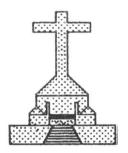
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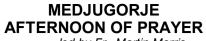
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OUR MINISTRY

To spread the messages of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus, given through the visionaries in Medjugorje.

PRAYER, FASTING HOLY-SCRIPTURE, CONFESSION EUCHARIST

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PRAY FOR US



led by Fr. Martin Morris

Change To 3rd Sunday

3rd Sunday of the month 4pm

Cancelled * 20th April 2025

Resumes * 18th May 2025

NOTE: Change of Church

Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Village Lane, Washington, Tyne & Wear NE38 7HS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

> 2.30pm 27th April 2025 Led by Fr. Martin Morris



Litany and Rosary, divine mercy Prayers.

All welcome.

St Bede

New Road, Coach Road Estate Washington Tyne & Wear NE37 2HE

Jesus I trust in You

Medjugorje Pilgrimage June 2025



Thank you everyone who has booked on this year's pilgrimage. As we have a lot of first-time pilgrims to Medjugorje, Fr Martin intends to have a pre-pilgrimage meeting and will show a video of a recent documentary about Medjugorje. This is mainly aimed at the new pilgrims but all pilgrims are welcome.

This will take place after the monthly Medjugorje Afternoon of Prayer on Sunday 18th May, in the Emmaus Room at Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Church, Washington Village, NE38 7HS.

It will be an opportunity for everyone to meet, have a cup of tea and a chat....."

Medjugorje Centre (North East)

MEDJUGORJE RETREAT AT MINSTERACRES

Spiritual Director Fr. Shaun O'Neill

Cost is £195 pp

Fri 10th –12th October 2025

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OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World Given 25th March 2025 to Marija Pavlovic



"Dear children! in this time of grace when you are called to conversion, I am encouraging you, little children: offer me your prayers, sufferings and tears for conversion of hearts that are far from the Heart of my Son Jesus. Pray with me, because, little children, without God you do not have a future or eternal life. I love you, but I cannot help you without you; therefore, say 'yes' to God. Thank you for having responded to my call."

(With Ecclesiastical approval)

Reflection by Fr. Martin Morris Spiritual Director of Medjugorje Centre NE

Dear Brother's & Sisters of Medjugorje North East and beyond, Our Lady's call is for you. The Blessed virgin Mary, Oueen and Mother of peace reminds us "I cannot help you without you." In this month's message we reflect on that appeal of Mary for each one of us to say 'Yes' to God and so make a decision for our futures. In making this decision now for God, for Faith and prayer we decide for eternal life. This month's message is so important and urgent because Our Lady speaks to us about our eternal salvation, and the path we choose in this life.

So Our Lady begins, "In this time of Grace when you are called to conversion, I am encouraging you little children". We are now

in the holy season of Lent, it is a special time to work on our own conversion. Each of us are created in the image and likeness of God, and his Grace, - his favour, goodness, is at work in us. However that grace, requires our co-operation. If we ask for Grace, God will give it. He knows our weakness, and that is why he says to St. Paul, "My Grace is enough for you, for power is at full strength in weakness." (2 Cor: 1:2:9) And Paul answers, "Yes, and the grace of God has not been wasted." (1 cor. 1 5:10) So in the remaining time of Lent

so in the remaining time of Lent let each of us make a decision for our own conversion, for it is a time of Grace.

Then Our Lady says, "Offer me your prayers, suffering's, and tears for the conversion of hearts, that are far from the heart of my Son Jesus." God has a heart. A living, beating human heart in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. The Sacred Heart of Jesus calls every person to find new life in his heart. Mary, reminds us that many are far away from the heart of her Son, and she reminds us what we can do, to help remedy this.

We can offer our prayers for this intention, but also our 'suffering's and tears' says, Our Lady. How often we might think our suffering's and trials, and tears are of no use. But we can do something with them, that can have an eternal effect. We can use opportunities these as for 'Redemptive suffering.' To humbly do as Our Lady asks and offer them to her for the conversion of hearts. Mary, tells us that "hearts are far from the heart of my Son Jesus." Our Prayers, sufferring's and tears, can make a difference in someone's heart. The simple prayer, 'The Morning offering' is an excellent way, to live out this intention for Our Lady.

"Pray with me, because, little children, without God you do not have a future or eternal life."

