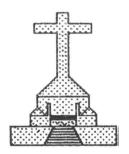
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OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PRAY FOR US



led by Fr. Martin Morris

2nd Sunday of the month 4pm – 6pm

12th December 2021 *No afternoon of prayer in January 2022*

Resumes 13th February 2022

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NEW DATE ARRANGED

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

Depending on Coronavirus restrictions Our planned Pilgrimage date is

Sunday 15th-22nd May 2022

All Booked Pilgrims previously deferred from 2020 to June 2021 will be transferred to new date next year **2022**.

Further information: Kath Ash Tel :01670 733358

Message from Aglow Pilgrimages

As I'm sure you can appreciate - it's been a long and tiresome 18 months for everybody within the travel industry. We're back in the office on 8th November 2021 to resume our pilgrimage operations and announce all our 2022 departures!

Please check back on our website then.

Wishing you every blessing.

Jonathan Baylis Director email: travel@aglowpilgrimages.com tel: 0800 689 4792

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



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"Dear children! I am with you in this time of mercy, and I am calling all of you to be carriers of peace and love in this world where, through me, little children, God is calling you to be prayer and love, and an expression of Heaven here on earth. May your hearts be filled with joy and faith in God; that, little children, you may have complete trust in His holy will. That is why I am with you, because He, the Most High, is sending me among you to encourage you to the

hope; and you will be peacemakers in this peaceless world. 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, Our Lady begins this month's message with her words,

" Dear Children, I am with you in this time of Mercy and I am calling all of you to be carriers of peace and love in the world."

It is truly a special grace that Our Lady is with us, and Mary reminds us of this truth. In starting with, " **I am with you."** Our Lady wants us to recall the reality of her presence with us, so we do not feel abandoned in living the life of Faith today, which can be a lonely path for many.

She who accompanies us is 'Mother' -Mother of the Church, and Mother of Mercy. She has been guiding us all these years, and now Mary wants us to feel the tenderness of her Motherly Mercy.

So, Our Lady refers to ' this time of Mercy.' It is a time of Mercy because she is with us in a special way, sent from Heaven with the

Gospel message of Repentance and Conversion. Because the Mother of God, walks with us on our pilgrim journey, and teaches us anew, on the path of Salvation, we are in a time of Mercy. These opening words 'time of Mercv' concerning а underscores the opportunity being given at this time, and so we shouldn't take this time for granted.

I remember Fr. Jozo speaking on a Priest's retreat once, and he encouraged us to be alert and vigilant in our lives of Faith.

" Don't wait for the sign, or the secrets, Now is the time of Mercy." He said.

" I am calling all of you to be carriers of Peace and Love in the world." So, this begins in the heart of each individual. We have to decide for 'Peace and Love'. Mary calls us to remember that the call to Peace, begins with our personal decision for God. God is the source of Peace and Love, and to the extent we possess The Spirit of God, we become carriers of 'Peace and Love' in the world.

The question for us is, *Is Jesus Christ the Lord of my Life*?

Our Lady wants us to be like many little lights around the world, who reflect 'Peace and Love' because we are in contact with God.

"Where through me, little Children, God is calling you to be Prayer and Love, and an expression of Heaven on earth." When we read these words, we may find ourselves saying, "*Me really! An expression of Heaven here on earth?*"

But Mary says, "**Through Me.**" It is through her, through her Immaculate Heart, her spirit, her fullness of Grace, that we become 'Prayer and Love' for others, and it is her Love, that she now shares in Heaven, that we can express. The whole point of our devotion to Mary, is to become like her, to imitate her, her Prayer, and Love. This is why the prayer of The Rosary is so powerful, because we enter into the mysteries of Christ's life, with her heart and mind.

The consecration to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, is also a means of becoming 'an Expression' of Heaven' This is what we pray for each time we pray the 'Our Father.' with the Words, 'Thy Kingdom Come.' May the reign of Christ be in my heart! In my whole life!

" May your hearts be filled with Joy and Faith in God, that little Children, you may have complete trust in his holy will"

Mary wants our hearts to be filled with 'Joy and Faith in God.'

Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, so we should pray for this gift regularly. When we pray the first two decades of the Joyful mysteries, we can contemplate Mary's Joy, her 'Magnificat'. We can set ourselves close to her in this prayer and ask for the gift of a Joyful heart.

