

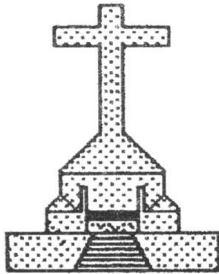
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To spread the messages of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus,
given through the visionaries in Medjugorje.

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HOLY-SCRIPTURE, CONFESSION

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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**

21st June 2026

In conjunction with 45th Anniversary of
the Apparitions in Medjugorje

19th July 2026

**Our Blessed
Lady Immaculate**
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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 May 2026 to Marija Pavlovic



"Dear children, may this time be for you a time of prayer and fasting. Return, little children, in love to God Who is your peace. I am with you, little children, and I love you with my motherly tenderness. 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, as we go towards the 45th anniversary of Our Lady's coming in Medjugorje, we can take this opportunity to re-evaluate our commitment to living the messages of the Queen of peace, and recognise how in each of Our Lady's words, we have a profound gift of growing in Faith and holiness. In the early days of the apparitions Our Lady said, "I desire the Priest's believe firmly, and the people pray more fervently." (May, 1984).

Since then Our Lady as Mother and Teacher has visited us to help us on the way of Salvation, and show the world the way to peace. We should treasure each and every message that Our Lady gives, and ask the Holy Spirit help us understand what those words might mean for us.

This month's message is short, but is a synthesis of the whole spirituality of Medjugorje, a summary, we could say, of these last forty five years.

"Dear Children, May this time be for you, a time of prayer, and fasting, return little children, in love to God who is your peace."

Prayer, Fasting, and return in love to God. The invitation to Prayer and Fasting paves the way for our return to God in love. Our Lady often refers to 'Prayer of the heart' – this is when we pray with love, so too, with fasting, when we make sacrifices in a spirit of love towards God and neighbour. If we love Jesus, then we will pray with love, and make the necessary sacrifices that we are able. Prayer – it should be clear to us all what this entails. The Rosary, attending Holy Mass, and reading Holy Scripture. In the early days of the

apparitions Our Lady told us she had come to teach us how to pray. She began with Apostles Creed, seven Our Fathers, seven Hail Mary's, and seven Glory be's. These simple steps in prayer, laid the foundations for later, when Our Lady recommended prayer of the whole Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and 'Prayer of the Heart' i.e. praying with Faith and love. Through our prayers Mary has often said, we can receive a new life, a new inner life, a life of peace and Joy. Our Lady has told us what is most important, to be with God – who is love. Our Lady knows the power of prayer, and knows we can accomplish much through prayer. Prayer can have such strong influence at many levels, in our own lives, and in the life of the world. So let us renew our commitment to prayer as Mary asks, through Holy Rosary, Holy Mass, and Scripture, confession too. The fruit of prayer is peace, that is why Our Lady reminds us that God is the source of all peace, and we become peace for others in our families, and communities.

Our Lady asks that this time be a time of prayer and Fasting. I remember Fr. Jozo on a visit to our Diocese, at St. Mary's Cathedral asking us not to wait for the sign of Medjugorje. "Now is the time for conversion" he said, emphasising the importance of the time we have now. Our Lady uses the word 'time' twice in this

message. To make 'this time' a time for Prayer and Fasting. Our Lady has said on more than one occasion, "Prayer and fasting can suspend wars and catastrophies." These are powerful words,- words which should remind us that prayer accompanied by Fasting is a true spiritual force. We can pray for the gift of fasting, and renunciation. We can ask the Holy Spirit to help us fast and make small sacrifices to accompany our prayer. Remember even the smallest fast and renunciation, offered in love is seen in the sight of God.

Let us take to heart this month's message, Our Lady Queen of Peace is asking the whole world to **"Return in love to God who is your peace."** May we be the witnesses for Our Lady, in our prayer and fasting.

God Bless,
Fr. Martin

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

Medjugorje, May 21, 2026

Dear Friends, praise be to Jesus and Mary!

1. The power of God and man's gratitude

Peppe owns a large seafood restaurant in Naples, near the sea. He is 54 years old, married, and a father. **Everything was going well for him until he was greatly afflicted:** two years ago, he was diagnosed with a very rare and virtually incurable cancer, which spread throughout his entire body. For two years, he suffered from severe bleeding from his mouth.



The diagnosis was very clear: stage IV T-cell lymphoma, which is potentially curable only after intensive chemotherapy. He came to Medjugorje and prayed for his recovery. Upon his return, he found that the lymphoma had shrunk and that he had a 99% chance of it being cured.

