

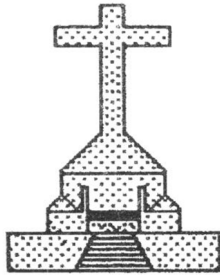
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MEDJUGORJE AFTERNOON OF PRAYER

led by Fr. Martin Morris

**3rd Sunday of the month
4pm**

16th November 2025

21st December 2025

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ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2026

led by Fr. Martin Morris

Important Information for Pilgrims – Medjugorje 2026

This pilgrimage follows the safeguarding guidance from the Hexham & Newcastle Diocese. Please note:

- **No medical or care support is provided.** All pilgrims must be over 18 and able to care for themselves or attend with a carer.
- **Wheelchair users are welcome** but must book with an able-bodied helper and inform Northern Star Travel of all needs in advance. Wheelchairs not pre-advised may be refused by the airline.
- **Mountain climbs** (Apparition Hill & Cross Mountain) involve risks—participants climb at their own responsibility, and should ensure their travel insurance covers such activities.

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OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World

Given 25th October 2025 to Marija Pavlovic



“Dear children, The Most High in His goodness gave me to you to lead you on the way of peace. Many have responded and are praying, but there are many creatures who do not have peace and have not come to know the God of love. Therefore, little children, pray and love, create prayer groups to encourage each other to the good. I am with you and am praying for your 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 North East and beyond, let us turn to the Sacred Scriptures for guidance in our reflection on Our Lady's message.

In the passion narrative of St. John's Gospel, (19 : 27.) in his dying moments, our Saviour entrusted his Mother to the care of the Apostle, St. John. “Son, behold your Mother.” In doing this Jesus entrusted his Mother to believers of all times, from his heart he gave us the gift of his Mother Mary. “Behold your Mother.” (John 19:27)

Our Lady begins this month's message by saying, **“The Most High in his goodness gave me to you to lead you on the way of peace.”** From the very heart of God's goodness we have the gift of our Heavenly Mother Mary.

She is the Father's gift to humanity , sent from Heaven in these times to lead us with the Gospel message of conversion towards the fulness of peace.

Our Lady's coming to us is a real grace and joy, but it is also a sign that the times we are living in are serious, because so many have lost their inner peace. It is for peace that Our Lady came to Medjugorje.

To discover that path of peace, God, The Most High gave us his Mother Mary, in a special way in these times to help and guide us towards the good. To save all souls, and present them to God is Our Lady's special wish. May our hearts be open to the gift of Our Lady, and we remain open to her words. She is the gift!

Then Our Lady says, **“Many have responded and are praying, but there are many creatures who do not have peace and have not come to know the God of love.”**

It is really a great joy that many have responded to the gift of Our Lady, and her message. Many millions of pilgrim's have visited Medjugorje – the school of Our Lady, and returned home with a renewed life of prayer, and hearts of peace. We thank God for each one of them, so important to Our Lady's plans. Her plan is to help everyone on the way to Salvation, and discover the peace of God.

But then Our Lady tells us , **“There are many creatures , who are not responding, who have no peace, and do not know the God of love.”** God's plan is for everyone, he wants Redemption and Salvation for all, for everyone to know his love and peace. This is why Our Lady comes to us, she has a motherly concern for all people. Next Our Lady shows us how to respond to his situation, for those without peace.

‘Pray and love.’ She asks us in particular to create prayer groups, where believers can encourage one another . We all need encouragement in our Faith and prayer, and a prayer group is something we should take seriously, because Our Lady has requested this for many years now. We can take heart in Our Lord's words, *“Where two or three are*

gathered in my name there am I in their midst.” (Matthew 18: 19 - 20). And invite a few parishioners to pray together, at home, in the Church , in families, etc. It doesn't depend on numbers, it depends on the prayer and this is what Our Lady is emphasising. She wants to create a great river of prayer and love throughout the world, connecting all peoples together, against the sin and evil of our times.

In doing so we are on the side of God, and Our Lady, united in **‘Prayer and love’** for the triumph of the good.

Our Lady concludes this month's message by telling us that she is with us and praying for our conversion. Isn't it a great consolation for us all that Our Lady is truly with us ? Praying for us too. The world is really restless and confused , Mary knows this, and God too. His will is our peace, peace in our hearts, in our homes and families.

May the message of Our Lady reach all people, through us her people, called to **‘Love and Prayer.’**

May God Bless you, and guide you.

Fr. Martin



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

Medjugorje, October 17, 2025

Dear Friends, praise be to Jesus and Mary!

