

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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The Holy Family



February



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.'
When they had done this they netted a huge number of fish!

Two boats laden to sinking point with fresh caught fish scarcely make the shore. They had worked hard all night, caught nothing, and now a huge catch. As a sign of the future which the Lord puts before those willing to follow him, it all looks good. Luke deliberately joins the call of the first disciples and the miraculous catch of fish. The ministry of Jesus and the mission of the Church are intimately joined together. The light of salvation shine on the world, and the first Christian community, born on Pentecost day, preaches the gospel. It is like a successful fishing party: the risen One, from Simon Peter's boat, where he remains according to his promise, continues his preaching using the voices of those he has chosen; at his say-so the disciples draw a humanity, the whole world to be saved from the depths. 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets!' If Jesus sends his followers as fishers of men, it is because they themselves have first been caught by his word. They must run the adventure of faith, accept the risk of casting their moorings, leaving the security of the well-sheltered harbour, to go wherever the Spirit blows, beyond what is foreseeable or reasonable. First caught as fish, now they must become fishermen. not afraid of hard work.

Weekend Mass Intentions

Sat: - 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30pm – For the Holy Father's Intentions

Followed by Confessions until 11.00am

5.00pm – Pat Morris - Anniversary

Sun – The church opens at 7.00pm

8.00am – For Intentions of Parishioners

9.30am – Winifred Melissa McDonagh – 30th Anniv

11.00am – Peter Audu – 60th Birthday Intention

- Andre Audu – 21st Birthday Intention

5.00pm – Ciss & Paddy Carberry – RIP

Mon – 8.15am - Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Lewis Mark - Recovery

No Exposition Today

Tues – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – For Sick & Housebound Parishioners

Followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Wed – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – For the Repose of the Holy Souls

Followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Thu – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Tom Carey - RIP

No Exposition Today

Fri – 5.00pm – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30pm – Fr John Buckley - RIP

Followed by First Friday Devotions

Sat – 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – For the Holy Souls

Followed by Confessions until 11.00am

5.00pm – John McDonagh - Sick

Sun – Church opens at 7.00am

8.00am – Calogera Farruggio - Anniversary

9.30am – Gail Robinson – Birthday Intention

11.00am – Roberta Onyekwelu – Thanksgiving Int

5.00pm – Maryknoll – 50th Birthday Intention

11th February = World Day of Prayer for the Sick
Our Lady of Lourdes

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION CONFESSION
Friday 31st January from 6.00pm to 7.15pm – First Friday
Saturday 1st February from 8.30am to 10.00am

Please do take advantage of these times. Always a very special time of the year and so good for us to put things right with God and with ourselves. Face to face or private confessions in the sacristy.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
27th February 2025

Ministers, I'm hoping that most of us can meet together on the above date at 7.00pm in the church to just look at a few things that have worried me a little over the past few weeks.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage at Westminster
Saturday 17th May 2025 at 2.30pm

The Cardinal is inviting couples in the Diocese who are celebrating in 2025 their 5th, 10th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and any year over 60 wedding anniversary of Catholic Marriage. Please hand in to Fr John your details: names of husband and wife, date of wedding, number of years married, postal address, email and phone number. Please hand in details as soon as possible. Thanks.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions
February 2025 – For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ' mission in the priesthood.

Introductory Sessions for Parishioners
'Reflecting on Reconciliation'
Understanding the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 13th February 2025

Anna Dupelycz from the Agency of Evangelization will be in the parish hall from 7.00pm to 9.00pm giving the third and last of her talks. Please come.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE 2025
with trips to Mostar & Surmanci
29th April to 7th May 2025
9 days/8 nights – half-board
Price – Approx £850

Departing from Luton airport. Twin room sharing. Check in luggage 23kg + hand carry. Included are flights, transfer, entrance fees as per itinerary. Single room supplement £225. Not included – travel insurance, lunches; tips & gratuities will be added to invoice. **Prices will increase at the end of December so book early!**

Always a wonderful spiritual experience Do join us for a very special time. Our first pilgrimage together for some time.



