

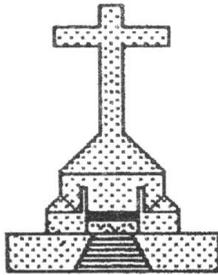
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OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

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led by Fr. Martin Morris

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OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World

Given 25th November 2024 to Marija Pavlovic



“Dear children! In this time of the grace of expectation, I desire to call you to prayer for Advent to be prayer of the family. In a special way, little children whom I tenderly embrace, I encourage you to prayer for peace in the world; for peace to prevail over peacelessness and hatred. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

(With Ecclesiastical approval)

Reflection by Fr. Martin Morris

Spiritual Director of Medjugorje Centre NE

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Medjugorje North East and beyond, We have begun the Joyful season of Advent.

In all her messages Our Lady accompanies us through the liturgical time of the year. i.e. she often refers to Lent, springtime, the Saints and Holy Souls in November, and certain Feast days throughout the year. So too for the Advent season. In the past Our Lady has often asked us to pray, so that Jesus may be born in our hearts. *“Pray, especially in this time, so that Jesus the creator of peace, may be born in your hearts.”*

(November, 1999.) (November 25th, 2003.)

So too in this month's message, Our Lady begins, ***“In this time of the Grace of expectation, I desire to call you to prayer for Advent, to be prayer of the Family.”***

The ‘Grace of Expectation’ is the confident hope of every believer that God will act in our hearts and lives. At the moment of the Annunciation

Our Lady permitted God to act in her life. “Be it done to me according to your word.” (Luke: 1: 38.)

Now Our Lady asks us to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus and the Feast of the Incarnation, when through the ‘Grace of Expectation’ Christ will be born in our hearts through Faith. This time of Advent should be a time of recollection and prayerful preparation for the feast of Christmas. The invitation from Our Lady is to make it a time of prayer, especially in the family.

We can add to this -

- to go to Confession,
- to fast at times,
- and to work on our bad habits.

Our Lady is reminding us that this time of Advent is a special time of Grace, a time of ‘Expectant Faith.’ That can really make a difference in our lives. Maybe we should all ask ourselves a question! If this were our last Advent how would we prepare? On one occasion Mary asked us to

“Prepare ourselves like never before.” Now that we have been in our ‘Lady’s school of Medjugorje’ for a long time she really wants us to see Advent as a special time of preparation. Many individuals, Prayer groups and families throughout the world take extra time in Advent to prepare themselves for Christmas. The early church prayed : “Maranatha – Come Lord Jesus!” We are in danger of becoming tired in the spiritual life, so Our Lady’s call to “**Expectant Faith**” is a wake up call!

We should always be vigilant and ready for the coming of Jesus, our preparation in Advent is our preparation for the time when God will call us home to the eternal life. We must be ready! The Church invites us to cultivate ‘joyful Hope’ during Advent, so that our hearts are truly desiring Jesus more and more. So let us make a conscious decision to prepare ourselves through prayer, listening to the Word of God, the Rosary and fasting to make our hearts vigilant and awake. The Lord will be with us.

“In a special way little children, whom I tenderly embrace , I encourage you to pray for peace in the world, for peace to prevail over peacelessness and hatred.”

We are in the tender embrace of Our Lady. We are in the maternal embrace of our heavenly Mother. Take these words to heart. Our Lady is embracing us as she embraced the Christ child in her womb. In that holy embrace of the Mother of God we have our sure safety and refuge. She truly loves and cherishes each one of us as her little children. In this world without God, many are

without peace, and hatred prevails in many hearts. So much atheism has crept into peoples lives, leaving many without inner or outer peace. God is peace, and all who are in God are at peace. Our Lady as the New Eve calls us to real prayer for real peace. We belong to her, and we are in her embrace so there is no reason why we won’t pray for peace and an end to hatred which has corrupted so many hearts.

Our Lady reminds us that we are in a spiritual battle , because ‘Peace’ needs to **prevail**. So let us offer our Prayers and sacrifices this Advent for peace to truly **prevail** within us and around us, that Gods peace may **prevail** and reign in our hearts, as it did in the Immaculate heart of Our Lady.

