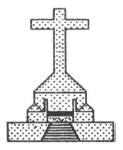
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OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PRAY FOR US

MEDJUGORJE AFTERNOON OF PRAYER

led by Fr. Martin Morris

Change To 3rd Sunday

3rd Sunday of the month 4pm

Resumes * 18th May 2025

15th June 2025

(Including 44th Anniversary of Apparitions)

NOTE: Change of Church

Our Blessed Lady Immaculate

Village Lane, Washington, Tyne & Wear NE38 7HS



MEDJUGORJE CENTRE NORTH EAST

Invites you to celebrate the 44th Anniversary of The Apparitions at Medjugorje

Sunday 15th June 2025 4pm

in conjunction with the Medjugorje afternoon of prayer

Led by Fr. Martin Morris

Our Blessed Lady Immaculate

Village Lane, Washington, Tyne & Wear NE38 7HS

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

£48 Deposit required

Booking forms available from

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



"Dear children, winds of peacelessness, selfishness and sin are catching hold of many hearts and leading them into peacelessness and perdition. That is why I am calling you, little children: return to God and to prayer, so that it may be good for you in the hearts and on the earth on which you live. I love you, little children, and that is why I am not tiring of calling you to conversion. 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 and Sister's of Medjugorje East and North beyond, As begin we our reflection on Our Lady's message for this month let us begin by acknowledging the starkness of this particular message, and the loving urgency in the voice of the Oueen of Peace.

So Our Lady begins, "Dear Children, Winds of peacelessness, selfishness, and sin are catching hold of many hearts and leading them to peacelesness and perdition."

Our Lady knows how many people have lost their inner peace, because they have lost the interior life of the Spirit. The 'Winds' of peaceless, selfishness and sin that are catching hold of many hearts, and leading them into 'perdition' is a very serious situation, and one that calls us to increased prayer for all people. Our Lady is concerned about our Salvation, and the Salvation of all people, and her words are also a call for all of us to have an awareness of these winds that are catching hold of Our Lady knows many hearts. weak, prodigal that we are children, who may have drifted from the Lord, and could do so more in the future.

Last month Our Lady said something very similar, "Pray with me, because little children, without God, you do not have a future or eternal life." 'Perdition' generally refers to destruction or eternal damnation. It signifies a state of been estranged from God, outside of his love.

Then Our Lady tells us how to put this situation right by acting accordingly for ourselves and all Brother's and Sister's Ollr "Return to God and Prayer." When our Lady says this, it may mean that we may need to do exactly that. Each of us can only look into our own hearts and souls and answer this question honestly. Do I need to return to God and Prayer? Mary, is concerned for our spiritual lives, and wants us to choose the good. So a useful starting point for ourselves might to be to ask, where am I in the spiritual life, with my relationship with God? What is it that is keeping me from prayer? From fasting? From recollection?

To 'return to God and prayer' is an invite for all of us to reflect on. That means we have to create the conditions for this return. It means we have to decide for prayer, to deliberately choose time for God, and our souls. Or are we so taken up with the frenetic pace of life that we have forgotten the love of God, and the importance of time spent with him. Neglect of prayer, make as vulnerable to the winds of peacelessness, selfishness and sin. Our Lady desires only the good for us, "So that it may be good for you in the heart, and on the earth on which vou live."

From the start of the apparitions our Lady has taught us how to pray with the heart. That is with Faith and Love. She has called us to pray in every message in this way. She has specifically asked us to pray the Rosary, and Sacred Scripture, and attend Holy Mass, to confess monthly, and some renunciation through fasting. We do not have to make anything up, Our Lady has given us the road map, a way through the winds that are leading many hearts to perdition. Let us pray for our brothers and sisters, for the grace to return to God and prayer with us, and so know the joy of Salvation in Christ.

Our Lady concludes this message by telling us, "I love you little children, and that is why I am calling you to conversion." Mary is our heavenly Mother. She wants to love and protect us. She invites us to make a positive decision for God and prayer, for our good and the good of all on earth. "Thy Kingdom come on earth as in Heaven."



We are now in between the great Feasts of Easter and Pentecost. At Pentecost 'A mighty wind came upon the Apostles and the women in Jerusalem. (Acts: 2: 1-13.)