1. During a Mass in English, the celebrant told an overwhelming story about his life...

"In 2014, I was a hospital chaplain, happy to be able to bring the sacraments to the sick. I listened to them, I brought them comfort, it was I who confessed and gave Communion: Me, me, me... This was not good. (The priest was putting himself at the center).

"One day, I was called in to see Tony, a patient who had just received a worrying diagnosis. He wasn't dying, but would soon no longer be able to walk. He had agreed to see a priest because he said he was Catholic.

After we introduced each other, I asked him, **"When was the last time you went to Holy Mass?"**

"In 1966," he told me.

Surprised, I asked him: What happened that day to make it your last Mass?

"I was in a football team, and we had just won an important game. One of my friends suggested we go to Mass to thank God for this victory, so I went with him!"

I understood that this man had been distant from the faith and the Church for a long time, and I set out to explain **the sacrament of Penance** to

him before hearing his confession. But after 2 minutes, I saw him looking impatiently at his watch. Nevertheless, I finished my explanation and offered to hear his Confession.

He confessed two or three sins to me, and I gave him absolution. But then I thought: this is not the confession of a man who has not received any sacrament for 40 years!

I continued my explanation before offering him **the Anointing of the Sick**. I then saw him lean over sideways. I turned around to see if anyone came into the room... No-one! What a surprise it was to realize that Tony had turned to the TV, and that he was more interested in the program than in what I was telling him!

I asked him if he would prefer me to leave.

"... No, no, go on with your business", he said, waving his hand, while continuing to watch TV. I was annoyed but ended up giving him the Sacrament of the Sick anyway.

As I left the room, I clearly heard the voice of Jesus in my heart: **"Go and give him Holy Communion!"**

It wasn't my own thought; it was very clear. So, I said to myself: no, he doesn't deserve it! He's not interested in anything about the faith; I am not going to give him Holy Communion! But Jesus' voice became more

insistent: **“You are not a priest for yourself, you are My priest, go and give him Holy Communion!”**

Although still annoyed by Tony's behavior, Jesus' words got the better of all my resistance. Against my own intuition I asked the nurse if I could bring Holy Communion to Tony. She had no problem with that.

I found myself in Tony's room, where he was still watching TV with great interest, not paying any attention to me. I then took a Host and lifted it up saying, **“Here is the Lamb of God, the One who takes away the sins of the world...”**.

Since he wasn't looking, I had to pat him on the shoulder energetically. **His eyes then left the screen, and he looked at the Host.**

Suddenly, the situation changed completely! He was overwhelmed with a powerful emotion, and he began to ask for forgiveness: “Forgive me Jesus for having done this ... Forgive me Lord for having done that ...” This lasted several minutes. **I could not believe it!**



He had shown no interest in anything I explained to him, and now that he was looking at the Host, he

understood that it was really **the Body, the Blood, the Soul and the Divinity of Christ**, living and present in our midst! Not only was he completely repentant of his sins, but he recognized Jesus as his Lord and Savior! After this confession, the confession of his life, **he received Communion.**

In silence, amazed at what had just happened, I left the room. I was truly humbled. I said to myself: **it is the Lord who does this through me, not I doing this! As for me... I do nothing!**

Barely a little while later, seeing that I had forgotten my prayer book in Tony's room, I turned back. I saw the nurse, who said to me: **“My goodness! That was close!”**

Surprised, I looked at her without understanding...

- What do you mean, that was close?

“After you left,” she told me, “Tony asked for a glass of water **and then he died a few minutes later.**”

I was stunned.

This very sincere homily touched people's hearts. In the assembly, many were crying.

“How great is the Mercy of God”, he said! Without ever tiring, and until the last minute, He seeks to bring his lost children back to Himself, and He does so **even through an arrogant and broken priest**, as I was! He used me to reach His child at the time of his death. **Always be confident and sure of God's love for you, and be sure of His Providence!”**

2. What about lukewarmness? In their priestly life, many priests who have become lukewarm, one day experience a very special moment of grace, as we just saw. It enables them to truly welcome Jesus into their hearts and to live for Him. Their celebration of Mass looks the same, but within, **burns a fire that changes everything.** A fire that communicates to the faithful and reaches them in their very depth. **That is the great desire of the Heart of Mary!** In the messages she entrusted to Mirjana, she never stopped inviting us seriously to pray for our priests.

"I invite you to pray for your priests. **Standing by their side, I will triumph.**" (10.2.2010).

"Love your shepherds as my Son loved them when He called them to serve you." 06.02.2013

"Do not allow evil to separate you from your shepherds." 09.02.2013.