Our Lady asks us also to have 'Faith' in God. 'I Believe' CREDO' - we say, so we can pray the Apostles Creed every day, and tell God we do Believe. Mary has mentioned many apparitions her times in the importance of praying for the Gift of Faith, for the healing of Faith, and the strengthening of Faith. Our Faith, Mary says, will help us have complete trust in God. 'Jesus I trust in You?'

The Prayer of abandonment to God is also a great help in making an act of Faith.

Our Lady concludes this message as she began. By reminding us that

'I am with you.' She says that 'The Most High is sending me to encourage you to the Hope.' Mary knows and understands the temptation to discouragement in our lives today. She accompanies us on our pilgrim journey, she is the Mother of Mercy. So, we are not alone, God sends her to us to encourage us in Hope, and it is Hope that should renew and intensify our lives of Faith.

'Hope' empowers us to desire and Trust firmly in God's loving Salvation, and that God will give us what we need to attain it. People of Hope, become encouragers to others.

Our Lady finishes by reminding us all, that this is what she wants us to do, to become 'Encouragers' of Christian Hope.

As we pray in every Mass, in the moments before Holy Communion,

'As we await the Blessed Hope' for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.'

May we all have a truly Blessed Advent, May we grow in Faith, Blessed Hope, and Encouragement for one another. Our Lady is with us!

God Bless, Fr. Martin

Amen.

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 Saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Prayer of Abandonment by Blessed Charles de Foucauld,



Father, I abandon myself into your hands. Do with me what You will. Whatever you may do, I thank You. I am ready for all, I accept all Let only your will be done in me. And in all your creatures. I wish no more than this, O Iord Into Your hands, I commend my soul. I offer it to You, with all the love of my heart For I love you Lord and so need to give myself, To surrender myself into your hands, Without reserve and with boundless confidence. For You are my Father.

The Prayer of abandonment to God is also a great help in making an act of Faith.



REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL of The Community of The Beatitudes www.sremmanuel.org

Medjugorje, November 18, 2021

Dear friends, praise be to Jesus and Mary.

1. The great crossing-over...It can be a good experience.

November reminds us of our loved ones who have gone before us, and makes us think of our own departure too; so, let us learn something from this famous dialogue between 2 great Italian saints, John Bosco and Dominic Savio.

Savio: Do you see these flowers? They represent the virtues that most please the Lord.

Bosco: Which ones?

Savio: Roses symbolize charity: violets. humility; sunflowers. obedience; gentian, penance and mortification. and cobs. frequent communion. Lilies symbolize the beautiful virtue of which it is written: 'They are like angels in heaven'. namelv chastity. And everlasting flowers symbolize all those virtues which must last forever, namely perseverance.

Bosco: All right, my dear Savio. But tell me, you who have practiced these virtues in your life, what was your greatest consolationat the moment of death?

Savio: What was it, in your opinion?

Bosco: Perhaps having kept the beautiful virtue of purity?

Savio: No, not just that one.

Bosco: Perhaps you rejoiced in having a clear conscience?

Savio: This is indeed a good thing, but not yet the best.

Bosco: Could the hope of Heaven maybe have been your comfort?

Savio: It wasn't that either.

Bosco: So may having acquired merit from many good works?

Savio: No, no...

- So what comforted you at this final hour? **Bosco** asked him, almost pleading, saddened at not having been able to guess his thought.

Savio: What comforted me most at the moment of death was **the assistance of the powerful and eminently kind Mother of the Savior.** And this you must tell your sons. Let them never forget to pray to her while they are alive.

(Excerpt from San Giovanni Bosco, Il beato Domenico Savio. Torino, SEI 1950 p. 229-243)

This dialogue speaks for itself, as we ask ourselves about the best way to please the Lord and fall into his arms of mercy in our last hour.

"The main thing is not to act so much according to our idea, said St. Maximilian Kolbe in a later time, but to be in the hands of the Immaculate."



A prophetic voice.

A little-known episode can shed light on how to help the souls in Purgatory.

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Maria-Anna Lindmayr (1657-1726) was a mystic from Munich who made headlines in her time with her prophetic expression and her experiences with the souls in Purgatory.

She was 27 years old when the Lord began to teach her how to effectively help souls in Purgatory. He asked her to choose every week a certain virtue and to offer the efforts she makes to acquire it for the benefit of the souls in Purgatory. She had to do it through the hands of the Blessed Virgin or her guardian Angel. For instance, she could choose practicing humility for souls that suffer in Purgatory because of their pride, because they did not practice this virtue much... It is precisely through humility that we can help the souls in Purgatory a great deal, much more than through other practices of hard penance... Jesus also asked her to invoke the souls in Purgatory to help her, so that through their guardian angel, they may warn her when she was lacking in this virtue, so that she could help them...



