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The Holy Family



February

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening:
Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you'*

Shortly before the time of Christ, the Rabbi Hillel taught: 'What you would not have done to you, do not do to another. That is the whole law, the rest is only commentary.' Jesus did not accept this negative attitude. He calls us to a much more profound change of mind and heart: 'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you; treat others as you would like them to treat you.' Now nobody is excluded from our love, not even our declared enemies and persecutors. This means that charity is by no means a facile love, skin-deep, easily satisfied with itself, cavilling and calculating. It is not to be confused with some humanitarian virtue we generate within ourselves. Who would believe themselves capable of answering hatred with goodness, curses with blessings, ill-treatment with prayer? The likeness of Jesus himself, who exercised divine mercy by pardoning his executioners from the cross, shines through these precepts: a free, disinterested, non-violent love, of astounding generosity. We must recognise that it is really a question of loving without any limits: loving others, wishing them well even if their wellbeing is at the expense of our own. Our love then as well must be given freely, without any calculation. Without looking for returns!

Weekend Mass Intentions

Sat - 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30pm – Anna Spagnolo – Birthday Intention

Followed by Confessions until 11.00am

5.00pm – Thanksgiving for Sisters Keepers

Sun – The church opens at 7.00pm

8.00am – James Creed – 30th Anniversary

9.30am – Thanksgiving for Nwachukwu Family

11.00am – Augustine Anukem – 9th Anniversary

5.00pm – Brian McDermott – RIP

Mon – 8.15am - Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Private Intention (JK)

No Exposition Today

Tues – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Matthew O'Brien - Anniversary

Followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Wed – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Ann O'Sullivan – Anniversary

Followed by Exposition until 11.00am

Thu – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Rosa Concadoro – 1 Months Mind Mass

No Exposition Today

Fri – 5.00pm – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30pm – Private Intention (MC)

Followed by First Friday Devotions

Sat – 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.15am – Morning Prayer

Followed by Confessions until 10.00am

9.30am – Rosary and 15 mins quiet Rosary Prayer

10.15am – First Saturday Devotions

10.30am – For the Conversion of Sinners

5.00pm – For the Intentions of Madge Coll

Sun – Church opens at 7.00am

8.00am – Konstanty & Helena Olszewscy - RIP

9.30am – Eifania Fernandes – 2nd Anniversary

11.00am – Aine Groarke - Recovery

5.00pm – For the Intentions of Parishioners

3rd March – 12noon – Funeral of Rosa Concadoro

4th March – 12noon – Funeral of Jeanne Pompeus

6th March – 12.30pm – Funeral of

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION CONFESSION

Saturday 22nd from after Morning Mass until 11.00am
Saturday 1st March from 8.30am until 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

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.

WE DARE TO HOPE

A resource for faith-sharing groups on Christian Hope

We Dare to Hope is a resource for small group faith-sharing and individual meditation, featuring five sessions on the theme of Christian Hope. We will begin our Lent Prayer Groups the week beginning Monday 3rd March 2025 for five weeks. A book to follow will be available as usual, containing scripture, prayers, a reflection.

Commitment Sunday: 23rd February 2025

Group Leaders Meeting: Thursday 27th February 2025 at 8.00pm in church.

Start Date: Monday 3rd March 2025 at 10.45am.

THE SEASON OF LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 5th March 2025

Lent, which is a special time of penance and preparation for our Easter celebration, begins with Ash Wednesday. It is a time of prayer, fasting and abstinence. Please make every effort to come to Mass and receive the ashes and so begin Lent in the best possible way.

Times of Masses

9.30am (with School)

12.30pm – Quiet Mass

7.30pm – Mass with singing

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses

6.00pm – Quiet Adoration

6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary

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

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE 2025

29th April to 7th May 2025

9 days/8 nights – price £838

Departing from Luton airport. Twin sharing. Check in luggage 23kg + hand carry. Single room supplement £225. Flights, transfer, entrance fees are included. Travel insurance, lunches; tips and gratuities will be added to the invoice. Always a wonderful spiritual experience. Please join us for a very special time.

LEGION OF MARY

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom

Meeting on Sunday 9th March 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.

