the midst of us is crucial because they support the world through the hidden and silent offering of their suffering.

I wish here to encourage them, for a day will come, and it is near, when those who suffer in silence from the contempt of the "great ones" and are first and foremost the victims of the disastrous choices of our culture of death, will be highly exalted. They will shine like the sun in the eyes of all, and to the confusion of those who believe they have the right of life or death over them. I have seen many in Medjugorje, they come from all walks of life because real poverty does not always derive from one's bank account. I can only thank God for the grace of meeting them. They are the treasures of the Church and the precious stones of Mary's crown.

Do you know the game "Who loses wins"? That's how it works with God...

3. New! "Spiritual Warfare, the Fast Lane to Union with God" In this book. I aim to answer what so many people have been asking about: how to resist Satan and stay the course of prayer in the midst of so much spiritual confusion. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world. against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Eph 6.12) Here is a pocket tool, very easy to read, to help you pray and walk peacefully in the midst of the flames! This book is available to buy on Amazon.

"The Rosary: A Journey That Changes your Life" is also available, worldwide, to buy on Amazon. In this book we are taken on a journey with Our Lady through the mysteries of the Rosary. In addition to this, there are 10 new, never seen before mysteries, of Compassion and Mercy.



Dearest Gospa, beloved Mother, please teach us how to always focus our gaze on your Son Jesus and to abandon ourselves to Him with infinite trust. For He alone is the source of true peace.

**Sister Emmanuel** + Community of the Beatitudes

**PS 1. The visionary Ivan** is currently in Medjugorje for a few weeks, and we hope to be able to pray with him on the hill at the time of the apparition, with his prayer group. We will remember you and your intentions in our prayers

**PS 2. The visionary Vicka is doing well.** She continues her therapy following her surgery. She remains hidden because her health is still fragile and she has to be protected from the virus. Let's pray for her that she may gain weight, because she is just skin and bone. Despite this, she radiates so much joy.

### Praying for Our Shepherds -The Priests



Ivan's apparition in Medjugorje: January 21, 2021

Our Lady came to us very joyful and very happy, she greeted us all with her motherly greeting, "Praised be Jesus, my dear children".

She then prayed over all the priests here present and over all the sick.

Afterwards, she addressed us present here in this chapel with the words:

"Dear children, in the Gospel, my Son, many times tells us the words: 'Come to me, all you who are oppressed and weary, and I will give you rest, I will give you strength.

Also today I invite you, dear children, to come to Him, to meet Him.

Decide for Him and go with Him into the future.

In this way you will be safe and secure, for this world cannot give you security or peace.

Only He can give you this.

In a special way I invite you, dear children, to persevere in prayer.

I pray for all of you and intercede before my Son for all of you.

Thank you, dear children, for responding to my call. "

After that, Our Lady gave us her motherly blessing and blessed all the religious articles.

### Holicaust Memorial Day 27th January 2021

In remembrance of All Genocide. Including The Nazi Persecution 1935-1945

We remember the nine million people, including six million Jews.



Freedom from Torture Organisation: the horrifying saw effects of European fascism first-hand.

The attempt to murder all Jews in Europe, shook the foundations of civilisation

Today, may we remember them.

Freedom from Torture was cofounded by Helen Bamber. who worked as a nurse in Belsen after the end of World War II.

What she saw would lead her to dedicate her life to supporting survivors of war. torture and persecution.

With authoritarianism on the rise again across the world, we have to make sure that "never again" is not an empty platitude, but instead something to live by.

Truly remembering the victims of yesterday's wars means extending compassion and love to those affected by today's wars, too.

This last year has been challenging for us all. But in the face of hardship, the compassion and love we hold for each other must prevail.

We pray and remember all who suffered Genocide.

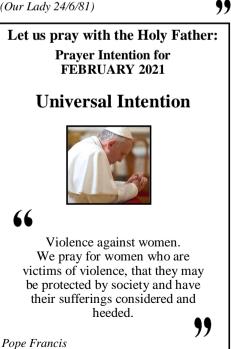
1935–45	WWII The Nazi Persecution
1975-79	Cambodia
1994	Rwanda
1995	Bosnia
2003 - present	Darfur (Sudan)

On Holocaust Memorial Day, the world pauses to remember those who were murdered simply for who they were.

We must never forget the importance of standing against prejudice and division to ensure that such human suffering is never permitted again.

Peace, Peace, Peace

(Our Lady 24/6/81)



"The time that we live in, one can compare to a very grave moment."

Dear American pilgrims, I am addressing you from Medjugorje, from this place that you like, that you visit often during normal times. However, because of the pandemic we are going



through difficult times not only in the United States, not only in the world, but also here in Medjugorje. We suffer because of the situation of few pilgrims. We are all assigned to this health regime and we miss our mobility in the world. And here, as you know, we venerate the Holy Virgin, Queen of Peace, this peace we want to proclaim to all of you who are close and those who are far away.