The situation is serious, and is one that requires a personal decision from each of our hearts. Our Lady asks us to **'Pray with me.'** What is the most urgent situation in the church today? It is prayer. What does the world need most today? It is men and women who pray. For forty two years now Our Lady has been with us to teach us how to Pray. Prayer is the key to life with God. Mary, has given us the 'five stones' of Medjugorje as a pattern for daily prayer. To decide for prayer, is to decide for God, for Jesus, who is our eternal life.

"I love you, but I cannot help you without you, therefore say 'yes' to God."

Our Lady emphasises here our personal response to God. She cannot railroad us, but we are invited to give our co-operation with her, for ourselves and for others. We are blessed with freewill, we are not robots, and our Lady is saying to us, "**Please let me help you.**"

Therefore let us remember the example of our Lady at the Annunciation, when she says of her own freewill, "Let it be done to me according to your word." (Luke: 1:38)

If we want her help, then let us go to her, she wants to help us.

God Bless, Fr. Martin

Our Lady's Annual Apparition to Mirjana 18th March 2025



"Dear children, With motherly love I implore you: give me your hands folded in prayer, give me your hearts cleansed in confession and I

will lead you to my Son. Because, my children, only my Son, with His light, can illuminate the darkness; only He, with His Word, can remove suffering. Therefore, do not be afraid to walk with me, because I am leading you to my Son – salvation. Thank you."

(With Ecclesiastical approval)

The apparition lasted from 13:30 to 13:35

Brief History: Medjugorje visionary Mirjana has received all 10 "Medjugorje Secrets." Having received all the secrets, Our Lady told Mirjana she would now receive only one annual apparition on March 18th.

Duríng Mirjana's apparition, March 18, 2020, Our Lady told Mirjana that she will no longer receive 2nd of the month apparitions, which were specifically for pray to unbelievers. No other details were gíven.

THE CHAPLET TO THE DIVINE MERCY

(for recitation on ordinary rosary beads)



Begin with: Our Father ...Hail Mary ...I believe in God

On the five large beads:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the ten small beads:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Conclude with (3 times):

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

Divine Mercy Sunday 27th April 2025

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

Medjugorje, March 17, 2025

Dear Friends, praise be to Jesus and Mary!

1. St Thérèse's guests. In her book, *The Story of a Soul*, Little Thérèse of Lisieux shares some wonderful messages about her love for Jesus and her way of pleasing Him. One of her discoveries, although very original, can be imitated by anyone, and can open up new perspectives in the way we receive Jesus during Mass.

At the age of 11, Thérèse was preparing for her first Holv Communion. Feeling very small and too weak to receive God Himself into her heart at the event. she had the brilliant idea of sending out invitations! On several occasions, we see her gathering within herself a "heavenly welcoming kind of committee" that would allow Jesus to feel very happy to come to her and meet his dearest friends. Humility and audacity comingle in Thérèse's prayer:

"Finding nothing within me that could attract the gaze of God, I offered myself to all the saints so they would lend me their merits. I begged the Blessed Virgin to present me as her daughter to Jesus, and the angels and saints to offer, in my place, everything that I should have offered."



And why not ask the entire Heavenly Court to share her joy?

"Feeling so poor and without any merit, I begged all the saints in Heaven to come to my aid, and they came to protect me and celebrate me on the day of my First Communion. I invoked the angels and the archangels, begging them to purify my heart and make it worthy to receive the God of Heaven."

When the long-awaited day of her First Communion arrived on May 8th, 1884, it is no surprise that she then received an immense favor that would light up her entire life: "Ah! How sweet it was, Jesus' first kiss to my soul! It was a kiss of love, I felt loved, and I also said, 'I love you, I give myself to you forever'. There were no demands, no struggles, no sacrifices; for a long time now, Jesus and poor little Thérèse had looked at each other and understood each other... On that day, it was no longer a gaze but a fusion, it was no longer two, Thérèse had disappeared like a drop of water in the ocean. Jesus remained alone, he was the master, the King." (Manuscript A).

Thérèse reminds us here that the culminating moment of our union with Jesus is that of Holy **Communion.** Let us take advantage of this magnificent example to experience our own communions differently, to prepare for them with love, and to strive to make our heavenly host happy! Before her First Communion. Thérèse made an impressive number small of sacrifices: In three months, she made 818 sacrifices and 2,773 acts of virtue (recorded in her notebook).

Since one of the conditions for obtaining a plenary indulgence during the Jubilee Year is Mass with sacramental communion (in a state of grace), I thank Thérèse for showing us here what the best path is. That's right! Well, all of those heavenly friends of Thérèse are indeed our friends too!