PARISH GIVING

If you use Planned Giving Envelopes please do try to keep up with your giving. The parish relies on a regular income from these envelopes each week. If you are away or do not attend church please make up your giving and that is what **Planned Giving** means. Please, if you can, take out a Standing Order to the parish. Our bank account details are **HSBC Bank plc**. To credit our account: WRCDT – Mary Mother of God Ponders End: 81308432, Sort Code: 40-05-20. Add surname and first name as a reference. Thanks.

Intentional Accompaniment: many people are in need of someone to journey with them and give them hope. Could this be you? Join our 6-week online course:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1053208818929?ff=oddtcreator>

HOW DOES THE BIBLE WORK?

To help with our reception of the new translation of the Lectionary a series of short talks has been organised at Vaughan House.

18th February – “Writing the Encounters with God” – Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz

13th March – “Making available What was written” – Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz

6:30pm – 8.00pm – Booking Essential

Contact: catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

Call: 02077989152

Marriage Care – Willing to help couples forge a lifelong loving relationship? MC is a charity that runs marriage preparation courses for couple marrying in the Catholic Church and is look for new course facilitators. Training is provided and volunteers will join the local centre. Please call Karen for more info on 08003893801 (09:00 – 17.00, Mon to Thurs) or visit the website at:

<https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/mpcf/>

YOUNG ADULTS DEANERY MEETINGS

Ages 18 – 35

The idea is for young adults (ages 18-35) to meet up once a month at one of the parishes in the Enfield deanery on a Friday evening for a time of prayer, worship (with a talk) and a social. This will allow young adults to grow and develop in their faith with mutual support and friendship. The venue for the next meeting will be at Vita et Pax, Christ the King Church, Bramley Road Cockfosters, on Friday 14th February at 7.00pm. For further details please contact: annamcmullan@rcdow.org.uk

THE PRICE OF VOTIVE CANDLES

For quite some time we have been subsidising the price of votive candles in our church. The cost of these candles has increased and so we going to have to raise the price of the candles. We cannot afford to lose income any more so the cost of these candles will increase to £1 each.

LEGION OF MARY

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom

**Meeting on Sunday 9th February 2025
at 2.45pm in parish hall**

An opportunity to meet together and say our Legion prayers and to give our reports on the work we have achieved over the past few weeks or so.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The **CCS** are a charity providing young people and children with counselling and therapy, emergency grants for families and carers and adoption and aftercare. There will be a collection box in the church Crib for any offerings you might like to make

Parish Shop – open for statues, candles, rosaries, crucifixes, cards and more.

You can help your marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue – or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom 27th February to 2nd March – Email: info@retrouvaille.org.uk
Call or text: 07887296983

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Friday Evenings
from 5.00 – 7.15pm
Saturday Mornings
from 7.00 – 8.30am

*As we are now in the Jubilee
Year do try and give a
little more time to Our Lord*

MASS INTENTIONS

Wanting a Mass said for a person or occasion is good but a reminder that if you wish a special date then you must hand in your request well in advance if you do not want to be disappointed. Thanks

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Our Lady of Lourdes

Tuesday 11th February 2025

Lord, we acknowledge that you are the ultimate healer, and we ask that you extend your healing touch to all those who are sick and suffering. May your divine power flow through their bodies, bringing restoration and wholeness. We pray, dear God, that you would be present with us all today. Amen.

Our lady of Lourdes pray for us

Prayers please:

Sick: Mary Lovett, Agnes Robinson, Peter Thorpe, Joe Harper, Mary Conway. Suzi Modi, Agnes Guveya, Liz Freeman, Adreina Sifari, Margaret Felgate, Mark Keighrey, Marilyn Theodore. Sara Malaki, John Keighrey, Dan Heath, Geoffry Nwachukwu. Maureen Walker, Eamon Fitzpatrick. Eileen Lacey, Jacqueline O'Donovan.