He went back to Medjugorje to thank Our Lady. The visionary, Marija, gave him a little cross blessed by Our Lady during an apparition. He immediately put it around his neck.

A little later, in his sleep, he dreamt that **the Blessed Mother accompanied him to the Blue Cross** with ten doctors ready to operate on him. She told him: **"Your chemo will feel like water to you."**

Indeed, throughout his treatment, he felt nothing, while other patients endured terrible suffering accompanied by side effects such as hair loss. He underwent a PET scan, (a molecular imaging method to detect the spread of lymphoma), and it was discovered that it had disappeared. **He was cured!** He then promised Our Lady that he would return to Medjugorje every year to thank her.

Medjugorje is certainly a place of healing and grace, but not everyone is healed here. Those who come, however, **find meaning in their lives** and leave with this gift of Our Lady who is a compassionate Mother to her children who are suffering. She speaks to us clearly, guiding us through today's trials.

Without her we cannot make it, and **she leads us to Jesus, who alone is our future.**

The Blessed Mother tells us in Medjugorje that **"the future of humanity is at a crossroads."** It is a call to choose a direction: "Modern man does not want God. That is why mankind is heading to perdition. You, little children, are my

hope... Be prayer and witness peace in your surroundings, and be people of peace.” (January 25, 2023)

Before the Balkan War, she said: “I invite you to pray with the heart in order that your prayer may be a conversation with God. I desire each one of you to dedicate more time to God. Satan is strong and wants to destroy and deceive you in many ways. Therefore, dear children, **pray every day that your life will be good for yourselves and for all those you meet.** I am with you and I am protecting you even though Satan wishes to destroy my plans and to hinder the desires which the Heavenly Father wants to realize here.” (September 25, 1990)

2. Mary’s extraordinary Motherhood.

After the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven, Mary remained on earth. The Gospel tells us nothing of these years. Some saints and mystics received revelations about them and unveiled profound aspects of her motherhood.

Blessed Conchita Cabrera of Mexico (1862-1937) was shown **the solitude of Mary in her last years on earth.** Mary experienced an inner martyrdom of which very few are aware. Wholly turned toward her Lord and Master, **she continued to share in the sufferings of the Passion, offering them up for the growth of the Church.** These meditations can only help us, especially in this month of May, to enter more deeply into the mystery of Mary and to love her more.

Jesus revealed to Conchita:

"At the foot of the Cross, all her children were born. My death gave them life in the heart of My Mother. But before her death She had to manifest this maternity on earth, gaining, by the sufferings of My absence, an infinitude of graces present and future for her children. Her title of Mother of mankind, Mary won by the martyrdom of her solitude after My death. Has the world been aware of this? Does it appreciate it and is it grateful for it?

The time has come when the children should show they are real children, showing their veneration for this heart broken by this subtle and most painful martyrdom, lived through for the sake of their own happiness.

There, **Mary gained graces for each and every man. It is time for her to be thanked"** (Diary, June 30, 1917). “Conchita,” Michel-Marie Philipon, O.P. (PS1)



Pain in itself has no value; it is a consequence and bitter fruit of sin. **But love has the prodigious power to transform it and make it an instrument of redemption.**

Collaboration in the cross of Christ is above all a call to collaborate in the salvation of the world.

Today, if Our Lady is able to intercede for us so powerfully, it is because she participated with unparalleled love and courage in the Passion of her Son. She did so out of love for us, her children. Did she not say here in Medjugorje:

“Dear children, I love you with the immeasurable love of Jesus” (November 25, 1991). Jesus wanted to share with His mother the pain He felt due to His abandonment on the Cross. His words, **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”** resonated in her motherly heart. She felt such a deep abandonment, but by divine intervention and grace she was able to offer this up during her last years on earth for God’s glory and for the sake of her children. Therefore today, none of us as Mary’s children, should feel abandoned because God always gives us the grace we need.

It is impossible that such a Mother would not hear the cry of her children, who by the thousands suffer terrible loneliness and abandonment in this world which has become so cruel

.Just as her Son called her to participate in His work of redemption for the salvation of humanity, she herself calls us today to collaborate with her on behalf of all those who do not yet know God’s love.

“Dear children, I need you. Without you, I cannot help the world. I invite you to collaborate with me in every detail of your daily life” Who will respond with all their heart to such a maternal call?

Dearest Gospa, we will never cease to thank you enough for your love for us! Please continue to reveal it to us so that we may return love for love in our daily lives, following the path you show us through your messages, on the path to holiness. In the end your dream will come true: we will all be reunited one day in heaven, where you are waiting for us! We pray with you that none of your children will be lost.