2. On March 18, the visionary, Mirjana, will receive her annual apparition of the Blessed Mother. As is the case for Jakov and Ivanka. Mirjana no longer receives daily apparitions. The Mother of God told her that March 18th would be an important date in the future. We do not know what this is about, but let's not forget that, more than once, Mary has told us: "I am preparing you for the New Time." This message is still a mystery, but it will become clear in time. This will be "a time of peace that my Heart is looking forward to," she said on June 25, 1995)

Good news, that leaves no room for fear!



3. On March 19, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, undoubtedly the greatest saint because, in Heaven as on earth, Jesus and Mary obey him. How did God forge his heart so well?

Here are 2 major aspects of his holiness that can inspire our reconciliation efforts.

He always forgave! Through the mystics, we see that he had to forgive his own family members very early on.

Before the birth of Jesus, he may have wondered how the Father, who is so good, could make him travel such a long journey, on foot and on a donkey, in the cold, with his pregnant wife?! **He forgave the people of Bethlehem** who did not welcome him when he was looking for a decent place for the birth of Jesus. Imagine the humiliation he must have experienced when all he could offer his wife, who was exhausted by the trip, was a squalid cave!

He forgave Herod, the despot king, whose machiavellian plan forced him to flee to Egypt in the night to save Jesus from being massacred. He could have revolted often, and been tempted by the demon. But he always embraced the humiliations in order to grow in humility. He received so many punches! He was often misunderstood and despised by the people of Nazareth; but he always forgave, pursuing his path under God's gaze.



He is the Peacemaker! He forgave many customers who, knowing his immense goodness, did not pay him for the perfect carpentry work he did for them. Under these conditions, how could this head of a family put bread on the table for Mary and Jesus? As a matter of fact, he did receive enough to feed his household.

Joseph is the man of Providence; he will come to the aid of those who invoke him in their needs. He will help us cleanse our hearts of any resentment and grudge towards those who hurt us.

He always and immediately submitted to what he received from God, in his dreams through his guardian angel. He wouldn't ever argue, even if he didn't understand everything. Following his example, let's not wait to understand God's plan before submitting to it, we would miss so many graces! The power of St Joseph today in heaven is unparalleled! Jesus said to Blessed Alessandria da Costa.

"Ask me whatever you want in the name of the one who, on earth, was my adoptive father. Ask, and tell everyone to make their requests to me in his name: He can get from me in Heaven what all the saints together do not obtain."

On the occasion of his feast, let us confidently invoke him! His prayer will rain down streams of blessings upon our suffering world. We need this more than ever! See the Litany to St Joseph on our website, a very powerful prayer!

https://sremmanuel.org/2021/04/01/ litany-of-saint-joseph-2/



Releasing 4. priest from a Purgatory? Among the works of mercy recommended for this Jubilee Year, I propose to have a Mass celebrated for the release of a priest from Purgatory, because priests suffer there a lot. A priest thus released will have at heart to powerfully help his fellow priests on earth, those who have engaged on the paths of sin and spiritual death, praying that they return wholeheartedly to Christ and His Word. In this way we can do immense good to the Church and to the world!

Dearest Gospa, we cannot imagine what the world would be without you and your maternal interventions on behalf of us sinners. Thank you so very much! You never tire of loving us and proving it to us in a thousand ways. We beg you, put in us the Fire of love that burns your heart!

> Sister Emmanuel, Community of the Beatitudes



2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'

The Holy Father has declared 2025 to be a Jubilee Year with the motto and theme

"Pilgrims of Hope."

The Holy Father has decreed that the Holy Doors are opened on Sunday 29th December.

The Holy Doors will be closed on 6th January 2026.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JAKOV



Jakov was born on the 6th March 1971 to Ante & Jaka Čolo. He was an only child. When Jakov was a young boy his father left the home to work in Germany. In 1983 Jakov's mum died so he went to live with his uncle.

In 1981, when the apparitions began, Jakov was 10 years old. His apparitions of Our Lady lasted for 17 years. Jakov was in Florida in 1998 when Our Lady appeared on the 12th September, his last daily apparition. That apparition lasted 30 minutes. Our Lady entrusted the 10th secret to him and told him that she would appear to him every Christmas day for the remainder of his life and she gave him this message:

"Dear child! I am your mother and I love vou unconditionally. From today I will not be appearing to you every day, but only on Christmas, the birthday of my Son. Do not be sad, because as a mother I will always be with you and like every true mother I will never leave vou. You continue to follow the way of my Son, the way of peace and love, and try to persevere in the mission that I have confided to you. Be an example of a man who has known God and God's love. Let people always see in you an example of how God acts on people and how God acts through them. I bless vou with my motherly blessing and I thank you for having responded to my call".