The time that we live in, one can compare to a very grave moment, which is noted in the Gospel. After the death of Our Lord, the world was immersed in darkness the as evangelists tell us. When Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man. was sent by God to save us, died in human hearts, hearts were filled with darkness, also this world that caused the death of Jesus Christ, fell into darkness.

We have to be able to read what is being presented as a "sign of the time". God, who is Master of history, who is the master of our present life, wants us to know what the sign tells us, it is, "Without Me, you can't do anything" so we have to attach ourselves to His presence in us, and around us, so that we can dispel darkness, so that we can go towards the Light. He brings us light, as the Canticle of Zechariah says; today He

> is the sunshine that comes from on high. Today, we are so much in need of this sunshine.

> In my message, I will address from living here, with intelligence from the heart,

the situation in the United States. I would like to formulate a perspective: if the United States promises and life towards the projects а development of human life and protection of Human life in all stages of existence, the United States will be saved. If your politics pushes you towards the negation of the values of human life, all of that will contribute to the enlargement of a darkness that scares us all.

Therefore, we are all witness to the proclamation of hope in the world, the hope that comes from God because God comes to us from the future. He is waiting for us in the time to come. He is not waiting for us any more in history. We are going towards Him. So, we can live what he offers us – peace with God and peace with all men, starting with those who are close to us to those who are far away from us.

So, may this time when we await better times strengthen your fidelity and give you courage to overcome difficult moments of your life.

May the Holy Virgin, Queen of Peace, Bless you, Protect you, and Love you without limit.

### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES** Feast Day 11th Febuary

## The Healing waters of Lourdes continue to flow

(Briege McKenna May 1981 an

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insight into Medjugorje) "And from behind him on the altar there were streams of water, like rivers flowing, and the young people were

cupping it and drinking it, and after a they would drink it they would go out 1 and bring others in."

Throughout the shrines of the world Our Lady's message is the same, from Lourdes 1858 to Medjugorje 1981 until Present

Our Lady's message of Love is for mankind to turn back to God

For Catholics, Lourdes is one of the world's beloved Shrine. Nestled in a valley in the south-western part of the Hautes-Pyrenees France. it is the scene of pilgrims gathering from all over the world.

On February 11, 1858, the Virgin revealed herself to a poor shepherd girl, Bernadette Soubirous born January 7, 1844. Eighteen such apparitions were reported.

At the Grotto of Massabielle the Virgin Mary appeared 18 times to Bernadette between February 11 and July 16, 1858.

She asked for a chapel to be built on the site of the apparitions and when asked who she was, she replied: "*I am the Immaculate Conception*." Our Lady asked Bernadette to wash her face at the fountain but there was no fountain, 'Go and drink at the spring and wash there' so Bernadette dug a hole in the ground, and with muddy water washed her face while people ridiculed her, however from



there sprang the famous fountain of water that has healing attributes. Many sick people have bathed themselves in that water and there have been

at least 64 reported miraculous healings.

At the back of the Grotto, is the Miraculous Spring that spouted on February 25, 1858, during the ninth apparition. The water from this spring is collected in several reservoirs, from which you can drink.

Millions of people from all over the world go to Lourdes in the hope of obtaining help from the generous Mother of God.

Bernadette became a nun. She died in 1879 aged 35. She was beatified in 1925 and Canonized in 1933. Her body remains incorrupt.

### St Bernadette pray for us.

Our Lady of Lourdes Pray for us.

### Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph" (Vatican News)

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the

occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph", from 8th December 2020, to 8th December 2021.

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled <u>Patris corde</u> ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting

father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

## The Church grants plenary indulgence for year of St. Joseph

The Holy Father wrote Patris corde against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

A beloved, tender, obedient father Saint Joseph, in fact, "concretely expressed his fatherhood" by making an offering of himself in love "a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home," writes Pope Francis, quoting his predecessor St Paul VI.

And because of his role at "the crossroads between the

Old and New Testament," St Joseph "has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people" (PC, 1). In him, "Jesus saw the tender love of God," the one that helps us accept our weakness, because "it is through" and despite "our fears, our frailties, and our weakness" that most divine designs are realized. "Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser," emphasizes the Pontiff, and it is by encountering God's mercy especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation that we "experience His truth and tenderness," - because "we know that God's truth does not condemn us, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us" (PC 2).

Joseph is also a father in obedience to God: with his 'fiat' he protects Mary and Jesus and teaches his Son to "do the will of the Father." Called by God to serve the mission of Jesus, he



"cooperated... in the great mystery of Redemption," as St John Paul II said, "and is truly a minister of salvation" (PC 3).

Welcoming the will of God

At the same time, Joseph is "an Father." accepting because he an important gesture even today, says Pope Francis, "in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident." But the Bridegroom of Mary is also the one who, trusting in the Lord, accepts in his life even the events that he does not understand. "setting aside his own ideas" and reconciling himself with his own history.

