



OUR LADY OF FATIMA Between May and October 1917, Our Lady appeared six times to three young Portuguese children in a field called the Cova de Iria, near the small village of Fatima, about seventy miles north of Lisbon. The children who received the apparitions had been brought up in an atmosphere of piety. They were Lucia dos Santos, aged ten, and her two younger cousins Francisco and Jacinta. They tended sheep together and often would kneel in the open field to pray the Rosary. The first apparition took place around noon on Sunday, 13th May, 1917 when a brilliant flash of lightning drew the attention of the children. A beautiful Lady appeared clothed in white and asked the children to return the thirteenth of each month. In these apparitions, Mary asked the children to pray the Rosary daily for the conversion of sinners and asked for devotion to her

Immaculate Heart. She asked for prayer, penance and the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. She also spoke of observing the first Saturdays of each month by going to confession and receiving Holy Communion to make reparation to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. On the day of the final apparition, 13th October, 1917, she identified herself as "Our Lady of the Rosary" and the dramatic episode of the dance of the sun took place, witnessed by a crowd of seventy-thousand people, in which the sun seemed to tumble from the sky. After a lengthy diocesan inquiry, a declaration of the Bishop of Leiria, in whose diocese these apparitions occurred, approved the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima in 1930. The young visionary Francisco had died on 4th April, 1919 and his sister Jacinta on 20th February, 1920. The sole survivor, Sister Lucia, lived many years as a professed Carmelite nun, before her death on 13th February, 2005.

VIDEO TALK BY BISHOP BARRON: DOCTRINE OF THE REAL PRESENCE

Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, Robert Barron is an acclaimed author, speaker and theologian. He is the founder of the global media ministry Word on Fire, the creator and host of 'Catholicism', an award-winning documentary series about the Catholic Faith, and was a keynote speaker at the 2018 Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool. We will be showing a talk by Bishop Barron about the Doctrine of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, during the run up to the feast of Corpus Christi, at 7:30pm, **Wednesday 22nd May** in Our Lady and All Saints school. Refreshments will be served. All welcome. Please see poster.

LITTLE CHURCH We are looking for more volunteers to help run Little Church, especially from September onwards. Little Church runs during school term times only and the commitment would be 1 session every 4 - 6 weeks. Please consider whether you could support our parish in this important way. Perhaps you would consider this, particularly if you would like your child to benefit from the provision. The parish will provide resources and support. For more information, please speak to any of our Little Church catechists. Thanks.

WEEKLY OFFERING/DONATIONS You can now use this QR code to make your weekly offering, a donation or pay for piety items etc. **Please add your name** if you are a gift aider. Thank you.



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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

12th May, 2024

Celebration of Holy Mass

12 th Sunday	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10:30 am Pro populo
13 th Monday	Our Lady of Fatima	7:00 pm Antonia Culshaw (successful operation)
14 th Tuesday	ST MATTHIAS	7:00 pm Special Intention (C)
15 th Wednesday	St Pachomius	7:00 pm Bill Marston
16 th Thursday	Feria	11:30 am Dorothy Molloy
17 th Friday	Feria	9:30 am Sick of Parish
19 th Sunday	PENTECOST SUNDAY	10:30 am Fergus Clancy

CONFESSIONS All welcome to celebrate this important sacrament before Monday and Tuesday evening Mass.

ROSARY The Rosary will be prayed after Mass on a Monday evening and before Mass, from 6:35pm on a Tuesday evening in Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Sheila Jennings, Richard D'Alton, Susan Jones, Denise Fletcher, Walter Bennett, Sandra Marston.

ANNIVERSARIES Dorothy Molloy, Fr Francis Smith

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY Loose £174.99 Envelopes £115.00 and SOs £530.00. Contactless card machine £50.00. Thank you for your donations.

WINNER 200 CLUB Congratulations to Will Marston, winner of £50.00 in the May Draw.