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.

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*

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

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

CAFOD – Family Fast Day Friday 14th March 2025

By praying, eating simply and giving, you will be supporting local experts to provide simple, effective solutions to the toughest problems facing people around the world. Let’s build a better world together this Jubilee Year.

2nd Collection 15th/16th March 2025

CARDINAL’S LENTEN APPEAL 2025

We are Pilgrims of Hope. The Cardinal invites you to consider supporting work being done in the Diocese to bring hope into many lives. Projects in the Diocese include: Youth, Evangelisation, Social Action, Marriage and Family and Catholic Education Initiatives. The Cardinal sends his thanks for your support to these projects. Special envelopes will be available for your donations or you can scan the QR code. Thanks.

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 Sebagala, 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/event/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>

THE MASSES & DEVOTIONS FOR MARCH 2025

First Saturday 1st March

- 8.30am – Confessions & Adoration
- 10.30am – Mass

Wednesday 5th March – Ash Wednesday

Masses: 9.30am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm

Adoration – 6.00pm – 7.15pm

6.30pm – Rosary & Evening Prayer

Wednesday 19th March – St Joseph

Adoration – 6.00pm – 7.15pm

6.30pm – Rosary & Evening Prayer

7.30pm – Sung Mass

Tuesday 25th March – Annunciation

Adoration & Confession – 6.00pm – 7.15pm

6.30pm – Rosary & Evening Prayer

7.30pm – Sung Mass

SUNDAY PLUS

Give hope

Creating worth in people

By Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R.

In listening today to Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, Jesus does not ask his disciples to fall in love with their enemies – that would be wholly unrealistic. The followers of Jesus are challenged to be determined about their enemy's welfare, to be stubbornly gracious and to refuse to pay back violence with violence. Hatred can be defeated only by love; injury can be healed only by forgiveness; evil can be controlled only by goodness. That may not reflect conventional wisdom, but it is Jesus'

wisdom in action. It was also David's response to King Saul's aggression.

In his own life Jesus had to work hard at honouring his own ethic. That process was not a painless or bloodless affair: it cost Jesus everything. He offered love first, even though he knew that the return would never measure up to what was offered; he never bargained love for love; he never became involved in stocktaking returns. Above all, he made a habit of confusing his enemies with love.

Jesus expects us, his followers, to share the gifts we have received. Love is offered because someone somewhere is shuffling through a loveless life. Mercy is given because someone somewhere is cloistered in his or her wrongdoing. These are gifts which create worth in another person; they build temples in wasteland; they introduce people to the forgotten geography of paradise; they stop the contagion of meanness.

Love creates its own reality, its own force for goodness. It enables us, time after time, to refuse, like King David, to put a spear through the heart of our enemies.

Fr Denis McBride's many books, CDs and DVDs are available from Redemptorist Publications, www.rpbooks.co.uk.



You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works.

Pope Francis

Mercy that gives hope

By James Gallogly

Like David, it is very easy to be blind to the plight of others, to judge and lack mercy. We do not see the baggage they carry. We take for granted that others have had a stable family background, a satisfactory education and experience good health. However, the lived experience of our neighbours can be eye-opening and heartbreaking. Mercy is the very least thing they deserve, yet this is often far from the case.

Our prisons are full of people who are easily dismissed and for whom there has been no mercy. No account has been given to their acute childhood experiences. Thankfully there are several enlightened companies who are merciful employers. They take the concept of rehabilitation seriously and "do to others as they would have them do to you."

This mercy is life-changing, providing purpose, valuable employment and personal fulfilment where once they did not exist.

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

Jubilee 2025

Jubilee of Deacons

To be ready to serve, we need a healthy heart: a heart healed by God, one which knows forgiveness and is neither closed nor hardened. We would do well each day to pray trustingly for this, asking to be healed by Jesus, to grow more like him who "no longer calls us servants but friends". Dear deacons, this is a grace you can implore daily in prayer. You can offer the Lord your work, your little inconveniences, your weariness and your hopes in an authentic prayer that brings your life to the Lord and the Lord to your life. When you serve at the table of the Eucharist, there you will find the presence of Jesus, who gives himself to you so that you can give yourselves to others.