"Pray for the shepherds! **May your mouths be closed to all judgment, for do not forget that my Son chose them.** He alone has the right to judge." 01.02.2013 (Continued in PS1)

Help Your Priest!

3. Huge is the impact that the holiness of priests has on the world.

But the enemy of our souls tries to trap them in a thousand ways. We can and must do a lot to help them! **Let us listen to God's cry in the Bible: "Do not touch any of my consecrated ones; do not harm my**

prophets!" (Ps. 105,15) And also: "Do not touch anyone who is consecrated to me, do not mistreat my prophets!" (1Ch 16:22)

The end of the Jubilee Year is approaching (January 6). This is an opportunity to pull ourselves together, if we have become lukewarm. Let us take advantage of the special graces of the Jubilee Year as they pass on... Let us not let the gifts that the Church is offering us slip away! **Let's take our priests to heart, our prayer for them is vital!**

4. Saint Maryam of Bethlehem conveyed to Pope Pius XI the following request that she received from the Lord: "I ardently desire that every month the priests give a Mass in honor of the Holy Spirit. **Anyone who says or hears it will be honored by the Holy Spirit himself.** He will have light, he will have peace. **He will heal the sick, he will awaken those who are asleep."**

I have spoken about this to priests who have taken this request seriously. They now testify that this simple practice has changed their priestly life. **Entire parishes have been renewed!** Let many people know that, let's share it widely!

5. Freeing a priest from Purgatory?

As a work of mercy, have you thought of having a Mass celebrated for a priest to be freed from Purgatory? In celebration of this Jubilee Year, we can offer a departed soul a plenary indulgence and free them from Purgatory!

Priests suffer enormously in this place of purification. We could ask our Blessed Mother before Mass, to choose for herself the priest she wishes to free from purgatory. Once delivered, this priest will have within his heart to powerfully help his fellow priests on earth, those who have committed themselves to paths of sin and spiritual death. This will enable them to return wholeheartedly to Christ and His Word. In this way we can do immense good to the Church and to the world!



Mariam Baouardy

Who prayed for this English priest I mentioned above? **He was arrogant, and then he became an icon of Jesus' mercy.** How many souls can he now reach, humbly letting Jesus work through him?

Dearest Gospa, one day, on our last voyage, Jesus will look at the love we have in our hearts... What will he find then?

Sister Emmanuel,
Community of the Beatitudes

PS1. A few words from Our Lady about priests, shepherds of our souls:

"Pray for your shepherds so that through your fasting and prayer they may guide you in love. Thank you!"
02.02.2013

"I am praying and watching especially on those my Son has called upon to be bearers of light and bearers of hope: for your shepherds."
03.02.2013.

"Pray for your shepherds, that they may always have love for you, as my Son had and as He showed by giving His life for your salvation."
11.02.2013

"In a special way, I am with your shepherds. **I love them with a motherly heart and protect them,** for they guide you to the Paradise promised to you by my Son. Thank you." 05.02.2014

"Pray for your shepherds, that they may always guide you with a pure heart on the path of truth and love - the path of my Son..." 06.02.2014

Archbishop Cavalli: Medjugorje, the place God chose to give us His Grace

The book “The Queen of Peace”: Note About the Spiritual Experience Connected with Medjugorje (Text of the Note and Interventions at the Press Conference on September 19, 2024 on the occasion of the declaration of nihil obstat for Medjugorje), will be presented on Sunday, September 21, at 8 p.m., in the John Paul II Hall.

The presentation program will be translated into the following languages: ITALIAN FM 99.7 and ENGLISH FM 94.3. We kindly ask all pilgrims to bring their own devices to listen to the translation of the program.

The editor, Sr. Valerija Kovač, the parish priest of Medjugorje, Fr. Zvonimir Pavičić, and Apostolic Visitor with a special role for the parish of Medjugorje, Archbishop Aldo Cavalli—who also wrote the foreword for this book—will speak about this book. The text of the foreword is reproduced in its entirety:

Medjugorje, the place God chose to give His Grace.

Ivan, Ivanka, Jakov, Marija, Mirjana, Vicka: these are the names of the young people the Lord willed to choose to begin this—His project.

Podbrdo is the name of the place, a stony hill, chosen by God to bring about this encounter.

Thus God brings to fulfillment in our history His mysterious designs to do us good, to remake our lives.

It all began when, on June 25, 1981, the six young people, who were walking on Podbrdo, said, “We have seen Our Lady”.

The people understood that something important had happened, and began to come to Medjugorje with the desire to let themselves be taken by Grace and to experience the presence of the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, as did the Virgin Mary, and accompanied by Our Lady.