The 10 Secrets *Revealed to the Six Visionaries by Our Lady of Medjugorje*

Introduction

In addition to her public messages, Our Lady has gradually revealed to each of the six visionaries a total of ten secrets concerning significant events that will occur on Earth. The visionaries have been allowed to disclose only a few small details about the nature of these secrets. Once a visionary has received all ten secrets, Our Lady ceases her daily apparitions to that visionary and instead appears to them annually for the rest of their lives.

Gradual revelation of the secrets to each visionary

Currently, Ivan, Vicka, and Marija have received nine of the ten secrets so far, and Our Lady continues to appear to them daily, regardless of their location, at 6:40 pm (5:40 pm daylight savings time), as per the time of the first apparition in 1981.

Mirjana, Ivanka, and Jakov have received all 10 secrets. Consequently, Our Lady now appears to them only once per year.

Apart from the limited details they have been allowed to share publicly, the six visionaries do not disclose or discuss the secrets amongst themselves or with others.

Mirjana's role

Mirjana has been given the role of being involved in the announcement of the secrets when the appointed time comes to reveal them. Ten days before the events of a secret due to occur. Miriana will are approach her chosen priest (currently Father Petar Ljubičić) or a priest selected by Our Lady. They will then undertake seven days of prayer and fasting in preparation. Three days before the events of that secret are due to take place, the chosen priest will publish the secret to the world, ensuring that the events are recognised as originating from the Lord. It is important to note that the priest will not have the authority to decide whether or not to reveal the secrets

Mirjana has also been entrusted with a special scroll from Our Lady which also contains the ten secrets in written form. This scroll cannot be read or understood by anyone other than those chosen to do so. Mirjana has said that the reason for also having the secrets in written form on this scroll has not yet been revealed to her, but she has speculated that perhaps it is so some of the secrets can be revealed after her lifetime if necessary.

What else do we know about the ten secrets so far?

The ten secrets are to be understood as "3 + 7", meaning the first three secrets will be warnings or great signs, while the remaining seven secrets will involve very challenging events and chastisements for the world. Mirjana has stated that the first two secrets will be connected to Medjugorje and will serve as warnings and guidance.

For the third secret, Our Lady will leave a permanent sign on Apparition Hill, the location of her initial appearance. This sign will clearly show it is not of human origin. People will be able to photograph and film the sign, but its true appreciation will require seeing it in person. This sign will primarily be for unbelievers.

Our Lady gave the following warning about this sign for the faithful "This sign will be given for the atheists. You faithful already have signs and you have become the sign for the atheists. You faithful must not wait for the sign before you convert; convert soon. This time is a time of grace for you. You can never thank God enough for his grace. This time is for deepening your faith, and for your conversion. When the sign comes, it will be too late for many."

Regarding the other secrets, there are only the following details about the seventh secret: Upon receiving the seventh secret, Mirjana implored Our Lady to intercede to lessen its severity. Through the collective prayers and fasting efforts of her family, friends, nuns, and priests, Our Lady confirmed that, by the grace of God, it has been lessened in severity, but it will still be severe.

Mirjana has emphasised it is important to state that Our Lady has not come to announce humanity's destruction, but instead salvation, and through her Son, Our Lady's immaculate heart will triumph over evil. The ninth and tenth secrets will have the most serious consequences. They consist of chastisements for the sins of the world. These punishments will be inevitable, for we cannot expect the whole world to be converted. These punishments can be diminished by prayer and penance, but they cannot be eliminated.

A beautiful new statue of Our Lady placed at the Blue Cross.



The old one was disintegrating and had to be restored

The Cenacolo lads replaced the statue at Blue Cross. It was commissioned by Ante, Vicka's nephew.

Croatian stone, the Trogir Plano, was used for this statue and was made according to Vicka's description of Our Lady, as well as the crown. The cloud was made to symbolize the 5 stones or rocks.

The inscription ****"To the Queen of Peace for peace"**** is a link with the first place of Our Lady's apparitions.



Thanks to Fr. Leon and a special thank you to the pilgrims from all over the world who funded this project a year ago **Fr. Jozo's February 2025 Letter** reflecting on Our Mother Mary's Message of January 25, 2025

FATHER JOZO ZOVKO'S BIRTHDAY (Wednesday, March 19, 2025), Father Jozo Zovko celebrates 84 years.

Dear children, in this year of grace, I am calling you to conversion.