This wind filled the entire house where they were staying, and completely transformed them and thousands of others. Let us turn in these days to the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, and let us implore the Holy Spirit of the Most High to blow away the winds of selfishness, sin and peacelessness, and replace them with the winds of Prayer, Holiness and Truth. Veni Creator Spiritus!

"Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'You must be born again, the wind blows where it wishes, you hear it's sound but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

(John: 3: 8.)

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.

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



REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL

of The Community of The Beatitudes www.sremmanuel.org

Medjugorje, April 16, 2025 Holy Wednesday

Dear Friends, praise be to Jesus and Mary!

1. Commotion in the Church of France! This year, the Easter vigil is going to be exceptional! Our bishops and priests have a hard time understanding what is happening: Who was it who evangelized to these thousands of people who are asking to be baptized on the Easter Vigil? This is unprecedented! There are 17,800 catechumens, according to the official figure, the majority of which are young adults and teenagers from all kinds of backgrounds. (PS1) When asked how Christ touched their hearts, there are a variety answers. This being said, most of them found the light of faith through social networks, a video, an audio message, an article, the life of a Saint, a testimony, a homily in the anointing of the Holy Spirit....

In short, the Lord was able to pierce through that "darkness of the consciences" that reigns in our world, and reached them where they were, wandering in search of a meaning to their lives. Many have received a personal enlightenment which was totally

unexpected, and amazed them. They were seized by the knowledge that God is very real, alive, and that He is pure love. They all discovered this love in the person of Christ. From

then on, they decided to live with Him and to become *children of God* through the Sacrament of Baptism.



Let fervently us pray these future baptized! By coming into the Church, and through their faithful upholding of the promises of Baptism, they will make a difference in our parishes and prayer groups. Especially since their numbers are growing. May they find shepherds to help them persevere in their adherence to Christ, and bring thousands more with them! Their having said Yes to God inspires great hope and deep joy in older believers who have prayed for years.

2. A mystic tells us... At the age of 17, I experienced the grace of meeting Venerable Marthe Robin for the first time. For a teenager like me, stepping into the dark, tiny room of a stigmatic was very impressive. It was as if I had Heaven at my fingertips.

Her prayer rose to God, day and night, because she did not sleep. She also had remarkable common

She also had remarkable common sense and a good sense of humor.

Through the retreats at the *Foyers de Charité*, we were able to learn some of her prophetic words. One of them is well known: "The Lord is preparing a new Pentecost of Love for the world."

Are all these newly baptized believers in France a sign of the beginnings of this new Pentecost of love? And of a spiritual renewal within the major crisis of faith?

Marthe also said this: "France will fall very low, lower than other nations, because of her pride and the evil leaders she has chosen for herself. Then she will cry out to God and the Blessed Mother will come to save her."

And also this: "There will come a time when, in the Church, it will seem that nothing will be left, except for a few groups who are full of fervor."



Venerable Marthe Robin (1902-1981)

In this period of Easter, the time when we accompany Jesus in His death and resurrection, I wish to share Marthe's thoughts about the invisible realm at the moment of death and entry into eternity. Marthe could see souls and, while bilocating, sometimes all the way to China, she would accompany some people who were dying without ever leaving her bed. (PS2)

Her words will help many parents who are grieving the sudden death a young person, due to an overdose, suicide or a car accident, without preparation and without ever having known the Lord or practiced the faith.

Marthe said that, "the Lord prepares the soul unconsciously."

After clinical death, the soul does not immediately enter into its eternity. There is a time when the Lord reveals Himself to it in all His splendor and light. The soul is then immersed in the divine light which is also infinite mercy. This time can last a few hours before the personal judgment arrives. If death occurs after a long illness, this time is shorter.

During this time, the soul sees itself in its naked truth, without confusion or illusion, it sees its heart in its truth, and the Lord asks it if it will accept His love. The soul can then throw itself into the arms of its Savior, who ardently desires to save it. Every soul is infinitely precious to Jesus - did He not redeem them at a great price?

It is the soul that freely decides its final destination for eternity, in heaven with God or in hell without God. (Purgatory is the anteroom to Heaven, where the Fire of Divine Love purifies the soul.)