In this way, available in life, meek of heart and in constant dialogue with Jesus, you will not be afraid to be servants of Christ, and to encounter and caress the flesh of the Lord in the poor of our time.

Pope Francis, *Jubilee of Deacons*, 2016



Dearest Jesus, teach me to be generous. Teach me to be merciful and compassionate like you.  Amen.

Today:
1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38

Monday:
Ecclesiasticus 1:1-10
Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday:
Ecclesiasticus 2:1-13
Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday:
Ecclesiasticus 4:12-22
Mark 9:38-40

Thursday:
Ecclesiasticus 5:1-8
Mark 9:41-50

Friday:
Ecclesiasticus 6:5-17
Mark 10:1-12

Saturday:
Philippians 3:8-14
Matthew 5:13-16

Next Sunday:
Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

Wednesday 19th February 2025

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 23rd February 2025

UNLIMITED LOVE

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

Taken from Luke 6:27-38 The Seventh 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.

Luke's version of the Beatitudes, which formed last Sunday's reading, puts the emphasis not on Christian attitudes, as Matthew's version does, but on the blessing on those in real, dire need. Now he continues this with out duty to respond to those in need, even if they are hostile, even if they hate us. There must be no calculation whether we will get back money or property lent, no limit to how much we lend or give. At first it seems as if Luke is concerned only with money, and indeed he is so concerned, for he is always warning of the danger of possessions and the need to use them for those who have none. Luke is proclaiming Christ's Good News to a more affluent society than do Mark and Matthew, and places all the more emphasis on the danger of wealth. But, after dealing with money, Luke goes on to other acts of generosity. We must not judge, but must forgive in order to obtain forgiveness. Most of all, we must be compassionate. Whereas Matthew ends his instructions here with a general, 'Be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect', Luke focuses on compassion, 'Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate.' It is an affair of the heart: we must be emotionally involved with those in need. **Which is more important, compassion or generosity?**

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 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 **KINDNESS!**

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 23rd February 2025**



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1st Reading:
1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
David Spares Saul

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them, David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

This delightful story of David occurs when Saul is pursuing the young David in the wilderness of Judah, above the dead sea. The successful young warrior was getting too ambitious for the liking of King Saul, who, in a bad mood, tried to pin him to the wall with a spear, and then threw him out of court. David then gathered a band of outlaws, and Saul attempted to hunt him down. The result was this story. Was David Magnanimous, or was he already thinking that one day he, in his turn, would be the Lord's anointed? The assassination of the king would be a bad precedent! David was a fantastic leader, the sort of person whom anyone would follow anywhere. He was also a great sinner, committing adultery and murdering the cuckolded husband to make his own guilt seem less. But he was a great penitent too, a loveable and very human figure. Above all, he was the real founder of the Israelite monarchy and of the 'line of David' from which Jesus would come. To him were the promises made that God would be a father to the Son who would reign for ever on his throne. **Was David calculating or generous?**

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2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.45-49
Transformation in the Resurrection

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

This is the third of the four Sundays on which Paul is explaining the meaning of the Resurrection of Christians. The Resurrection of Christians follows the model of Jesus' own Resurrection. As the firstborn from the dead, Christ is the founder of the new humanity, just as Adam is the founder of the fallen humanity. 'Adam' means 'man', and the story of the fall in the Book of Genesis is not so much a story of an event long ago as the story of every human temptation and sin. However, the obedience of Christ, the Second Adam, undoes the disobedience of the First Adam. Just before this passage, Paul has explained that in the Resurrection we will all be changed, and transformed into the heavenly sphere, in the image of the Risen Christ. What was weak will be strong with the strength of God, what was contemptible will be glorious with the glory of God. He refuses to say what sort of bodies we will have, but he sums up the other changes by saying that whereas the life principle was the soul, in the Resurrection it will be the spirit of God.

What does the Resurrection of the body mean in the light of this teaching?

The Resurrection of Christians follows the model of Jesus' own Resurrection.

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
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Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Medjugorje 2025

with excursions to Mostar and Surmanci



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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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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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(OFSTED Inspection, November 2023).