

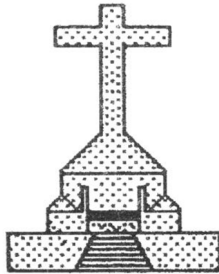
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To spread the messages of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus,
given through the visionaries in Medjugorje.

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OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PRAY FOR US

**MEDJUGORJE
AFTERNOON OF PRAYER**

led by Fr. Martin Morris

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

*** *Cancelled 19th April 2026* ****

Replaced with

**Divine Mercy Sunday 12th April
Event**

17th May 2026

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



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
CELEBRATION**



**2.30pm 12th April
2026**

Led by Fr. Martin Morris

Litany and Rosary,
divine mercy Prayers.

All welcome.

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Jesus I trust in You

Important Notice About the Future of the Newsletter

After producing and posting this newsletter since 1989, the time has come to make a necessary change. Preparing, printing, folding, and posting over 175 copies each time has become increasingly difficult to manage.

To ensure the newsletter can continue, we are planning to move to an email-only version starting from the May 2026 issue.

It can also be read and printed from our web site. Medjugorje Centre Northeast (www.medjugorjene.co.uk)

If you currently receive a printed copy, please send us your email address as soon as possible to medjugorjene@yahoo.co.uk so we can keep you on the mailing list via email.

We are genuinely sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, and we appreciate your understanding and support as we make this transition.

Thank you for being part of the newsletter community and supporting Medjugorje Centre North East through the years.

OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World

Given 25th March 2026 to Marija Pavlovic



"Dear children, The poison of selfishness and hatred rules human hearts and that is why you do not have peace. I am calling you, little children: be love and my extended hands to all those whom you meet. In humility, pray for peace and work on reconciliation among people, so that it may be good for every person on earth. Thank you for having responded to my call."

(With Ecclesiastical approval)

Reflection by Fr. Martin Morris

Spiritual Director of Medjugorje Centre NE

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Medjugorje North East and beyond,

From the start of the apparitions of Our Lady in Medjugorje, Mary has introduced herself as 'Mother and Queen of Peace.' It is as the queen of Peace she comes to us, to lead us towards the fulness of peace in her Son, Jesus. "Peace must reign between God and man" were her first words, June 24th 1981. In this month's message Our Lady implores the world to discover the path of peace, by asking each of us to be love, and people of reconciliation, **'So that it may be good for you on earth.'**

Our Lady begins, *"The poison of selfishness and hatred rules human hearts and that is why you do not have peace."* Peace begins

in a person's heart, it begins by our deciding for peace. It begins when we decide for forgiveness, and to see things from the others point of view. The situation in the world today, is not the result of politics, or ideology, it is primarily one of the human heart. It is a spiritual problem inside people, who have forgotten the true means of living well. Our Lady says this is because of **'Selfishness'** and **'hatred,'** which like poison infiltrates the human heart and results in a lack of peace for everyone. Humanity needs no other form of peace than the peace that comes from God. This is the real peace that Our Lady calls us to, the peace that knows the conditions of conversion towards life and towards God, - prayer, fasting, and permitting oneself to

be led by the Holy Spirit. The poison Our Lady speaks of is from Satan, and therefore everyone needs to turn towards God and in humility offer their hearts to him. "For out of the heart, comes evil thoughts." (Matthew : 15. 19)

"I am calling you little children, be love, and my extended hands to all those you meet.

The foremost enemy of peace is human egoism. The wrong relationship between oneself and others and also towards God. Let us think of Our Lady, her Faith and her Humility. Her heart was always saying yes to God, from this flowed her Joy and her love. Without humility, joy and love remain unimaginable, because humility means nothing more than a correct relationship towards oneself, as a gift to others. Mary, was Gods gift to us, and Mary grew in that giving of herself to God and others. Even now she gives of herself to us, by being with us. A person who forgets they are a gift for others soon becomes haughty, and see's everything from within himself, and that everything should serve him alone. Wherever love is not unconditional and not strived for, one cannot speak of love at all.

Our Lady asks us to be 'love' and we can only become her extended hands by deciding for love as a self-willed decision. Like her we need to abandon ourselves to the

love of Jesus and his will for each one of us.

"In humility pray for peace, and work on reconciliation among people, so that it may be good for every person on earth."

Each of us can only begin with our own personal situation, in our own way. The starting point is 'Prayer.' In the humility of our hearts to recognise that without Prayer, then the fruits of our work will come to little. Everything begins in prayer, and a humble person always knows this. The fruit of prayer is peace and reconciliation, and so we work for the advancement of everyone person by prayer for them and with them. Each of us are asked by Our Lady to work on reconciliation among people, and the starting point is always prayer.