Recently Dead: Agatha Durowaa, Angelo D'Vito, Daphne Sullivan. Thomas Lawlor. Brid McGonagle, Kathleen Fitzsimmons, Phyllis Robinson, Jennifer Browne, Liam Sullivan, Fr David Williamson. Charles Kagina, Frank Sebaggala, Fr , Elvera Nardone, Fr Joseph Carter, Fr David Barnes, Patrick Mukasa. Eileen Kerrigan, Peter Thorpe, Fernando Iannelli, John Charlery, John Gerard Pender, Fr Sean Carroll

Anniversaries: Yvette Simon, Solomis & Eleni Djerkallis, Pat Molloy, Debbie Dirwin, Theresa Ragbir, Marie Mendy, Vermeil Joson, Alice Audu, John Baptist Yaweh, Margaret Paul, Diane Bunker. Peggy Power, Cyril Ibekwe.

Morning Prayer & Rosary – is said before all weekday Masses. Monday to Thursday and Saturday mornings at 8.30am and Friday evening at 6.30pm before Mass.

Legion of Mary – the next meeting of the Legion of Mary is on 9th February at 2.45pm in the hall.

Friday Lunch – is served every Friday in the hall from 11.30am onwards – open to all comers – no cost!

A Day with Mary – is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 1st March 2025 (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at:

<https://www adaywithmary.org/>

The Search for Truth – Edith Stein

14th to 16th March – a weekend exploring the life and work of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith that you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in

the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the power of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,

A yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

*To our God eternally blessed
Be glory and praise forever. Amen*

SUNDAY PLUS

Challenge to hope

There's always hope

By Mary Bell

Look in any newspaper: watch any news broadcast. What are they full of? Stories of disaster, hopelessness, all the catastrophes you could think of. The pilgrimage of our lives is a journey of ups and downs no matter who we are.

Yet it is the chief message of God's Good News that there is no place to which the mercy of God does not extend, whatever the difficulties in which we find ourselves, as the prophet Jonah discovered at the bottom of the sea.

Jesus' words to Peter, "Do not be afraid", are our assurance: he will be there to guide us. We must have hope in God to help us.

Sometimes people lose all hope when life turns against them and they think that God has abandoned them. However, others, in the most trying circumstances, do not despair. I think of a lovely, lively friend who, when terminally ill, was devastated that she could no longer swallow Holy Communion but she put her trust in Jesus. Look around the church at the



possibly grey or white hair of those keeping the faith, despite their age and infirmity.

Peter is such a good example: he always expresses the normal reactions of the ordinary person. After hesitating before letting down his nets he apologises to Jesus for his lack of faith. But Jesus recruits him all the same to spread his word. So, we too, imperfect as we are, are called to be apostles. We are to spread the Good News that there is always hope

Following many years in the classroom, retired teacher and Head of RE, Mary Bell now has time to enjoy the beauties of the natural world around her.



Jubilee 2025

Reconciliation

Jubilee, pilgrimage and reconciliation go together. Humanly speaking, travelling with someone means that we get to know each other better. We don't make our friends simply by reading about them in a book or on social media. We spend time with them, talk to them and learn what makes them "tick". It's the same in our relationship with God. We could read the Bible all day, every day, but we only know and love God through experiencing and enjoying his

company, conversation and love. The Jubilee pilgrimage, even if physically we stay between our home and workplace, is a journey deep into our heart, where God is found. Reconciliation is nothing other than clearing out the clutter so that God can occupy, not just a part, but the whole of our heart. The sacrament of reconciliation helps the decluttering and healing processes – which is why it plays such an important part in the Jubilee celebration.

The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus... With Christ joy is constantly born anew.

Pope Francis

Transforming hope


By James Gallogly

Why do something if you know it will fail? Madness, eh? Jesus challenges Simon to put out his nets in unfavourable conditions. Despite his local knowledge, Simon trusts. As a prison chaplain I constantly fish in apparently fruitless waters. It is a challenge to hope, but one that is full of surprises. The reality that God can provide a harvest of fish or of

peaceful relationships is awesome. Yet just as Simon is left in wonder, so too are men of violence.