2. On November 24th, we will celebrate the 21st anniversary of the birth in Heaven of Father Slavko Barbaric, the tireless apostle of Mary's love. On this occasion, the small local group "*Gospa majka moja*" that has been praying the Rosary on Podbrdo every morning at 5 am for 17 months, have also been

praying a novena of the Stations of the Cross on Mount Križevac, every day at 8:30 am, since November 15th. This is a humble but strong invitation to join them from wherever we are, to implore more than ever the help of Heaven, because it is through prayer that evil and fear will be overcome.

On November 25th, 2000, about 24 hours after Father Slavko's death at the top of Križevac, Mary's message ended as follows: "I rejoice with you and I desire to tell you that your brother Slavko has been born into Heaven and **he intercedes for you**".



3. Saint Joseph will not leave us. On December 8th, on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the year dedicated to Saint Joseph will end. Here is a simple and inspirational prayer that we can address to St. Joseph:

"Saint Joseph, You who are my spiritual father watch over us with love.

Teach me to live like Jesus and Mary, as you did. Help me constantly grow in love. Obtain for me the openness of spirit which you had. And lead me by the hand to the greatest day of my life; my entrance into heaven. Amen"

4. A ladder for Heaven? At the Three Fountains in Rome, where St. Paul was put in prison, Roman

soldiers were martyred in the days of Emperor Diocletian, St Zenon and his companions. In this place, St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) celebrated Mass with Pope Innocent II.

At the time of the consecration, he saw something that looked like a ladder raised on the altar. The souls in Purgatory climbed this ladder to reach Heaven, where they were welcomed by the Blessed Virgin Mary, hence the name of this church, St. Mary in Scala Coeli, *St. Mary of the Ladder of Heaven.*

This vision shows the value of the Eucharist for the deliverance of these souls. It also tells us the importance of the intercession of the Mother of God and the importance of our prayer. As a Mother, she wants only one thing, for all her children to share in her glory as soon as possible, and she does everything to spare us from Purgatory.

"If you surrender to me completely, she said, you will not feel the crossing from this life to the next life. You will begin to live the joy of Heaven on earth." (To Jelena Vasilj, 1986)



New intercessors. Through the visionary Vicka, Mary recommends a daily prayer on behalf of these souls. Then, she said that when we pray for

the poor souls, we gain new intercessors who will, in turn, pray for us. They will help us to become detached from earthly things, and cling to heavenly things instead. Vicka told me: "If you saw Purgatory even for a single second, you would never fail to pray for these souls, you would want to empty Purgatory."

The teachings of the Church on what happens after death are important facets of our faith that we rarely hear about today. This can lead to many of the faithful neglecting their deceased or allowing themselves to be taken in by false beliefs, such as the idea that there is nothing after death, or reincarnation. This ignorance often breeds anguish, while Christian hope alone gives true comfort.

"It is wrong to teach people that we are reborn several times on earth and pass into different bodies. We are born only once", Mary tells us. (24. 07. 82), and she adds: "Many people think that after death there is nothing. No, dear children, this is a great mistake, because after death there is eternity."

5. Know how to protect yourself. Many people have asked me if there are traditional ways in the Church to be freed from evil spirits, to be strengthened in temptations, to keep peace in their heart at all costs when the arrows of the enemy are flying in every direction, on a personal, family or national level. I will mention here only one of these means, because this topic would require several pages (see my book "Spiritual Warfare: the express lane to union with God" for more details https://sremmanuel.org/books/ #Spiritual Warfare The Express La ne_to_Union_With_God).

One day, while speaking with **Don Gabriele Amorth**, the famous exorcist of Rome (born into Heaven in 2016), he pointed out to me the great power of exorcised water and salt. He especially recommended to me the formula in Latin, that of Pope Leo XIII, and he wondered why it was so rarely used.

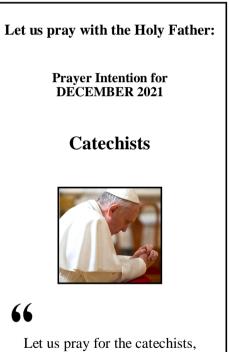
I have published on our website **this Exorcism formula**

(https://sremmanuel.org/pearls/latinwater-and-salt-exorcism-formula/), so that the faithful can print it, take it to their priest with water and salt (you can add oil), and suggest that he exorcise these elements. Only a member of the clergy can perform this exorcism; the laity cannot.