The world is on a path of destruction, let us live Our Lady's messages with joy and Easter hope, and so become an oasis of peace, with the intention of **making it good for every person on earth.**

**A Blessed and Holy Easter,
Fr. Martin**



REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL

of The Community of The Beatitudes

www.sremmanuel.org

Medjugorje, March 16, 2026

Dear Friends, praise be to Jesus and Mary!

1. The time has come to forgive!

At the beginning of the apparitions, Jakov Colo, the youngest of the visionaries, conveyed this message he had received from the Blessed Mother: **“Our Lady says it is necessary to pray with the heart.”** But the villagers did not understand the meaning of this message and wondered what it meant to pray with the heart. Father Jozo Zovko asked Jakov to ask Our Lady this question: **“What does it mean to *pray with the heart*?”** Jakov asked the Blessed Virgin Mary that very day and he conveyed this answer: **“Our Lady says that to pray with the heart, one must forgive everyone.”**

In a packed church during the Mass that followed, Father Jozo quoted this message from Our Lady. A profound silence and a palpable tension filled the congregation. The people understood why she had spoken this way. Indeed, rivalries and resentments existed among them due to land boundaries and other such conflicts. Brotherly love was thus thwarted. Father Jozo explained the fundamental importance of forgiveness. A heavy silence still reigned in the church when an elder of the village, well-known to all, stood up and fixed his gaze on one of

the villagers toward whom he harbored resentment. Then he made his way through the congregation to approach him. He extended his hand and said aloud, **“I forgive you!”**

Something extraordinary followed. Shortly after this beautiful gesture, witnessed by the entire congregation, another village elder rose, approached one of the parishioners, extended his hand, and declared, **“I forgive you!”** Afterward, Father Jozo saw them rise one after another and ask forgiveness of the person toward whom they had held a grudge. This reconciliation among the village elders was an unforgettable moment. A great peace descended upon Medjugorje, for all had truly understood what it meant to “pray with the heart!”

Today, in these trying times when thousands of people live in fear, suffer, and die under bombs, the Blessed Mother is counting on us more than ever! Every reconciliation, every act of forgiveness, every heartfelt prayer, every sacrifice offered, has an immense impact on the world situation, bringing about peace. **Jesus did not conquer through force, but through the gentleness of his love and forgiveness.**

“Dear children,” the Virgin Mary tells us, “I am with you because **I desire to help you overcome the trials**

which this time of purification puts before you. My children, one of those is not to forgive and not to ask for forgiveness. Every sin offends Love and distances you from it – and Love is my Son. Therefore, my children, if you desire to walk with me towards the peace of God’s love, you must learn to forgive and to ask for forgiveness.” (2.09.10)
 “My children, **forgiveness is the highest form of love...**By forgiving you show that you know how to love.” (2.06.19)

Let us now listen what Jesus says about forgiveness:

... Then Peter came to Jesus and said, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, **“I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.”** (Matthew 18:21-22)



2. On March 18, the visionary Mirjana Soldo will receive her annual apparition in private. The date of March 18 is not related to Mirjana's birthday (she was born on March 18, 1965), but Mary chose it because, she says, this date will be of great importance in the future. We do not know what it will be about, but on the day, the Virgin Mary will reveal it.

Everyone has high hopes for the message that Mirjana will receive; it will be the voice of our beloved Mother speaking for us, for our humanity, which so longs to move from darkness to Light, from senseless wars to true peace, the peace that only God can give. In the message of November 2, 2014, Mary told us: **"My Son promised me that evil will never win..."**



3. On March 19th, we will celebrate Saint Joseph together! These few prayers will help us draw closer to him and, through his powerful intercession, obtain very special graces, the secrets of which he alone holds. He has never disappointed us!

Saint Joseph, you knew the imperfections of our humanity; you had to endure uncertainty and profound darkness. Through the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Child Jesus, you understood how to live your spiritual life deeply, how to be completely immersed in God, to do His will, and to live each moment in His presence. You received the immense gift of being guided by God Himself through your dreams! Teach us never to doubt His love and His presence by our side, especially in difficult times!

O Saint Joseph, tender father of the Holy Family, you who protected Jesus and Mary with such care, deign to look with kindness upon our families. Protect our homes and our towns, sustain us in the trials that beset us, and grant us your powerful paternal protection.

O Saint Joseph, you who await us in Paradise, it is to you that we entrust the hour of our death. Be present at our side to comfort us, and lead us by the hand toward the most beautiful day of our lives, the day of our entry into Heaven.