Sister Emmanuel,
Community of the Beatitudes

PS1. ‘Conchita: A Mother’s Spiritual Diary’ is available in English at various book stores. Here is a link to Abebooks:
[CLICK HERE](#)

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.

Month of Mary



The month of May (Overview - Calendar) is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith

and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

The practice was granted a partial indulgence by Pius VII in 1815 and a plenary indulgence by Pius IX in 1859. With the complete revision of indulgences in 1966 and the decreased emphasis on specific indulgences, it no longer carries an indulgence; however it certainly falls within the category of the First General Grant of Indulgences. (A partial indulgence is granted to the

faithful who, in the performance of their duties and in bearing the trials of life, raise their mind with humble confidence to God, adding — even if only mentally — some pious invocation.)

Excerpted from Enchiridion of Indulgences.

Devotion to Mary



The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of

everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit, as Pope Leo XIII reminded us, is the soul of the Church: All the activity and service of the members of the Church, beginning with the supreme participation of the Blessed Mother in the work of the Church, is vivified by the Holy Spirit as the body, in all its activities, is vivified by its soul. The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, Advocate, and Comforter which Christ Himself sent to be our consolation in the sorrowful mysteries of life, our source of moderation in the joyful mysteries of life, our added principle of exaltation in the glorious mysteries of life.

So He was for the Blessed Mother; so also He is for the least of us; so also He is for the rest of the Church, even for those who are its unconscious but conscientious members.

Wherever there is faith there is the example of Mary, because she lived by faith as the Scriptures remind us....

If, then, piety is the virtue which binds

us to the sources of all life, to God, to our parents, to the Church, to Christ, certainly Christian piety binds us, in grateful love, to Mary — or our acceptance of Christ and of the mystery of our kinship with Him is imperfect, partial, and unfulfilled.

— *Cardinal John Wright*

Mary and Our Spiritual Life



In our observance of the Marian month we should take into account the season of the Liturgical Year which largely corresponds with the fifty days of Easter. Our pious exercises could emphasize Our Lady's participation in the Paschal mystery and in Pentecost with which the Church begins. The pious exercises connected with the month of May can easily highlight the earthly role played by the glorified Queen of Heaven, here and now, in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

The following practices which are recommended by the Magisterium are offered as suggestions for honoring Our Lady during Her month.



The Regina Coeli

The ecclesial community addresses this antiphon to Mary for the Resurrection of her Son. It adverts to, and depends on, the invitation to joy addressed by Gabriel to the Lord's humble servant who was called to become the Mother of the saving Messiah.



The Rosary

Also called the Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Rosary is one of the most excellent prayers to the Mother of

God. Thus, "the Roman Pontiffs have repeatedly exhorted the faithful to the frequent recitation of this biblically inspired prayer which is centered on contemplation of the salvific events of Christ's life, and their close association with the Virgin Mother."



Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary

These consist of a long series of invocations to Our Lady, which follow in a uniform rhythm, thereby creating a stream of prayer characterized by insistent praise and supplication.



Consecration and Entrustment to Mary

The Roman Pontiffs have frequently expressed appreciation for the pious practice of "consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary" and the formulas publicly used by them are well known.

Louis Grignon de Montfort is one of the great masters of the spirituality underlying the act of "consecration to Mary". He "proposed to the faithful consecration to Jesus through Mary, as an effective way of living out their baptismal commitment."



The Brown Scapular and other Scapulars

The scapular is an external sign of the filial relationship established between the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Mount Carmel, and the faithful who entrust themselves totally to her protection, who have recourse to her maternal intercession, who are mindful of the primacy of the spiritual life and the need for prayer.



Medals

These are witnesses of faith and a sign of veneration of the Holy Mother of God, as well as of trust in her maternal protection.

The Church blesses such objects of Marian devotion in the belief that "they help to remind the faithful of the love of God, and to increase trust in the Blessed Virgin Mary."



The "Akathistos" Hymn

In the Byzantine tradition, one of the oldest and most revered expressions of

Marian devotion is the hymn of the "Akathistos" — meaning the hymn sung while standing. It is a literary and theological masterpiece, encapsulating in the form of a prayer, the universally held Marian belief of the primitive Church.

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led by Fr. Martin Morris

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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.
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Sunday 7th—14th June 2026

Cost per person: £815 sharing, £955 in single room

(Deposit required £200)

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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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Marian Fletcher Telephone 0191 4174413

Let us pray with the Holy Father:

**Prayer Intention for
June 2026**

‘For the values of sports’



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Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

”

Pope Leo XIV

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11th Oct – 18th Oct 2026

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