Joseph's spiritual path "is not one that explains, but accepts" — which does not mean that he is "resigned." Instead, he is "courageously and firmly proactive," because with "Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude," and full of hope, he is able "to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments." In practice, through St. Joseph, it is as if God were to repeat to us: "Do not be afraid!" because "faith gives meaning to every event, however happy or sad," and makes us aware that "God can make flowers spring up from stony ground." Joseph "did not look for shortcuts but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it." For this reason, "he encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak"

### A Prayer to St. Joseph over 1900 years old.

(This prayer was found in the 50th year of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In 1505 it was sent by the Pope to Emperor Charles when he was going into battle.)

Whoever reads this prayer or hears it or carries it, will never die a sudden death, nor be drowned, nor will poison take effect on them. They will not fall into the hands of the enemy nor be burned in any fire, nor will they be defeated in battle.

Oh St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the Loving of Fathers.

Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms.

I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, Patron of departed souls, pray for us.

Make his prayer known everywhere.

COVID-19 Travel	
<ul> <li>Under current UK COVID-19 restrictions, you must stay at</li> </ul>	
home. You must not travel, including abroad, unless you have a	
legally permitted reason to do so. It is illegal to travel abroad for	
<ul> <li>holidays and other leisure purposes.</li> </ul>	
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'Love Casts Out All Fear -God's Plan Will Be Fulfilled in all its Glory'

### God's Great Plan in Medjugorje

Blog by Jonathan Bayliss Aglow Pilgrimages (www.aglowpilgrimages.com) Tel: 0800 6894792

### I'M TOTALLY EXCITED FOR 2021!

We still don't know when we'll be able to travel again, visit the places we love, or even give our family members a hug. But one thing we do know is this - God is working in all of this - and He's already won.

During these tough past 10 months or so, Our Lady hasn't ceased visiting us, there hasn't been a lockdown or social distancing in heaven - she hasn't come wearing a face mask either.

She continues to bring her message of peace, her message of love and her message of hope. On Christmas Day Our Lady of Medjugorje said this...

"Little Children, do not permit for your faith and hope in a better future to be extinguished, because you are chosen to be witnesses of hope in every situation." I'm excited for the coming years ahead because I know (through scriptures and revelations in Medjugorje) there is purpose to them. We have faith in Jesus and hope in His plan for our lives. Light and darkness are being separated and there will be a gulf between the two visible for all to see. I believe we are on the horizon, about to see a great harvest of souls turning and giving their lives to The Lord.

Those of us who have experienced God's mercy and goodness through His graces given in Medjugorje, should be anticipating the next chapter of the story, whether that be 2021 or the years that follow. Our God is victorious, and His plan is being revealed.

### **JET2 Airlines**

spokesperson from Jet2 A and Jet2holidays said: "Due to the uncertainty and travel ongoing restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, we have taken the decision to extend the suspension of flights and holidays up to and including March 25, 2021."

### The Mission of My Life

A prayer by Saint John Henry Newman

God has created me to do some definite service.

He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another.

I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons,

He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do his work.

I shall be an angel of Peace, A Preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am I can never be thrown away.

If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve him. In perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him.

If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.

He does nothing in vain. He knows what he is about.

He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers.

He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me.

Still, He knows what he is about.

Amen

Sorry for any misinterpretation This Prayer was previously published by us and attributed to Jacob Conroy RIP. This beautiful prayer should have stated 'It was always read and lived out by Jacob'



We pray for the repose of the souls of the following Friends of Medjugorje NE. Who lived their lives in the Presence of Our Lady Queen of Peace & Mother of Christ Jesus.

'If you knew how much I loved you, you would cry for Joy' (Our Lady of Medjugorje)

Margaret Martin RIP - Ashington (formerly of Amble)

16<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020 Beloved wife, devoted Mother & Grandma- Requiem Mass was held at St. Aidans, Ashington. Margaret a sincere Reader of our Newsletter had a special devotion to Our Lady Queen of Peace. God Rest her soul.

Patricia Brady (Pat) RIP - St. Aloysius Hebburn

January 2021 Much loved by her St Aloysius friends & family.

Pat often talked about Medjugorje; she received many blessings in her early pilgrimages to Medjugorje.

### Marina Pease RIP – St Aloysius Hebburn.

31st January 2021 Much loved by Eddie & her family & friends.

Marina supported Medjugorje NE, with a great joy in her heart, she returned to Medjugorje many times with our annual Pilgrimage.

For many years, we always relied on Marina to give a warm friendly welcome at St. Aloysius on our Afternoon of Prayer. She was known for batch baking Cheese scones for our Day of Prayer at Sacred Heart, making sure there was enough for everyone.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord

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.