In Medjugorje, mothers of families go around the house and garden every Saturday, sprinkling water and blessed salt while praying. This is an old and excellent local tradition, which has helped Christians remain faithful during times of persecution. Why ignore them at a time when spiritual warfare is so intense? This practice is within everyone's reach, when done from the heart, and it is a source of liberation Dearest Gospa, how good it is for us to have you as our Mother. With boundless trust, we seek refuge in the depths of your motherly Heart; keep us as the apple of your eye, because Jesus himself gave you to us.

Sister Emmanuel + (Community of the Beatitudes)



Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit..

Pope Francis

A new Apostolic Visitator for Medjugorje appointed http://www.medjugorje.hr/ (27.11.2021)

The Press Office of the Holy See announced on November 27, 2021, the news that Pope Francis had appointed Archbishop Msgr. Aldo Cavalli, titular Archbishop Vibo Valentia (Vibo Valentia - lat. Dioecesis Vibonensis).

former Apostolic Nuncio to the Netherlands, as the Apostolic Visitor with a special role for the parish of Medjugorje, indefinitely and ad nutum Sanctae Sedis.

It is a continuation of the

mission carried out in Medjugorje by Archbishop Henryk Hoser, S.A.C., who died on August 13, 2021 in Warsaw.

Msgr. Aldo Cavalli was born on October 18, 1946 in Lecco (Italy). He was ordained a priest of the diocese of Bergamo on March 18, 1971. After ordination to the priesthood, he taught literature at the Seminary, during which time he completed his studies in science Catholic political at а university. He has been at the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy in Rome since 1975, crowning his stay with a postgraduate degree in theology and ecclesiastical law. He served in several nunciatures as the Secretary and in the State Secretariat of the Holv See. He was ordained a bishop on August 26, 1996 in the Cathedral of Bergamo. He has been the Apostolic Nuncio to Chile, Colombia, Malta and Libya, and since March 21 2015, he has been the Nuncio to the Netherlands and the Permanent Representative of the Holy See to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

On the occasion of this appointment, the Provincial of the Franciscan Province of Herzegovina, Fr. Miljenko



Šteko, said: "I express my deepest gratitude to the Holy Father Pope Francis for appointing a new Apostolic Visitator with a special role for the parish of Medjugorje, represented by Archbishop Cavalli. We see this

appointment as a sign of the careful attention of the High Priest for this place of pilgrimage. We welcome the new Apostolic Visitor with a deep sense of gratitude and respect as his

benevolent predecessor. the Msgr. Hoser. whose birthday is. quite significantly, on this day. May the new Apostolic Visitor in the new ministry, by which he represents the Holy Father and the Holy See in Medjugorje and in the local Church, be accompanied by the heavenly help of the Most Holy Mother of God, the Blessed Virgin Mary!"

"I am truly happy because of this news. I was wonderfully surprised by the news that Pope Francis had appointed Msgr. Aldo Cavalli as the new Apostolic Visitor with a special role for the parish of Medjugorje.

We are grateful to God for Msgr. Henryk Hoser for being with us and for having done so much for Medjugorje and we believe that Msgr. Cavalli shall continue his path. We are glad for this news.

Thank you, Pope Francis, for sending us Archbishop Cavalili as Apostolic Visitor with a special role for the parish of Medjugorje", said the parish priest of Medjugorje, Fr. Marinko Šakota, after the announcement of this news.

To live with the heart – The life and work of Fr Slavko Barbarić By Fr Marinko Šakota

Following Fr Marinko's article in the last edition of The Medjugorje Newsletter (Oct 2021) We continue with a 2nd extract from

Fr. Marinko (Who was Fr. Slavko Barbaric?)

Fr, Slavko Barbaric Medjugorje – Spiritual Father of Medjugorje and Founder of The Mother Village, who inspired The Youth Festival. Fr. Slavko died suddenly on Mount

Krizevac 24th November 2000.