In Marthe's experience, most young people respond positively to the invitation of Christ.

This precious time after clinical death is decisive! This is why Marthe recommended praying a lot at the bedside of the dying, and also after their death. This is not the time to deal with material things of lesser importance.

Please note! We shouldn't wait until the person is dead to call a priest! Depriving a dying person of the priestly blessing and the sacraments is to deprive that person of powerful help for his ultimate choice.

- 3. A delightful smile. On March 19th, on the feast of St. Joseph, pilgrims came to pray with the visionary, Marija, at the time of the apparition. They wanted Marija to ask Our Lady to wish Saint Joseph a Happy Birthday on their behalf. When the Blessed Mother heard this request, she began to smile with such a beautiful smile that it was difficult for Marija to describe it. What a wonderful and pure love is uniting Mary and Joseph! It reminds us of the "delightful smile" of the Blessed Mother to Little Flower, when she was very ill, and how this smile was enough to heal her!
- **4.** On the 1st of May, we will celebrate Saint Joseph the Worker. Let us not fail to pray fervently to him, and to show him our gratitude for all he does for us! He is happy when I call him *my stepfather* (my Mother's spouse). Are we not one family?

5. For our consolation and the salvation of many souls, this year again, we are given the opportunity to seize the exceptional graces that Jesus has reserved for our time!

Following Saint John Paul II, who canonised Saint Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000, and made known her writings, we want to offer the Father the Novena to Divine Mercy, every word of which Jesus himself dictated.

It begins on Good Friday and ends on the 1st Sunday after Easter.

Dearest Gospa, in this Jubilee Year, more than ever, we want to live completely with you every day of this Easter 2025! Yes, we offer you our sufferings and tears; please do present them to your Son Jesus so that, united with His, they may be transformed into light and glory!

Sister Emmanuel, Community of the Beatitudes

PS1. Carlo Acutis, who entered heaven at the age of 15, will be canonised on April 26th, along with Pier Giorgio Frassati.

What beautiful examples of holiness for the young people who will receive Baptism on Easter night!

PS2. Venerable Marthe Robin (1902-1981), a simple peasant from France, experienced the Passion of Christ every week. She was bedridden in her small farm for 50 years. She could see souls. She helped and rescued thousands of people who came to visit her



Prayer for Pope Francis

We pray for Pope Francis who was called to the Lord on the morning of the 21st April. In this Easter Octave where every day is celebrated as Easter Sunday, we celebrate the victory of the Resurrection over death.

We pray Pope Francis now shares in that victory and enjoys eternal life. We give thanks for Pope Francis' ministry as a Jesuit priest, Bishop in Argentina and finally, as the successor of St. Peter. As Pope he always looked at situations through the eyes of the poor, following the example of his Patron, Saint Francis of Assisi.

He was an inspiration to so many, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. We commend Pope Francis to the Lord; eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.

May he rest in peace.



Prayer for the conclave

Holy God,

We pray for the Cardinals

as they gather to elect a new Pope,
that they may be open to the Spirit
and filled with wisdom and courage.

May the Shepherd they choose
be a builder of bridges,
a witness to the dignity of all people,
a steward of the precious gift of the earth,
who will lead all your people
to bring to life your love and justice.

Amen.

13th Anniversary of Fr. Ciaran McDonnell RIP

(Former Spiritual Director of Medjugorje NE 1993 -2012) and PP of St. Augustines, Leam Lane.

Died: Ascension Sunday 20th May 2012 aged 64

Fr. Ciaran will be remembered during the 44th Anniversary of Medjugorje Apparitions at Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Washington, NE38 7HS

Holy Mass will be offered during Our next Pilgrimage to Medjugorje.



Fr, Ciaran had a deep love for *Mary*, *the Mother of God* and led many Pilgrimages to Medjugorje. A few years ago he went to *Medjugorje* on sabbatical where

he ministered to the English speaking Pilgrims, hearing daily confessions.