Put God, dear children, in the center of your living and fruits will be love towards neighbor and iov of witnessing and holiness of vour life will become a true witness of faith. Thank vou for having responded to my call! (with ecclesiastical approval)



Dear brothers and sisters!

Pope Francis declared this year a jubilee year - a year of hope.

The Door on the basilica of St. Peter that the Holy Father opened, this is an invitation to meet the Lord who is knocking and waiting to be opened to Him and to come in to have dinner with us.

In the year of grace in which people were forgiven of all their debts, even today in the temple- church the Lord is waiting for us for reconciliation and conversion.

He is the only one who can forgive our sin.

He waits for us like a merciful father for his prodigal son and forgives us even the heaviest mortal sin.

The son came to his senses and realized his sin, his betrayal.

The father recognizes him, jumps in front of him to hug him and to lead him into the house. The son humbly asks for forgiveness, regretfully telling his father that he is not worthy to be called a son because he has lost the dignity of a son and asks to be the last servant.

A father's love is greater than his son's sin.

Our Heavenly Father loves us so

much he gave us His son so that no one would perish.

This year of grace wants to awaken a return to the Father, a return to the Church, a return to the family and to the Lord's day- Sunday.

Putting God in the center of our lives is the highest calling

here and now.

We cannot put God with our idols.

Let's remember how Joshua takes the leadership of his people.

We cannot enter the promised land with Egyptian idols. This is the moment of our choice.

I and my home choose the Lord, we will serve Him.

Everyone present tore the idols they were wearing under their dresses.

And the great heap of pagan idols quickly arose. The prophet had the idols burned so that the present Jews would forget them more easily. And the Hebrews listened to their prophet as Christ taught:

You cannot serve God and riches.

Putting God in the center of our lives is the call of the Queen of Peace.

In Her message, our Mother and Queen of Peace calls us to conversion in this holy year. To put God in the center of your life means to cleanse your life and soul, heart and whole being of our idols like sports and entertainment.

Everything is being organized to squeeze the Lord's day out of our practice.

All television programs try to postpone family prayer.

What is a family without prayer?

Prayer nourishes love and protects harmony in the family.

Without prayer the family and the whole society collapses.

We witness violence between children and adults. Only our prayer can lift us out of the mud.

Our Lady says that our prayer brings the fruits of faith, and love towards neighbors.

This joy in the family and in our work place makes us happy people.

Dear prayer family, respond on Mother's call!

This month we pray for the following intentions:

1) for all pilgrims who bring blessing with their sacrifice and prayer; we especially pray for the sick pilgrims who seek the great grace of healing to receive a special grace

2) we pray for the intentions of the Holy father Francis, for conversion of the Christian families and Church; and we pray for vocation

3) we pray for all those who have not responded to the Mothers call, to accept the grace that calls everyone to conversion

Translated by Silvija Maric

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis



- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen

Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be held on Sunday, April 27 in St. Peter's Square – Vatican City.

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The canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis on April 27, in the context of the Jubilee of Adolescents, is a grace for the entire Church. It is especially so for the diocesan community of Assisi where the body of the next Saint is preserved in the Sanctuary of the Renunciation.



About Carlo Acutis:

Carlo Acutis, a London-born teenager, is on the path to becoming the first saint of the millennial generation. Born in 1991 and growing up in Milan, Italy, Acutis passed away in 2006 at the age of 15 due to leukaemia. His life, though short, was marked by a profound faith and a passion for technology, which he used to spread the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Carlo had great devotion to the Eucharist and he created a website documenting Eucharistic miracles.

Visit the <u>Carlo Acutis website</u> to find out more..

MEDJUGORJE CENTRE NORTH EAST PILGRIMAGE in conjunction with NORTHERN STAR TRAVEL LTD (Tel: 0161 773 2115)

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Sunday 1st—8th June 2025

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Pope Francis

OCTOBER PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Sunday 12th Oct – 19th Oct 2025

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General Information: Deacon Peter Barrigan (Peterlee) Tel: **0191 586 4731**

Medjugorje Youth Festival 2025

4th—7th August

"Let us go to the house of the Lord" (Ps 122:1)

First established in 1989 by Franciscan priests, the Medjugorje Youth Festival (also known as '**Mladifest**') is a yearly celebration to mark the birthday of the Virgin Mary for young Catholics.

A Truly Blessed Holy Week bringing EASTER BLESSINGS OF GODS LOVE & JOY

' For God so loved the World that He gave His only Son ' (John 3:16)