The Litany of St. Joseph can be found on our website
<https://sremmanuel.org/2021/04/01/litany-of-saint-joseph-2/>

Dearest Gospa, you suffered with your Son Jesus, not only at the foot of the cross, but every time you see a heart broken by resentment and hatred. Today, we want to bring you joy and comfort by allowing love and forgiveness to prevail in our hearts, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for being there... What would the world be without you!?

Sister Emmanuel,
 Community of the Beatitudes

Let us pray with the Holy Father:

Prayer Intention for April 2026

‘For Priests in Crisis’



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Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

”

Pope Leo XIV

Bishop Antonin Basler:

The Hail Mary Prayer is a golden jewel in which the name Jesus is the most precious jewel

"We are all probably familiar with the wonderful prophecy about the woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of 12 stars, story from the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation of Saint John. If that Sun is Christ himself,



the Word who became flesh precisely in the womb of the Virgin Mary, then that woman clothed with the sun, the Word, with the Christ is precisely Mary. Then what is true for Mary is also true for the Church; and what is true for the Church can also be said for Mary. She lived most perfectly and achieved what Saint Paul later interpreted with the words "to put on Christ", said in his homily the auxiliary bishop of Olomouc in the Czech Republic, Msgr. Antonin Basler.

On the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary, he was the main celebrant in the Church of St. James in Medjugorje, with the concelebration of 109 priests, and the rosary was recited before the Holy Mass by Fr. Antonio Primorac.

The Rosary and the Blessed Virgin Mary were the themes of his homily in Medjugorje, so he also brought the words of St. John Paul II, written in his book 'The Gift and the Mystery', in which he describes the devotion to the Virgin Mary: "At the time when my priestly vocation crystallized...my concept of devotion to the Mother of God changed in a certain way. Even then, I was convinced that Mary leads us to Christ, but at that time I began

to understand that Christ also leads us to his Mother."

"The Mother of God wants to be the way to the goal, and that goal is her Son', said Bishop Basler, and then he brought the thoughts of some other saints, about receiving grace through

Mary, such as Saint Bernardine of Siena, Saint Philip Neri, Saint John Mary Vianney...

He then brought the thoughts of the popes about the rosary: Saint Pope Pius V, Saint John XXIII, Saint John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis who said: "The rosary is a prayer that constantly accompanies my life; also the prayer of simple people and saints... it is the prayer of my heart."

Bishop Basler said that "the Hail Mary prayer is like a gold jewelry in which the name Jesus is the most precious jewel".

"From 1478 to the present day, more than 200 papal documents can be listed about the rosary. "In many apparitions, the Blessed Virgin Mary has shown that praying the Rosary is very necessary for the good of humanity and has encouraged us to pray it," said the auxiliary bishop of Olomouc in the Czech Republic, Msgr. Antonin Basler, and concluding his homily, he called on "us to take up the Holy Rosary with renewed fervor, thus following our heavenly Mother in her endeavor to bring all the brothers and sisters of her Son to heaven."

Our Lady's Annual Apparition to Mirjana 18th March 2026



“Dear children, never forget how great is the love of God. Through that love I am with you. Do not forget how great is His mercy. Through that mercy I am showing you the way to true happiness and perfect peace. That is the way to my Son. Therefore, my children, with complete trust, abandon yourselves to my Son and do not be afraid. Do not be afraid of the future because it belongs entirely to the will of my Son. Therefore, my children, renounce everything that distances you from my Son: false happiness, false hope, false splendor. Trust my Son. Tell Him about your pains, sufferings, desires and hopes. You will feel His love and His blessing. Thank you!”

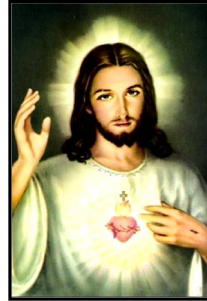
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The apparition lasted from 13:22 to 13:26

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.

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
12th April 2026***

**MEDJUGORJE CENTRE NORTH
EAST**

Invites you to celebrate the
**45th Anniversary of
The Apparitions at
Medjugorje**

**Sunday 21st June 2026
4pm**

in conjunction with the Medjugorje
afternoon of prayer

Led by **Fr. Martin Morris**

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**MEDJUGORJE RETREAT AT
MINSTERACRES**

**Spiritual Director
Fr. Martin Morris**

Cost is £205 pp

Fri 9th –11th October 2026

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TO MEDJUGORJE**

11th Oct – 18th Oct 2026

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**Medjugorje Youth Festival
2026**

1st—6th August

*“ Ad Fontem! ”
(To the Source)*

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.

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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.

Sunday 7th—14th June 2026

Cost per person: £815 sharing, £955 in single room
 (Deposit required £200)

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EASTER BLESSINGS OF GODS
LOVE & JOY

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