At the end of the book, Fr Marinko introduces about the spiritual profile of this special Friar-man. He doesn't want to portray him as a perfect Christian. Nor was he. He had his

weaknesses, but he fought, day by day. Fr Marinko writes: "Another capacity strongly marked his personality: living in the present moment. He used to say that some people clung to the past because they regret what had happened yesterday and worry about the future out of fear for what might happen tomorrow. They are fixed on the past or on the future, and they miss the present-day. As they feverishly hold on to the past and the future, they so do not realise that they are losing grip on the present moment, which is fleeing like sand from a closed fist. " Everything that Fr Slavko did in his life, where he participated in, founded and supported was achieved with lot of efforts invested in evervdav minorities. The beautiful most activities, associations, festivals and



meetings that Medjugorje has had shines with his humility."

He was indifferent to praise. He neither sought it, nor did he suffer if it wasn't given. He considered that the meaning, the importance, and the value of one's work should not be conditioned or measured by applause. At my First Mass he pronounced a wise and very important thought that sets one free, motivates and points

into the right direction. I think that it does not concern only the priestly vocation, but all vocations. "Then, the author added Fr Slavko's words: "Whatever you do, don't do it for to be loved by others, because often you will not be loved, which could make you

disappointed. Instead, whatever you do, do it out of love of others ". Fr Marinko wrote beautiful, good things about Fr Slavko's life, before all he was his friend who wanted to emphasize his humility, because he knew him so well. Fr Slavko is an example how some people may look fragile but have firmness, stone character. Just as a stone from Apparition's hill. Barefoot and on its knees, pilgrims walk there over the years, every day, and every other the stone becomes even more sharper. Over the years. Fr Slavko heard so many confessions, and cried so many times. Being compassionated with his pilgrims but each time he became stronger. That's the proof how humans just as stones are eager to love more by sharping their souls. He worked and prayed, tirelessly. All for

his pilgrim's love. Being there for the young, old, children, sick and the healthy ones. Fr Marinko wrote: "I remember that Fr Slavko often told the talented students that they must develop their talents. They make a mistake if they keep their talent at its initial level. This is a sign of laziness and selfishness. If they develop their gifts, they will become givers and ennoble this world." As Fr Slavko said: "Selfish attitude towards our gifts is the most dangerous illusion. The person, who shares what he has received, will receive more and more every day, will grow in richness, peace and happiness."

All these things were done by himself. Just like that. His talent left us his precious books, good for the soul, mind and HEART. In their title, most of them have heart, and how not to? When he lived there with all his heart and left it for Medjugorje. Still beats there.

God bless You!

Book available:

TO LIVE WITH THE HEART - The life and work of Fr Slavko Barbarič, by Fr Marinko Šakota

Detailed information at https://medjugorje.store/

Dedicated to the Pilgrims

By Fr. Slavko

(FB posting by Antonello-Medjugorje News)

In a moment like the current one where they try in all ways to tear us apart from Medjugorje, to keep us away from that land so dear to us, the words of Father Slavko give strength and comfort.

Dedicated to the pilgrims.

(I know for sure there are expert companions who read these lines on the way back home).

When you are back home.

Dear pilgrim, seeker of God!

When you are on pilgrimage in Medjugorje, you are invited to pray in church, to attend the Holy Mass, to confess, to worship in front of the Sacrament Jesus, to climb Krizevac (the mountain that reminds us of the steps, One of Christ, our suffering and our cross) and praying on the Podbrdo, the Hill of Apparitions. I believe you've done all this, that you've renewed your faith, your love and hope, and that you've convinced yourself how close God is to you.

This is the reason for your trip to Medjugorje.

Indeed, here God is near to all those who seek Him.

Be felt, be loved.

He gives us the strength to commit ourselves to Him.

Here God made the fountain of Peace to flow through the Queen of Peace.

I am convinced that now you have a spontaneous question, that after all many other pilgrims ask themselves: here everything is good, here everything is easy, everyone prays, everyone seeks God but what will it be once they return home?

What can I do for my peace to grow, my love to develop, trust to replace mistrust, the spirit of reconciliation to be stronger than that of discord? Medjugorje is for the pilgrims what was the Tabor for the disciples: we need to convince ourselves that it is possible to live love and experience the glory of God; but we need to return home, each in his Jerusalem, in the daily, at work, at st udio, among many people who don't have The same beliefs

Yes, we need to go home!

In Medjugorje church you prayed for a long time.

It wasn't hard for you to get on the Krizevac, regardless of the good or bad weather.

You found the time to climb the Podbrdo too, and you were happy.