Through exposure to the word of God, human trust and some valuable pro-social modelling, a new way of living becomes possible. The acknowledgement that it is, "the grace of God that is within me" is a staggering thing to hear. It is a reassuring re-enforcement of my desire to trust in God. It helps to keep me positive as I continue to look for hope in murky waters.

James Gallogly is a lay Catholic chaplain in a UK prison.

Forgiving Lord, I sometimes find it difficult to say "I'm sorry" and "I forgive you". Help me to follow your example of forgiveness and compassion.  Amen.

Today:
Isaiah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

Monday:
Genesis 1:1-19
Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday:
Genesis 1:20 – 2:4
Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday:
Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17
Mark 7:14-23

Thursday:
Genesis 2:18-25
Mark 7:24-30

Friday:
Genesis 3:1-8
Mark 7:31-37

Saturday:
Genesis 3:9-24
Mark 8:1-10

Next Sunday:
Jeremiah 17:5-8
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Luke 6:17, 20-26

THE *Wednesday* WORD



Encountering Christ The Wednesday Prayer Custom for Homes, Schools & Parishes

Prayerfully preparing for Sunday Mass with special prayers for our school families



Set aside 10-15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross and remain still for a minute of settling silence.



Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present. Read the Gospel, aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.

1

Read

The Gospel for Sunday 9th February 2025

THE CALL OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch." "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets." And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boats to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man." For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch." Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Taken from Luke 5:1-11 The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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Reflect

After reading the Gospel, did any words stand out? If they did, ponder or discuss them before proceeding with the reflection.

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

There were obviously several different versions of the call of the first disciples circulating in the early Church. In the gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is passing along the shore of the lake when he calls two pairs of disciples. In John it takes place where John the Baptist was preaching. The story in Luke has many similarities to the story at the end of John's gospel after the Resurrection, when the risen Christ commissions Peter: a night of failed fishing is followed by a huge catch as a consequence of obedience to Jesus' instructions, and so the Church has always seen this event as signifying the need for obedience to Christ. Luke's version combines the same play on words as in Mark and Matthew about fishing for people, but Luke sets the story a little later. In Mark the fishermen have never seen Jesus and follow him blindly; in Luke Peter and his friends have already got to know Jesus before they are commissioned. A special feature in Luke is Peter's cry that he is an unworthy sinner. Luke often teaches us that no one can be a disciple of Jesus without first admitting their sinfulness: Zacchaeus the tax-collector (Luke 19:1-10), and the woman who wept at Jesus' feet (Luke 7:36-50) are other examples.

What is significant about the Lord's call of his disciples according to Luke's account?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel - it could apply to your life in general. Thank God for any insight you may have received.

Then ask God to bless you with a spiritual gift to help you act on any resolution you have made. Perhaps: love, hope, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, patience, humility, joy, forgiveness, self-control, courage, generosity, faith or something else.

4

Pray for Families

This Wednesday's word for our school families is FOLLOW!

After praying for your loved ones, please remember to pray for our present and future Church, particularly for the families connected to our schools. You may want to conclude this special weekly time with a simple prayer such as:

St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church, pray for us. Mary, Star of Evangelisation, pray for us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Jubilee
Year of Hope

Share the Prayer: Why not forward a digital copy of this Parish Version to your friends? Also, to see a sample of your primary school's *Family Version*, visit: wednesdayword.org

WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS +

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of **Sunday 9th February 2025**



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1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

The Holy One of Israel

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth." The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said, "What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts." Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said, "See now, this has touched your lips; your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?" I answered, "Here I am; send me."

