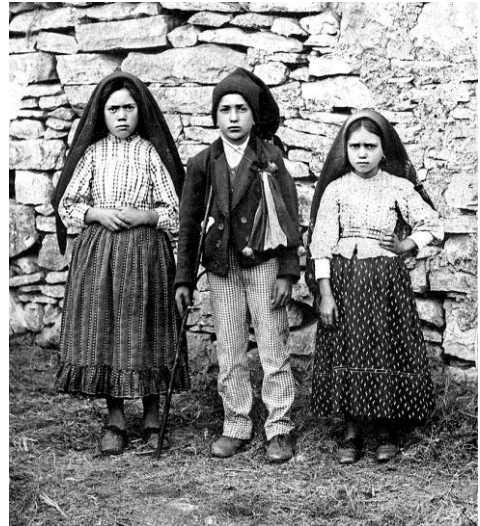




Holy Innocents' Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima September 2018

Our Lady of Fátima; formerly Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Fátima

Our Lady of Fátima (Portuguese: Nossa Senhora de Fátima, formally known as Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Fátima: is a Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary based on the famed Marian apparitions reported in 1917 by three shepherd children at the Cova da Iria, in Fátima, Portugal. The three children were Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto.



Bishop José Alves Correia da Silva declared the events worthy of belief on 13 October 1930. On 13 May 1946, Pope Pius XII granted a canonical coronation to the venerated image enshrined at the Chapel of the Apparitions of Fátima via his apostolic legate, Cardinal Benedetto Aloisi Masella. On 11 November 1954, the same Pontiff raised the Sanctuary of Fátima to the status of Minor Basilica by his Papal brief *Lucer Superna*.

Monday 17th September 2018

22 parishioners plus Father Victor set off for Fatima arrived at our hotel in the afternoon. We visited the shrine close by lighting candles to mark the start of our visit. We toured the sanctuary seeing the Adoration chapel, attending Mass in the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary. Father Peter Ssenyondo from Uganda joined us for dinner in our hotel. Father Peter cared for Holy Innocents' parish whilst Father Victor was in Jerusalem 7 years ago. Our parish has helped Father Peter with some problems in his Ugandan parish, St Joseph's Buyinjabutoole. Some of our group attend the Candlelit procession later.

Tuesday 18th September

We walked the Way of the Cross and at each station hymns and prayers were said, with Father Victor leading very emotive prayers pertinent to Holy Innocents' parish. We saw the place where the Angel of Peace appeared to the children in 1916 and close by where Our Lady appeared on one occasion. Walk completed we walked to see the homes where the three children lived, now preserved for all to see. We met the 97yr old niece of Sr Lucia.



In the afternoon Father Victor concelebrated the Mass in English at the Shrine of the Apparitions.

9.30pm. The Holy Rosary was recited with our group reciting the first half of the 4th decade. This was followed by a candlelit procession around the Shrine. About 4,000 people were present.

Wednesday 19th September

The group went by coach to Batalha a huge Gothic >> Cathedral built in the 13th century, an architectural wonder and UN Heritage site.



We then went to Nazare to Our Lady of the Nazareth << Church a miraculous site and saw the black Madonna crafted by St Joseph painted by St Luke brought in the 4th Century from Nazareth in the Holy Land. >>>>>



Legend has it that a nobleman having prayed in the Church mounted his horse and set off for home when the horse bolted and was heading for the cliff edge. The prayers of the nobleman for Our Lady's intercession stopped the horse which turned away from the danger. >>>>>>>>



<<<<< Actual cliff



6.30pm: Mass for the group celebrated by Father Victor in the Chapel of Peace.



9.30pm. Rosary in the Chapel of the Apparitions



followed by candlelit procession.>>>>

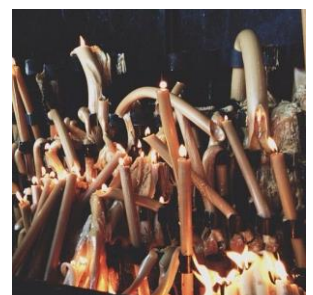
Thursday 20th September

Mass in the Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity



Meeting and receiving a blessing from His Eminence Antonio Marto the first Cardinal of Leiria-Fatima and Fr Carlos Cabecinhas the Rector of the Sanctuary was very gratifying.

Lighting of candles in thanksgiving for graces and mercy received.



2pm-3pm: Hour of reparation in Chapel of the Apparitions

The entrance to the Perpetual Adoration Chapel



Our Lady of Fatima

A place of peace and love, filling one with awe and reverence.

Holy ground where our Blessed Mother Mary appeared to three young children of deep faith.

Faith that leaves visitors feeling humbled and blessed just to be here.

Fatima Prayer
O My Jesus
Forgive us our sins;
Save us from the fires of hell
and bring all souls to heaven, especially those
who most need Thy mercy.
Amen