Maranatha – Come Lord Jesus Come!

Advent Blessing’s,
Fr. Martin

“

I encourage you to pray for peace in the world, for peace to prevail over peacelessness and hatred.

Our Lady

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**“Peace! Peace! Peace!
May peace reign between
God and man”**
(Our Lady June ,1981)



Following the annual International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians, we pray in solidarity with our Christian brothers and sisters of the East, especially in the Holy Land and Ukraine.

We ask the Lord to sustain them, many of whom are suffering persecution, displacement and discrimination, in their faith in the Risen Christ.

We pray that stability and peace may flourish in their lands; the place where the Gospel was first heard and proclaimed, the origins of monastic life and in the unbroken lived tradition of our common Christian faith.

RIP



**Bernard Greaves
Died 1st November 2024**
(All Saints) aged 87

Bernhard died peacefully at the Cumberland Infirmary.

Beloved husband of Monica, dearly loved father of Paul and Rev'd David, dear father-in-law of Rebecca and a loved grandad of Alice, Tamsin and Isaac.

Bernhard's Requiem Mass was held at St. Margaret Mary's R.C. Church, Sclegate Road, Carlisle on Thursday 14th November at 1:00pm followed by interment in Ivegill Churchyard. Bernard was received into church on Thursday 13th November at 6:00pm. Fortified with the rites of the Holy Catholic Church. R.I.P.

It is with great sadness that Medjugorje Centre North East wish to inform of the death of Bernard.

We give thanks for his life and devotion to Our Lady Queen of Peace Medjugorje.

Bernard was a member of Staff at Austin Friars, Carlisle for many years. He arranged various student trips while at the school and travelled to Medjugorje on pilgrimage with Medjugorje NE.

**Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord
and let perpetual light
shine upon him
May He Rest in Peace
Amen**



REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL
of The Community of The Beatitudes
www.sremmanuel.org

Medjugorje, November 18, 2024

Dear Friends, praise be to Jesus and Mary.

2. He no longer looked human..

Paulo Roberto's story is absolutely incredible. I will let Father Enrico tell it to you... (PS1)

“In our *Alliance of Mercy* community in Brazil (*Alleanza di Misericordia*), we received the grace to help *victims of mercy*. Those are people with chronic and even fatal diseases, who offer up and consecrate their sufferings for the conversion of sinners. One of our first victims was a young man, Paulo Roberto, who had skin cancer from the age of 1 and died at the age of 19. In other words, he suffered for 18 years.



"I came to know him under very special circumstances: a priest had gone to take him Holy Communion, but he was not prepared for the shock that awaited him: Paulo Roberto's face was completely disfigured by the illness and was covered with a veil. He had to remove this veil to receive Communion. But the priest, seeing this face, that no longer looked human at all, fainted. Because I was

working with lepers, I was called to bring Communion to this young man. I went, and was faced with a child who, from a young age, had offered his suffering to Jesus for the conversion of sinners.

"From then on, as a priest, I accompanied him on his spiritual journey. He told me that when he was little, around the age of 10, he had a very special experience. He saw Jesus, who asked him the following: ‘Paulo Roberto, if you were born again, would you want to be healthy, or sick as you are now?’- Paulo answered: ‘Jesus, I would like to be reborn as You wanted me, because then I would be sure to do only Your will. And if my body was healthy, I would run the risk of losing the health of my soul. So, I'm happy to live the way you wanted.’

“He also had other mystical experiences. I am certain that I was in the presence of a saint, a saint whom I was able to provide support to until his death. He would preach to young people who were getting lost in drugs, sex and all sorts of vices, and he would say to them, ‘Look at me. For my entire life, I have never been in good health. But you who have healthy bodies, **you cannot despise that, you can't destroy your body.** Look. So many young people like you can't even live as young people anymore.’

“Many drug addicts converted after listening to his testimony.