This passage recounts the first calling of the prophet Isaiah. For Isaiah God is primarily the Holy One of Israel. This vision of the Triple-Holy, seated on the throne of glory in the Temple, does all that is possible to convey in words the daunting otherness of the One whose glory fills the whole earth. The human reaction to this manifestation of God is acute awareness of uncleanness. Isaiah can only shrink away from God until his uncleanness has been purged by the burning fire of God's love upon his lips. No human being can see God and live. The glory seen by Isaiah (and by Moses on Mount Sinai) is only the outer fringe of the fullness of God's glory, but it leaves the human visionary stunned and aghast at the contrast between the divine holiness and human unworthiness. Throughout the Book that bears his name Isaiah will revert again and again to the awesome holiness of the Lord. God is our loving Father, but there can be no neglecting the distinction which lies between Creator and created. At the same time we are both attracted and daunted by the living God.

What does it mean to describe God as "holy"? What does it mean when we describe a disciple of Christ as "holy"?

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2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:3-8. 11

The Earliest Gospel

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The most precious element of this reading is the proclamation of the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection, which the earliest Christians already saw as fulfilling the Scriptures. We can tell that by Paul's time this recital of the Good News was already traditional. Firstly, Paul here uses the terms which were used by the rabbis for the handing on of tradition, 'I taught you what I had been taught myself'. Secondly, the language is not quite Paul's own; for instance: for scriptural fulfilment Paul always writes 'as it is written', whereas here we twice have 'in accordance with the scriptures', which Paul himself never says. To witness to the resurrection of Christ was the primary task of the apostles. For us, too, it is the primary task: not merely by our words, but by the way we behave, we need to live in the awareness that Christ's resurrection (after his endurance of humiliation and dreadful suffering) is the basic fact of life. The central factor in Christian faith and witness is not the empty tomb but the experience of the apostles in meeting the Risen Christ. This is what unbelievably transformed them from being a defeated and hopeless rabble, huddled in hiding, into courageous and enterprising witnesses. **What lies at the heart of our tradition which we hand on to others?**

It is the primary task to witness to the resurrection of Christ, not merely by our words, but by the way we behave.

The Wednesday Word Connecting Home, School & Parish through the Word of God

**The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph**

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Medjugorje 2025

with excursions to Mostar and Surmanci



29th Apr - 7th May 2025

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NOT INCLUDED

Single room supplement £245 (limited availability); travel insurance (compulsory); lunches, snack and beverages, in-flight meals; tips & gratuities of £10 will be added to your invoice automatically for our guide, driver and hotel staff.

INFORMATION

Submit a booking form via our website by **10th Jan. '25** (www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/MJ1025). Deposit of £300 will confirm your booking. Final balance to be paid 2 months prior to travel.



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Day 1, Tuesday 29th April

UK – Medjugorje

We fly from London to Split. Upon arrival your guide and driver will be waiting to take you to your hotel in Medjugorje. The journey takes approximately two and a half hours, so sit back and relax and enjoy the beautiful panoramic view of the countryside and the Adriatic Sea. If time permits, we celebrate Mass in Vepric Holy Shrine - a small Shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes, or St Peter's church in Slano (depending on which airport we are arriving at). Continue our journey to Medjugorje and then dinner at the hotel.

Day 2, Wednesday 30th April

Medjugorje - Apparition Hill

After breakfast, we meet with our guide and walk to St James Church where we will have our concelebrated Mass in English. Afterwards, we will have a guided walking tour of the Sanctuary and the surrounding area. We will have lunch and afterwards we go to the Apparition Hill where our guide will explain all the information you long to hear on Our Blessed Mother's Apparitions. On our way down, we visit Vicka's old family house. She is one of the 6 visionaries and received many apparitions during her years here. Evening dinner at the hotel.

Day 3, Thursday 1st May

Medjugorje – Free day

Breakfast at the hotel. At 10am we attend concelebrated Mass in English at St James church. **Special Note:** Please note that there are many Spiritual activities in Medjugorje and around the Sanctuary you can attend daily. Confessions are conducted throughout the day in many languages (Medjugorje is well known for this). Talks from one of the visionaries could be arranged if they are available, Divine Mercy Prayer at 3pm will be in St James church, visit Risen Christ located at the back of the church and pray the Stations of the Cross here if you wish. We can also revisit the Apparition Hill and the Blue Cross where many of Our Lady's apparitions and healings have taken place. Daily Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held at the open altar at the back of the church (we can attend this daily). There are many restaurants to choose from, all very reasonably priced as well as shops to browse through. Evening dinner at the hotel.