Pax Christie

Priest and Servant of the Love of God

Act of Personal Consecration to the Holy Spirit

O Holy Spirit, love that proceeds from the Father and the Son, font of inexhaustible graces and life, to You, I desire to consecrate my person,

my past, my present, my future, my desires, my choices, my decisions my thoughts, my affections all that I am, all those whom I encounter whom I think of, whom I know, whom I love and all that with which my life makes contact.

From, the power of your light, from the warmth of your presence, from your peace, are all your blessings. You are the Lord and giver of life, and without your strength nothing is without fault.

O Spirit of eternal love, come into my heart, renew it and make it evermore like the heart of Mary, so that I can become now and always, temple and tabernacle of Your Divine Presence.

(Fr. Ciaran)



The 15 Promises of Mary to the Devotees of the Holy Rosary

(Pray the Rosary throughout May, our Lady's Month)

- 1) Whoever serves me constantly praying my rosary will receive any special grace.
- 2) To all those who faithfully pray my psalm, I promise my special protection and great graces.
- 3) The rosary will be a powerful weapon against hell, it will destroy addictions and sin and will destroy heresies.
- 4) The rosary will blossom the virtues and holy works, it will cause souls to obtain the abundant mercies of God, it will detach the hearts of men of love from the world and raise them to the desire of eternal things. Oh how many souls will be sanctified by this!!!!
- 5) The soul that commends itself to me with the rosary will not perish.
- 6) Everyone who prays the rosary devoutly with contemplation of its holy mysteries will not be oppressed by misfortunes, will not be punished by the justice of God and will not die a sudden death, but will be converted if he is a sinner, will be preserved in grace if he is righteous and will be made worthy of eternal life.
- 7) The true devotees of my rosary will not die without the Blessed Sacraments.

- 8) Those who pray my rosary will have in life and in death the light and the fullness of grace and in life and death will be admitted to share in the merits of the blessed in Heaven.
- 9) Those devotees of my rosary who go to purgatory, I will release them on the same day.
- **10)** The true children of my rosary will enjoy great glory in Heaven.
- 11) All that is requested through the rosary will be granted.
- **12)** Those who spread my rosary will be helped by me in all their needs.
- 13) I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the fraternity of the rosary may have for their fellowmen all of the heavenly court, in life and in death.
- **14)** Those who pray my rosary are my children and brothers of Jesus Christ, my only begotten.
- **15)** Devotion to my rosary is a great sign of predestination.



Easter message from Archbishop Aldo Cavalli

the Apostolic Visitor of a special nature for the parish of Medjugorje (17.04.2025)



This year too we are close to Easter, to the Resurrection of the Lord, who is alive, alive, alive! In these days, especially Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, Easter night, we relive what Jesus left us in the last hours, in the last days of His life. These are all things that are fundamental, essential and profound for a Christian.

What did Jesus leave us in these days? The thing: first Thursday. He left us the sense of the vocation that we have: service. service, service. Gospel of John: Jesus takes a basin, fills it with water and washes the feet of the disciples. Something that only slaves did, people who worthless. Then he says to his disciples and to all of us: if I, the Lord, the Master wash your feet, you must do the same. vocation must become a service to others. The mission must become a service to others. This point is fundamental in the Gospel. Jesus' mission was a service to all of us. he made himself a slave to all of us to save us and transmit to us all the good of God the Father. The first thing that the Lord teaches us deeply: your mission must grow, grow, must grow to better serve your brothers, your sisters and the whole world. Second thing: the say the Then Jesus. supper. apostles, the only witnesses of this fact. Jesus takes a loaf of bread and says something strange on the bread: this is my Body given up for you. Do this in the memory of me. After the dinner, a cup of wine, the same. A strange thing, strange words: This is the cup of my blood for the new and eternal covenant, offered, shed for you and for all, for the multitude, for the remission of sins. Then again: do this in memory of me. He left us the memorial of His death and resurrection. Jesus died once and for all. Jesus rose once and for all. Memorial means: Jesus today, here actualizes again, actualizes the profound meaning of His death and resurrection. Memorial, which Jesus repeats twice in the words of consecration, of the transformation of bread and wine: memorial means actualization of His death resurrection. With actualization Jesus always remains with us in every part of the world, always with us in every part of the world! And we always celebrate

the memorial of His death and resurrection.