It should be added that when he was preaching, his body smelled like a corpse. Flies would often land on his wounds, and he would have to go to the hospital to remove the worms that appeared in his wounds. Nevertheless, out of love for these young people, he would take advantage of any and every opportunity to evangelize to them. He wrote many letters, inviting the youth to climb on the mountains, to embrace nature, to play... while he himself could never leave his home. And he would add, ‘I know, I will go to the Lord soon, then I will fly over the mountains and I will go higher than the birds.’

“On the day of his death, in 2002, his mother told me: ‘Paolo Roberto asked for you to put a veil on his face and write the words that God will inspire you with.’ He didn't want anyone to feel bad or be scared in front of his completely disfigured face. The Lord inspired me with these words: **The face of man disfigured by pain; the face of God transfigured by love.** Indeed, his face beamed with this wonderful love that he conveyed to everyone, and that gave life to those he met.

We cannot but think of the *Suffering Servant* described by the prophet Isaiah: "Just as there were many who were appalled at him - his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness -" ... "a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces..." "After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied..." Isaiah (52:14 and 53:3 and 11).



“When I opened the coffin - with a great deal of trepidation because, if he already smelled like a corpse in his lifetime, I was afraid that people would feel sick. But it was my duty to do it. I had no idea of the surprise that awaited me: I had barely opened the coffin when **we could all smell a very intense fragrance of roses.** I started weeping ... Then I placed the veil over his face. I was certain that I was standing before a saint, *a saint from next door*, as Pope Francis said, a saint who had given his life so that we, we who have health, can therefore make good use of every moment of our lives. As the Little Flower of Lisieux said: ‘A simple sigh of love can save a soul’. May the Lord grant us this grace through the intercession of Paolo Roberto.

3. "Spend 24 hours without a single complaint..." Shall we do it again? I was happy to see that my proposal to spend 24 hours without expressing a single complaint was very well received by the pilgrims gathered in our little forest here in Medjugorje, as well as by those who heard about this initiative. Of course, a complaint must immediately be replaced by praise to God. We know that complaining pleases the enemy and damages the soul. It also makes the atmosphere heavy. On the contrary, every praise, every thanksgiving pleases God and makes us grow on the path of holiness. Praise cancels out the negative effect that the complaint would have.



Today, as we prepare to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th, we can offer Our Lady a beautiful gift, and together take another step on the path she has been teaching us for 43 years: **we will give up speaking ill of our neighbor for 24 hours.** How about that? No backstabbing, no slander shall escape from our mouths. Neither in the hallways, nor at the table, nowhere.... Sometimes this bad habit is so ingrained in us that we no longer realize the harm we do to ourselves and to others, not to mention how much it offends the Lord.

The following example really struck me: A woman from the village was going to Mass every day, with Father Jozo Zovko celebrating at the time. One day, for health reasons, she was unable to leave home, but after Mass she asked her family what Father Jozo had said in his homily. They replied, "Tonight," he said, "when you are gathered at the table, make sure you do not speak ill of anyone. The woman spontaneously retorted, "So what are we going to talk about?" No further comment is needed here.

4. During my 1989 interview with Maria Simma in Austria, she told me that "gossip and slander are the worst defilements for the soul, and they require a long purification in Purgatory". Through slander, you can damage someone's reputation and even push them to suicide. Many mystics have described the horror of this sin in the eyes of God and the terrible suffering that awaits those who slander, in Purgatory, if they do not repent. Moreover, **'willingly listening to slander is also slandering,** and incurs the same condemnation' (Dorothy of Gaza).



But let us never forget that **"charity covers a multitude of sins"** (1 Pt 4:8), so it is never too late to beg the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with charity, that divine love which always

flows to us from the wounded Heart of Jesus, and which will make us eternally happy.

5. Don Dolindo Ruotolo was born into heaven on November 19, 1970, so we are close to his feast day.... We know that praying to a Saint (or a holy man of God) on the day of his feast, grants us a special favor: this saint will accompany us when we cross over into eternity. Let us not neglect such an opportunity.