Day 4, Friday 2nd May

Medjugorje - Mt Krizevac - Cross Mountain

After breakfast, we meet with our guide at the hotel and we walk to the foot of Mount Krizevac or take a taxi (cost not included £2 each way based on 4 people in a taxi), a kilometre away from the church and 520 metres above sea level. We pray the Stations of the Cross on the way up to the mountain. Please note that to go up the mountain you must be reasonably fit and be very careful as the mountain has rough rocks and stones to tackle. The Gigantic Cross you see up here was erected by local people in 1933 to commemorate the 1900th anniversary of our Jesus' Crucifixion. Enjoy the view at the summit and relax before the descent. You can choose to walk or take a taxi back to the hotel. To participate in daily activities in the Sanctuary please read Day 3. Evening dinner at the hotel.

Day 5, Saturday 3rd May

Medjugorje – Mostar

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we explore outside Medjugorje and visit the Old City of Mostar, a Medieval City. The highlight is the famous Old Bridge of Mostar built in the 17th century and sadly destroyed during the Bosnia and Herzegovina war between 1992 and 1995. It is now being restored to its former glory. We celebrate Mass in St Paul/Peter church here. We stay here for the rest of the day we have lunch and do some shopping here (there are plenty of things you can buy here). Evening dinner at the hotel.

Day 6, Sunday 4th May

Medjugorje – Surmanci

At 10am we attend concelebrated Mass in English at St James church. After lunch, we drive to the village of Surmanci where we celebrate Mass in the Church of the Merciful Jesus. In the church there is a miraculous icon of Jesus of Mercy. This icon was in the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy in Trento where Ugo Festa was miraculously healed when he prayed before it. It also has a small relic of St Faustina. We return to Medjugorje and have lunch here. Free for the remainder of the day. Evening dinner at the hotel.

Day 7, Monday 5th May

Medjugorje – Cenacolo

Breakfast at the hotel. Mass at 10am in St James Church. Free time for the rest of morning and after lunch visit the community of Cenacolo. This was founded by Sister Elvera Petrozzi in 1991 to support young people recovering from addictions and to teach them the simple way of life, with faith in Jesus, and to straighten their paths in life. Taxi to Cenacolo not included approximately £2 each way (4 people sharing). Return to the hotel and evening dinner.

Day 8, Tuesday 6th May

Medjugorje – Free day

Breakfast at the hotel. At 10am we attend concelebrated Mass in English at St James church. Free day for the rest of the day. Dinner at the hotel and your last night in Medjugorje.

Day 9, Wednesday 7th May

Medjugorje – UK

After breakfast, we check-out of the hotel and leave Medjugorje. Proceed to the airport for our flight back to the UK. Depending on the flight time, we may be able to celebrate Mass in Slano or at Vepric Shrine beforehand.

Note: evening dinner is your first meal on the day we arrive, breakfast is your last meal on the day we leave. Itinerary is subject to change. E&OE.

Note: this price is based on 20 paying pilgrims travelling.

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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

Due to the fact that there are now fewer pupils in London (there is a continued decrease in the population of children) and the issues with finding affordable housing we currently have some places in our Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 2024/2025 year groups.

Please contact the school if you wish to apply for a place for your child.



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'Pupils are eager to come to school each morning because their teachers do their best to help them learn...Pupils learn in a calm environment. This is because the school has high expectations for pupils...Pupils conduct themselves well because they know what is right and have been taught how to behave well. Pupils achieve well across a range of subjects. They are proud to talk about their work which is presented with pride... Warm, caring relationships permeate the school... Pupils are confident that adults will listen to their worries and help them. This means they feel happy and safe...The curriculum is ambitious and well structured...Adults have secure subject knowledge...Leaders have high expectations and are ambitious for pupils...Safeguarding is a priority here.'
(OFSTED Inspection, November 2023).