In this intervention of God, in the experience of the six young people with Mary, there comes a profound message: “Peace, peace, peace, ... peace must reign between man and God.”

Here is a very important message in Medjugorje: if you want to live in peace, you must understand that there is an essential point of reference in your life, God.

God, who in the commandments tells you that life, life in itself has such value that it is a fundamental reality



of our existence, which no one can ever call into question.

God, who in the commandments tells you that the Family, formed by a man and a woman in indissoluble communion and open to life in children, is a fact that no one can ever call into question.

God, who in the commandments tells you that you must respect everyone, and that everyone must respect you.

In Medjugorje we understand how God desires peace in each one of us, in our families, in our communities, in the Church, in our countries, in the whole world.

“Peace, peace, peace, ...peace must reign between man and God”. Mary is the “Queen of Peace”.

Thus is born the evening encounter with God in the parish of Medjugorje. We begin with the recitation of the Rosary, to invite the Virgin Mary to accompany us in this encounter.

The central point of our prayer is the encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ. In the Celebration of the Eucharist, the bread and wine, transformed by the action of the Holy Spirit, become the sign of the true, real, substantial presence of the Lord Jesus in our midst.

We then continue this encounter with Eucharistic Adoration, where, through the work of the Holy Spirit, we experience the Lord Jesus looks at us and speaks to us, and we can contemplate Him and speak to Him. Thus takes place the encounter with the Lord, which forms us to be and to act as true Christians.

The Veneration of the Cross and the prayer for those who are ill in soul or body are part of this encounter.

In this Eucharistic and Marian spirituality, Podbrdo and Križevac are part of the memory of the beginnings of this spirituality: the pilgrims walk up the Apparition Hill to encounter Our Lady and climb the Cross Mountain to reach the Cross on which Jesus has redeemed us.

The consequence of a day lived so profoundly is the decision to want to live and deepen the Faith, converting one's life, praying and fasting, and living with peace in the heart, which we bring into the family and to our neighbour.

In this way, the gesture of receiving forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation comes spontaneously. How many positive fruits have occurred and continue to occur in this place of grace, how many messages in accordance with the Faith and the Gospel have spread: all this has resulted in the recognition, approved by Pope Francis, that nihil obstat to appreciating the spiritual value of this place of grace and to promoting the spread of this spiritual proposal throughout the whole world.

The texts presented in this volume offer us the possibility to deepen in an authentic way the history of this spirituality and help us to understand the path that God has willed to accomplish in this place of prayer, in the encounter with the Lord Jesus and in being accompanied by the Virgin Mary, the “Queen of Peace.”

Aldo Cavalli

Apostolic Visitor

with a Special Role for the Parish of Medjugorje

Medjugorje Centre (North East)



MEDJUGORJE RETREAT AT MINSTERACRES

Spiritual Director—Fr. Shaun O'Neill

Oct 10th– 12th 2025

Our retreat this year was attended by a number of people who were new to Medjugorje and Minsteracres. We hope to welcome them back again next year and perhaps one day to our Pilgrimage. I know they were thrilled to be at Minsteracres, so I hope Minsteracres also gains new participants on future retreats and even a volunteer or two in the dining room.

We were led this weekend by Fr Shaun O'Neill from Our Lady and St Cuthbert Berwick upon Tweed. Our theme this year was 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Fr Shaun began our pilgrimage leading us from between the hills in Medjugorje - Cross Mountain and the Hill of Apparition - and took us to the hill country where Our Lady began her journey of hope and trust following her encounter with the Angel Gabriel at the Annunciation. Mary subsequently made haste to see her cousin Elizabeth at her village in Ein Kerem, which means vineyard and later gave birth to Jesus in Bethlehem, which means bread. Our first introduction to bread and wine at the beginning of the new life planted within Mary and her cousin Elizabeth. As we know, Jesus subsequently left us his body and blood in the form of bread and wine at the

end of his earthly life, isn't that amazing! Mary's hope and trust in God is the perfect example for us to follow as we strive to attain heaven, despite the ups and downs of our daily lives. Fr Shaun had many great incites to share and a great gift in bringing the Jewish Messiah of the Old Testament to life in the Christian Messiah of the New Testament. Thank you Fr Shaun and thank God for his many talents.

Our stay at Minsteracres was as wonderful as ever and we thank them for their support and hospitality, before and during our stay and we look forward to next year's retreat.

Let us pray with the Holy Father:

Prayer Intention for November 2025

'For the prevention of suicide'



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Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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Pope Leo XIV