Don Dolindo tells us:

"Whoever prays is really well armed; he is strong and invincible, because prayer alone thwarts all human and diabolical plans, and can even lead God to new designs of mercy, in his love. Prayer is an admirable force with many aspects. It has an effect on mind and matter, on creatures and on the Creator himself."



Dearest Gospa, we definitely want to go to Heaven. Be strong with us.

Please help us to silence within ourselves the lies conveyed by the world with its false happiness. Avert jealousy over our souls and, by your presence, drive away the enemy who wants to destroy us. Starting in the morning, enfold us in your maternal embrace and do not let go of us at any time.

Sister Emmanuel,
Community of the Beatitudes

PS 1. Father Enrico Porcu and Father Antonello Cadeddu, originally from Sardinia, founded **the Alliance of Mercy community** in Brazil in the year 2000. You can discover this community here: www.alleanzadimisericordia.it

Let us pray with the Holy Father:

**Prayer Intention for
DECEMBER 2024**

‘For Pilgrims of Hope’



“

Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

”

Pope Francis



Medjugorje Annual Retreat at Minsteracres nr Consett

Spiritual Director

Fr. Martin Morris

PP Our Lady Queen of Peace, Peshaw

Medjugorje week-end, Minsteracres,
October 2024.

This year, there were about 22 pilgrims who gathered for the week-end at Minsteracres, under the guiding spirit of Fr. Martin.

Minsteracres is set in the heart of the countryside and the autumnal colours of the surrounding trees were truly resplendent. A deeply, spiritual place where the wonders of the creation of God wove almost imperceptibly with the heart of Our Blessed Lady.

It was another beautiful weekend, with Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, a magnificent Healing Service, interspersed with inspiring talks and reflections, given by Fr. Martin.

Fr. Martin reminded us of those powerful words of St. Augustine:

“..our hearts are restless until they rest in You”.

We are made for God; to love and be loved.

See Genesis 3, 8-10. “The man and his wife heard the sound of Yahweh God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from Yahweh God among the trees of the garden. But Yahweh called to the man. “Where are you? He asked.

“I heard the sound of you in the garden” he replied.

“ I was afraid because I was naked so I hid”.

Where are you? That is the question Jesus asks each one of us.

Jesus is inviting humanity to come back to The Lord.

What better way than through the heart of Our Blessed Lady to reach “the Son of the most High?”

The heart of Mary is inextricably linked with our salvation. The miraculous medals have 2 hearts, the heart of Jesus and the heart of Mary, closely woven together. It is an invitation to each one of us to be closely bound between God and Our Lady and also the destiny of the church. Our Lady is guiding the church. This is borne out in Isaiah 7 “the young woman is with child and will give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel” Our Lady was mentioned in the Old Testament, by the great prophets. Mary embodies the Old Testament expectation and the New Testament fulfilment.

In 2 Samuel 6 14-22, there is the description of King David dancing around the Ark of the Covenant. This draws parallels with the New Testament and the scene of the Visitation in the Gospel of Luke. Elizabeth says “the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy”. King David put the Ark of the Covenant outside Jerusalem at a place with the same name as Elizabeth’s home. The heart of Mary rejoices, with the meeting of her cousin Elizabeth.

Mary is the fulfilment of the Old Testament. Mary is an exemplary disciple of faith and a spiritual

mother. She cultivated her faith and her discipleship in the same way that we do, through faith, obedience and listening to the word of God. The mysteries of the rosary enables us to look at the key scenes of Our Lord's life in a privileged way because we are looking at events through the eyes of Our Lady. Mary went in haste to visit her cousin Elizabeth and both Elizabeth and Mary are presented as pro-life images.