What else has He left us in these days? His death on the cross, on Good Friday. That death that has a profound meaning. He, the Lord Jesus took upon himself, the sins of the world. He took upon himself all the sins. Those that I have done, those that you have done, those that I do, those that you do, those that you will do, those that I will do. They are all there. The Lord is not like us, he is great, he is immensely great. Those words of the Testament: even if vour sins were very great, redder than purple, I am greater than your sins. Here is Jesus: He took them upon Himself and by dying He made them all die. Here is Paul who writes: He who was without sin, God made him sin for us. And on the cross. Jesus by dying destroyed, eliminated all our sins, once and for all, once and for all, once and for all as the Letter to the Hebrews repeats several times. On the cross, Jesus saved us. He is my Redeemer, He is your Redeemer, He is my Savior, He is your Savior.

What has He done then in these days? He is risen, He is alive! And Peter, when he preaches, will say: I have seen Him, I have spoken with Him, I have eaten with Him. Alive, alive, alive! And the living Jesus always accompanies us. He has reopened for us the way of

life, of resurrection, of immortality. Lost by humanity in Adam. He has reopened for us this incredible door of access to God who is His Father and our Father. He makes us live, live, live forever. Here is the Lord's Easter. Celebrating the memorial of His death and resurrection, celebrating the memorial of His new life that He gives to all of us, celebrating the memorial of His passion on the cross, where He forgave all sins.

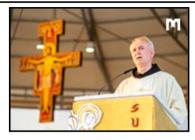


Let us approach with pleasure, with trust, let us approach with a hope that is certainty that in the Lord, we in this Easter can rediscover the path of holiness and we can enter a path that grows, grows, grows in responsibility, in holiness and in grace.

Blessed Easter to all!

Easter Message of the Provincial Fr. Jozo Grbeš

Provincial of the Herzegovinian Franciscan Province of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Dear friends!

Man lives in a world of separation and departures. Sooner or later we all have to leave our "garden". We cannot stay here! At some point in our lives we discover that life and death, both negative and positive, are part of the same reality. Everything lives and dies at the same time. We separate from those we love. In partings, we pass through the path of sadness, darkness, separation and love, and the splitting of our own lives into fragments of memory. Separations are our preparation for parting with that which we call ourselves, and pain and suffering. wounds and forgiveness become our wealth.

Man's longing for immortality is constant within him. Therefore, he expresses it in his physical offspring, intellectual legacy, and glorious name. Since man has no permanence in himself, he wants to continue existing only in another, but his existence in another is only a shadow without permanence and finality, because both the other and the other must disappear. provides Therefore. onlv one which calls he permanence, eternal: "He who is," (Ex, 3:14), who does not come into being but remains despite the world whose main essence is transience. Jesus knew this. That is why He told His followers that they were mistaken if they did not understand the Scriptures or the Powers of God, for "He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You greatly err." (Mk 12:24,27). Let us not be deceived today by the appearance of the transitory. Misunderstanding creates delusions.

We know that the cross is only understood through the resurrection. This is the logic behind all suffering. The later understands the earlier! Sooner or later we encounter Jesus who walked where there is no way. 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'" (John 14:6) We do not know the way without Him! Without Him we cannot reach Him. Without Him we only walk, and we do not know where. we are busy, and we do not know what, we speak, and we do not know what about. He is! The Resurrection is a question of faith, but also a question of readiness for earthly disappearance, for oblivion from people's memory, for not recognizing that I ever existed. Yes, that is how it will be. Except with Him!

Therefore, Happy Easter means: I believe that it is so! I live by this belief that it is so. I abandon everything outside of such and thus I subordinate my life only to love! To nothing else! The great Pope Ratzinger expressed this belief with the words: "It is very reasonable to believe in the love that has conquered death".

The way has been shown to us. Happy Easter!

Fr. Jozo Grbeš, OFM The Provincial

Let us pray with the Holy Father:

Prayer Intention for MAY 2025

'For working conditions'





Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.



Pope Francis

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.

OCTOBER PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Sunday 12th Oct – 19th Oct 2025

Cost £799 pp sharing £949 pp for single room. Half Board

Newcastle to Dubrovnik

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



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.