

The Fatima Centenary and have we forgotten the Rosary? by Michael Southern



The Blessed Virgin Mary - in her many apparitions has always urged us strongly to pray the Rosary - particularly at Fatima , Lourdes and currently in Medjugorje where her apparitions are still happening and under investigation by the Church but accepted and believed by many millions.

As our advocate, she assures us of the particular power of this prayer in answering our needs and leading us to her Son. Many saints and popes have also urged us to this devotion.

May 13th 2017 marks the centenary of Fatima, on six occasions Our Lady, as the Queen of the Rosary and in the troubled times of WWI, appeared to three shepherd children aged 7, 9 and 10. The children witnessed to her call and the truth of their experience by their subsequent lives and example and by praying the Rosary: remarkable events that are just as relevant today.

Pope Francis will be visiting the shrine on the anniversary to honour Our Lady and to once again state the importance of the message. Here at St. Augustine's, during the month of May, a Fatima statue which was given to the parish by WW2 prisoners of war will be placed next to the main altar.

There will also be a showing of a DVD and short talk about Fatima and its importance, in the parish hall on Saturday 6th May at 10.45 after the morning Mass, to which everyone is welcome.

Throughout the month of May the Rosary will be prayed in the church before the weekday 10.00 a.m and 12.30 p.m. Mass. You are encouraged to put aside the daily concerns and come and join our Lady in reciting the Rosary before Mass. Even if you have felt it was not for you, please join us. Few would doubt that the world needs it, society needs it, our families need it, we all need it - and Our Lady is urging us.

Our Archbishop Peter Smith will also be honouring Our Lady and crowning the Fatima pilgrim statue in St. George's Cathedral on 13th May.

REGINA CAELI

O Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia!
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia!
Has risen, as He said, alleluia!
Pray for us to God, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!
For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia!

**2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER
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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 23rd 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER
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7.00 pm **Confessions in Polish**

7.30 pm **Mass in Polish**

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OUTREACH: Pepenbury provides residential care, accommodation, day services and support for people living independently in the community.

MONDAY 24th St George

11.00 am **Ladies' Lunch & Prayer Group**
Bring & buy Sale - Hall.

FRIDAY 28th

7.30 pm **Cambodian Mass -** Followed by reception In the Hall

OUTREACH: St George's Cathedral is the mother church of the Southwark Diocese. The costs of its upkeep keep increasing so please help with its upkeep to maintain its high public rating. See <http://www.southwark-rc-cathedral.org.uk>
Gift Aid Donors are asked to place their contribution in the yellow envelope in their pack which is specifically for this outreach.

MONDAY 1st

11.30 am **Anniversary Mass - Val & Paddy Reilly, see notice.**

TUESDAY 2nd

10.00 am **Funeral: Ormonde Power**

LIFT TO MASS 11.15 AM

A very cheerful but sick gentleman would like a lift to 11.15 am Mass from St James' Road. Would you be able to help? Please contact the office.

OFFERTORY

Frs Peter, Agnelo and Josaphat thank everyone for the very generous Easter Offering.

Thank you for your generosity.

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KHMER MASS

To celebrate our twinning with Kompong Thom the 7.30pm Mass on Friday 28th April will be celebrated "in the Khmer Style". Afterwards there will be refreshments in the hall and a presentation on our current links with Kompong Thom. We hope that many parishioners will attend this special celebration.

Ladies' Lunch & Prayer Group

Bring & Buy Sale in aid of Smile Train

Monday 24th April at 11.00am

Lunch as usual. Everyone in the parish is welcome, just come along, please bring a friend with you.

With God's blessings. Ann 529911
Please note change of date and time.

DVD Presentation on Fatima

Saturday 6th May 2017

10.45am in Church Hall

Refreshments served before showing of DVD.

The Evangelisation Team invite you to a Eucharistic Healing Service with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

8pm Tuesday 9th May

Prayer for personal healing, prayer for unity in the Church and healing of divisions, for peace in all countries in the Middle East.

Week of Prayer for Tunbridge Wells
Sunday 23–Friday 28 April 2017:

The week will begin at 6.30pm on Sunday 23 April at New Life Church. There will be prayer through the week – mornings at Christ Church in the High Street and evenings at New Life Church in Southborough. See poster for details

Val and Paddy Reilly are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 1st May with a Mass at 11.30 a.m. and would love their friends in the parish to join them for this Mass.