In the main early events of Her life, the Annunciation, the Visitation, and the Presentation, Mary teaches us how to live. She gave her consent in The Annunciation; we, too need to the surrender of our will to The Lord; she goes in courage, trust and humility to her cousin Elizabeth; we, too need to walk in faith and courage and help those in need. In the scene of the Presentation, Mary trusted and honoured; she pondered the mysteries of salvation. Our Lady is a mother who cares and believes. She accepts; she walks in faith and trust. We, too have to walk in faith and trust and believe. Here I am Lord, I come to do your will. That should be our motto each day. We should follow the example of Our Lady in the scenes of The Annunciation, the Visitation and the Presentation. In the scene of The Presentation, Our Lady was told "He is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is opposed-and a soul will pierce your soul too...." We, too, need to be ready to be rejected, scorned and humiliated; we need to accept hardship for faith and humility.

In the second talk, Fr. Martin reflects upon the rocky terrain of the hills of

Podbrdo and Krizevac, which bear a resemblance to the human heart. Likewise, we need to cultivate the soil of faith; we, too, need be open to the grace of God.

The parable of The Sower is the key to understanding the rest of the Gospel. The fertile soil is rich with graces and reflects the positive interior conditions of the individual. Our Lady is living out the message of the sower; at the Annunciation, Our Lady surrendered her whole spirit to the will of The Lord. We, too, need to follow Our Lady's example. Our faith is everything. We should be asking for an increase in our faith on a daily basis. The Apostle's Creed is a very important prayer because it summarises our Christian faith. St. Paul talks about believing with the heart.

Our Lady of Medjugorje has asked priests to believe firmly, pray the rosary and protect the faith of the people. On more than one occasion, Our Lady has asked us "to decide" for God. We must be open to the gift of faith. Samuel mentions that the "upright person will live through faith", a living faith. In the Gospel, on many occasions, Jesus says "Your faith has saved you".

The position of the Sower in the gospel follows the scene where Jesus reminds people that whoever does the will of God is my brother. Our Lady not only gave birth to Jesus but she is the first to receive the Word of God. Our Lady is a faithful disciple; She is responsive, obedient; She acts upon the word of God and keeps it.

What must we do?

We must attend daily Mass, if possible, attend Eucharistic Adoration and read The Bible. We must be open

to the seeds of faith because it is faith that counts.

Fr. Martin reminds us of the power and beauty of St. John's gospel. We should devote time to read the 21 chapters over a week, or a month and allow the words, the scenes to be engraved on our hearts.

Our Lady appears in Chapter 2, as an invitee to the Wedding feast of Cana. Our Lady is a watchful mother who responds accordingly when the wine runs out. "Do whatever He tells you". These words are not just for the servants who fill the 6 water jars to the brim, each containing about 30 gallons of water. It is a heartfelt invitation to each of us to do the will of The Lord each moment, each day, each week, and each year.

St. John's gospel highlights the Mother of God as the new Eve, the one that will reverse the disobedience of the first Eve. Our Lady is the mother of all believers; we are asked to believe in "The Glory of Her Son". The real wine will flow on Calvary; it will bring real life, divine life to all believers. The powerful words spoken by the priest at the Offertory reminds us of the Eucharistic presence for each one of us.

Our Lady appears in Chapter 2 in St. John's gospel and Chapter 20, when Mary was at the foot of the cross with John, the apostle. John takes Our Lady home afterwards. The power of St. John's gospel comes from the close relationship that John had with Our Blessed Mother because She will have been able to guide and remind John about key events of Our Lord's life. In Matthew's gospel, we learn that Joseph takes Our Lady home.

We, too, must take Our Lady home; we must read the Bible, recite the rosary, attend daily Mass, if our duties allow us; fast and attend Eucharistic devotion. These are our five little stones, our weapons against the wiles of the world.



Pray, Fast and Confess regularly. If receiving my Son in the Eucharist is the centre of your life, then do not be afraid, you can do everything.