Now put aside Medjugorje, as a parish community, and come back home bringing with you, in your mind and heart the places and events of Medjugurje.

We are sure that you will find your Krizevac and your Cross at home.

At home you will find the suffering you left behind.

This one awaits you.

But don't be afraid !

The Krizevac of Medjugorje is not at all easier than vour Krizevac. although, for many, it has become understandable more and more acceptable, since when, by God's will, the smallest mountain, that is, the Hill of Apparitions has become a place d'amore, intense encounters with God through Mary.

Therefore, even if your Krizevac awaits you at home, made most of the times of suffering and afflictions, for which you are not personally guilty and responsible, you erect right next to it a smaller mountain, your Hill of Apparitions, your Tabor! So Krizevac will also buy a new coloration, it will be wrapped in new peace and new hope.

Build Apparition Hill in a corner of your apartment or home.

Above you will put a smaller cross, a light, the Bible and the rosary!

You'll understand your Krizevac, your passage and your sunset.

Next to the Hill of Krizevac Apparitions. becomes the place of resurrection. because no Krizevac exists to destroy you and ruin you, but to help you get to salvation.

Remember this well!

Our Lady took Christ's words seriously.

It comes with you on your Krizevac, on your Calvary, like the rest he said expressly in the 1986 Christmas Message:

Dear children! Even today I thank the Lord for everything He is doing to me, in particular for the gift of being able to be with you today, dear children, these are days when the Father gives special thanks to all those who open their hearts to him.

I bless you and wish that you too, dear children, know the thanks and put everything at God's disposal, because He is glorified through you My heart carefully follows your steps. Thank you for answering my call.

This message is valid not only for those in Medjugorje, and not only for visitors. This was addressed to you and I.

Going home, forever blessed by the One who is blessed eternally!

Father Slavko.



RIP

Kelvin Keddy (Bedlington formally of Wallsend & Carlisle) Died 15th November 2021 Aged 89 Member of Carmel Third Order Friend of Medjugorje Centre NE

Beloved husband of the late Joan, Cherished Dad & Devoted Grandad.

Under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. Tom Cass, Kelvin along with his wife Joan and Sylvia were founders of Medjugorje Centre NE.

Kelvin was involved in developing The Medjugorje Newsletter, The Retreat at Minsteracres, The Pilgrimage to Medjugorje and Youth 2000. Over the years Kelvin arranged for visiting Medjugorje Visionaries, Fr. Slavko and Fr. Jozo to make their journey to The North East.

When the Bosnian War started in 1992 he assisted The Medjugorje Apostolate to ensure aid and provisions were supplied to the displaced Refugees and Community of Medjugorje and the Surrounding Hills.

During these uncertain years, Kelvin supported Medjugorje Peace Tours to enable Pilgrims to make their Pilgrimage to the Holy Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Medjugorje.

It was a privilege to be part of these past days, to be a witness to a great man of true faith, always full of wisdom & encouragement. With the Scriptures at the Centre of his life. His Great love for Our lady Queen & mother of Peace remains immeasurable.

Kelvin was received into St Bede's Church Bedlington on Thursday 2nd December.

Followed by Requiem Mass Friday 3rd December, and interment at Bedlington Cemetery.

Donations in lieu of flowers to Cancer Research UK to St Bede's church or online, enquiries c/o William Purves Funeral Directors, Tel 01670 812117.



During November. the Month of The Holy Souls - all Deceased Friends and Family including Deceased Medjugorje Newsletter Readers were remembered in fervent prayer.

> Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace. Amen

New Books recommended by Halina Holman

St Joseph the Silent Hero By Halina Holman



As this is the year of St Joseph, This book highlights the importance of this wonderful man for our times and as an exemplar of many aspects of holiness...

Readable script and carefully illustrated, price of £5.99. Payment via cheque to The host Apostolate or PayPal to The Host Apostolate <u>Halina.holman@mail.com</u> Contact us by email or letter stating name, address and number of copies required Address; Goat beck Terrace, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8JY thehostapostolate@gmail.com

Restless Waters A book of Prayers and Reflections By Celine Alexan-Brown

I have been writing my poems, prayers & Reflections for over 20 year and it has helped me through difficult times .

By sharing them I hope they may be a comfort to anyone coping with a period of uncertainty, trauma or loss.

Both books also available at the Bookshop St. Mary's Cathedral (Pauline Books & Media)



Christmas Blessings of

Peace, Love & Joy



Medjugorje Centre N.E