

100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Fátima

The location of the Shrine of Fátima, at Cova da Iria, had until 1917 been an unknown place in the municipality of Ourém, in the parish of Fátima. That year, a religious event changed its history and importance for ever, when three little shepherds, Jacinta and her two cousins, Francisco and Lúcia, witnessed successive apparitions of Our Lady of the Rosary. Initially looked at with suspicion by the Church, albeit cherished by the people, the phenomenon was not acknowledged by the Bishop of Leiria until 1930.

The first apparitions of Our Lady were to the shepherd children on 13th May 1917 and they were repeated the following months, the last occurring on 13th October the same year, when a remarkable crowd witnessed the "Miracle of the Sun".

His Holiness Pope Francis is in Fatima this weekend celebrating this important anniversary.

The 100th anniversary will be celebrated until 13th October with a wide-ranging cultural programme including a number of exhibitions, concerts of sacred music, performances relating to the apparitions, conferences, summer courses and the International Congress "Thinking Fátima", which will be held in June.

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

Under the pastoral care of the Pallottines, Society of the Catholic Apostolate.
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COMMUNITY

Fr. Eugene Lynch SCA, Fr. Tom Daly SCA

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Saturday 9.00 am – 4.00 pm
Sunday 10.00 – 1.30 pm

MASSES

Monday – Friday	12.00 noon
Saturday	12.00 noon
Sunday	7.00 pm Saturday – Vigil Mass 8.00 am, 9.00 am, 10.30 am 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm
Confessions (Saturday)	11.00 am – 12.00 noon and 6.15 pm – 6.45 pm

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

14th MAY 2017

The readings for today's Mass start on
page 265 of the Mass book.

The Creed – page 11 The Lord's Prayer ~ page 56

The response to the Psalm:

*May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you*

The Acclamation is:

*We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your
resurrection until you come again.*

CONFIRMATION 2017

We extend our sincere thanks to Bishop John Wilson for celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation here this weekend. Also, we congratulate the 65 young people who received this important Sacrament..

ROSARY in MAY

During the month of May, the Rosary will take place every weekday in the Church at 3.15 pm. Everyone welcome.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE to MEDJUGORJE

We are delighted to announce that this year's parish pilgrimage to Medjugorje will be led by Fr. John Egan, and will take place from Wednesday 6th September to Wednesday 13th September. The price for 7 nights half board will be £509.00 per person. *Early booking is advised.* If you are interested in joining this pilgrimage, please contact the Parish Office on 020-8578-1363.

NEW BABY GROUP

If you are expecting, or have just had, a baby, why not come along to our small friendly group for a coffee and chat. We meet on Tuesday afternoons from 1.30 to 3.00 pm, in the Church Meeting Room, which is around the church and up the ramp near the car park. If you would like further information, please ring Terry on 020-8575-3060 or 07971-821511.

NOVENA

The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place every Wednesday at 7.00 pm in the Side Chapel. Everyone welcome.

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Friday in the Side Chapel from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm. Rosary at 5.00 and 7.00 pm. Everyone welcome.

***Confirmation and First Holy Communion
gifts and cards are available in the Parish Office.***

PLANNED GIVING SCHEME

Please collect your boxes from the Parish Office.

SOULFUL SUNDAY

21st May – 1.00 to 4.00 pm

In Cardinal Wiseman School Playground.

**A Fundraising afternoon in aid of
Rehabilitation Centre for Children,
Siuyia, Singida, Tanzania.**

**BBQ, Face painting, Shoot the Hoops,
and many more attractions.
Everyone welcome.**

EXPRESSION of GRATITUDE

Bob King and family would like to say “thank you” to everyone who sympathised with them on the recent death of Eileen, a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Thanks to all who had Masses offered, sent flowers, sympathy cards and prayed, and supported them during this sad time. A Mass will be offered for all your intentions. The Month's Mind Mass for Eileen will be on Sunday 21st May, at 10.30 am. Everyone welcome.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

John Owen Farrell

Mass 10.00 am, Thursday 18th May, followed by cremation at Breakespear Crematorium.

Advance Notice

Josephine Stevens

Service 11.00 am, Tuesday 23rd May, **Breakespear Crematorium.**

*We send our condolences to the families of the deceased,
and offer them our prayers and support at this time.*