June 2, 2012

THE 'FIVE STONES' OF MEDJUGORJE

- 1. PRAYER,**
- 2. FASTING,**
(Wednesday & Friday)
- 3. HOLY SCRIPTURE,**
(daily reading)
- 4. CONFESSION,**
(monthly at least)
- 5. EUCHARIST,**
(Frequent celebration)

24th Anniversary of
Fr. Slavko Barbaric—
Medjugorje
Died 24th November 2000



Spiritual Father of Medjugorje
 and Founder of The Mother Village

A great inspiration to millions of
 Pilgrims—He travelled throughout
 the World spreading the message of
 ‘Peace and Reconciliation’

“

*Your Brother Slavko
 has been born into
 Heaven
 and intercedes
 for you.*

Our Lady’s Message—25th Nov, 2000

”

Fr. Slavko's
last words were

*"Watch where you
 walk because it is
 slippery!"*

The day after Fr. Slavko's death, Our Lady said that we should not be sad because he was born into Heaven and intercedes for you.

Her words showed that during his life, Fr. Slavko chose a good path that led him to the right goal: before the Face of the Most High.

Therefore, we have no choice but to strive to follow in his footsteps on that path to eternity.

His footsteps are those that Our Lady repeats to us day by day with her presence and her messages.



If we walk with them, let us be without fear - we will not slip!

JOHN PRIDMORE
AN EX-LONDON GANGSTER, TURNED CHRISTIAN
"GOD HAS CHANGED MY LIFE"

I still feel close to Fr. Slavko

In Medjugorje, a few days before the feast of All Saints, there is John Pridmore, a former gangster, born in London, who from his early teenage years was involved in theft and later in organized crime, drug sales and racketeering, and ended up in a correctional facility and in prison.



He began to change his life after he almost killed another man near a nightclub. By chance, he heard about the spiritual retreat related to Medjugorje, which he went to and confessed for the first time to Fr. Slavko Barbaric. About that experience, he says: "I was at that confession for more than an hour. And when he put his hand on my head to give me absolution, it was not his hand, but Jesus' hand. I could feel the blood of Jesus pouring down on my face. When I looked into his eyes, he was crying. He told me, "Jesus loves you." And it was as if that part of my life that I thought could never be forgiven, that part of me that could never redeem itself, suddenly redeemed me. It was as if I felt the wind on my face. I heard birds singing. It was as if I felt that my life had been resurrected through the crucifixion of Jesus."

John also wrote a book about his life and conversion "Confessions of a London Gangster" and also gives lectures in front of many people around the world.

In Medjugorje, John says, he is recharging his batteries after giving several speeches in the parishes of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the past few days, and on Thursday, October 31, 2024, he is going to Split. There, on the eve of All Saints' Day, in the parish of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Visoko, in Split, the Youth Pastoral of the Split-Makarska Archdiocese is organizing Holywin, a prayer vigil created in response to Halloween in order to glorify God, and not glorify Satan.

The spiritual program will begin at 7 p.m. with the Holy Mass led by the Archbishop of Split-Makarska, Zdenko Križić, and animated by VIS Veritas Aeterna. After the Mass, a guest from England, John Pridmore, will testify about his own journey from darkness to Light. At the end of the program, Don Ivan Terze will lead the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

John testified that he is still very close to Fr. Slavko. When he tells his listeners about his conversion, he often invites them to go to Fr. Slavko's grave and, through Fr. Slavko's intercession, ask Our Lady to see themselves through Our Lady's eyes, to love themselves as Our Lady loves them and to accept themselves as Our Lady accepts them. And he says that everyone who has done this has changed their lives

2025 Jubilee Year *'Pilgrims of Hope'*



The Holy Father has declared 2025 to be a Jubilee Year with the motto and theme

“Pilgrims of Hope.”

There will be two Holy Doors in our Diocese, one at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Newcastle and one at St. Joseph’s Church, Hartlepool.

Bishop Stephen Wright (Hexham & Newcastle) is very grateful to Canon Paul Douthwaite for his welcome to pilgrims at St. Joseph’s.

The Holy Father has decreed that the **Holy Doors are opened on Sunday 29th December.**

It is the Bishop’s intention to celebrate both openings that day.

The Holy Doors will be closed on 6th January 2026.

More information can be found via—

www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/applicazione.html

and will appear on the Diocesan, CBCEW and Vatican websites in due course.



*Christmas Blessings
of
Peace, Love & Joy*

Medjugorje Centre N.E