

FATIMA CENTENARY 2017

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

IMPORTANT DATES TO MARK THE FATIMA CENTENARY IN AFRICA

2016

February 6	First Saturday Devotion
February 8 – 12	Booking of Masses for the success of the Centenary activities
February 13	Ven. Lucia. Masses should be offered for her beatification. There should also be Talks/Reflections on her life and role as Messenger of Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
February 20	Memorial of Blessed Jacinta & Francisco Marto. Masses should be offered for their Canonisation followed by Talks/Reflections on their lives as Models of Penance and Reparation.
April 2* (Spring)	First Saturday Devotion/Commemoration of the First Apparition of the Angel to Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco. Reflection and Meditation on the Message of the Angel. Topic for Reflection: “Prayer as a Necessity for Personal Salvation and World Peace” .
May 1 – 31	Active participation in May devotion which includes daily recitation of the Rosary
May 4 – 12	Novena to Our Lady of Fatima
May 13 (Friday)	Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Celebration should include Rosary procession through the town with Our Lady of Fatima’s statue, Holy Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with at least an hour of Eucharistic Adoration, Acts of Reparation and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary with Fatima Prayers accompanied with Hymns in honour of Our Lady of Fatima and Crowning of Our Lady.
May 26 – June 3	Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
June 3 (Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus)	All-Night Vigil of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Cells/Centres that can have this All-Night Vigil should incorporate the First Saturday Devotion in their prayers/activities anytime between 12 midnight and the end of the Vigil.

June 4 – (First Saturday Devotion/Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)	WAF members should celebrate the feast as that of May 13. In addition, there should be personal and family consecration or renewal of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The usual First Saturday Devotion (Sacramental Confession, Reception of Holy Communion, Recitation of the Rosary with Meditation on the Mysteries and keeping Our Lady company for at least 15 minutes, meditating on the Mysteries of the Rosary, all with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary) should be performed.
June 13* (Monday) (Summer)	Commemoration of the Second Apparition of the Angel to the Three Shepherd Children. Reflection and Meditation on the Message of the Angel. Topic for Reflection: “ Sanctification of Our Daily Duties as Essential Form of Penance for our Sins and those of the Whole World ”.
July 2	First Saturday Devotion
July 7 – 15	Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel
July 16 (Saturday)	Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Investiture with the Brown Scapular during Mass). There should be a Talk during the day on the Brown Scapular. (Theme: The Garment of Grace)
August 5 – 14	Assumption Novena
August 15	Assumption of Our Lady
August 22	Queenship of Mary
September 13* (Tuesday) (Autumn)	Commemoration of the Third Apparition of the Angel. Reflection and Meditation on the Message of the Angel. Topic for Reflection: “ The Necessity of Eucharistic Reparation for Peace in Our Broken World ”.
October 2 (Sunday)	Celebration of World-Day Sanctity of Life. There should be Conferences/Talks on Pro-Life issues
October 7	Celebration of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary , with a Conference/Talk on Our Lady of Fatima’s request for daily Rosary. Celebration of Annual Worldwide Children’s and Youths Eucharistic Holy Hour.
October 11 – 14	WAF-Africa Congress and Celebration of the Fatima Centenary in Tanzania
November 5	First Saturday Devotion
November 13 – 19	WAF General Assembly (Fatima)
December 3	First Saturday Devotion
December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception (to be preceded by a novena in honour of the Immaculate Conception: 29 th November – 7 th December)

*These dates are not the actual dates the angel appeared as the Shepherd Children did not know the exact dates, but are randomly selected as they are within the seasons (Spring, Summer and Autumn) the angel was said to have appeared.

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January 7	First Saturday Devotion
February 4	First Saturday Devotion
February 13	Ven. Lucia. Masses should be offered for her beatification. There should also be Talks/Reflections on her life and role as Messenger of Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
February 20	Memorial of Blessed Jacinta & Francisco Marto. Masses should be offered for their Canonisation followed by Talks/Reflections on their lives as Models of Penance and Reparation.
March 4	First Saturday Devotion
March 6 – 31	The month of March should be dedicated to the Children and Youths in the Fatima Apostolate. Rosary rallies or whole-day Seminar/Retreats should be organised for them. At the Seminars and Retreats, they should be given Talks on the importance of Eucharistic Adoration, a life of Prayer and Purity and graces to be gained in living a life of Sacrifice, Penance and Abstinence following models for youths like St. Aloysius Gonzaga, St. Dominic Salvio, St. Maria Goretti, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco.
April 1	First Saturday Devotion
May 1 – 31	Active participation in May devotion which includes daily recitation of the Rosary
May 6	First Saturday Devotion
May 4 – 12	Novena in honour of Our Lady of Fatima
May 13 (Saturday)	CENTENARY OF THE APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA cum Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Celebration should be on a grand scale at national level and should include Rosary procession through the town with Our Lady of Fatima's statue, Holy Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with at least an hour of Eucharistic Adoration, Acts of Reparation and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary with Fatima Prayers accompanied with Hymns in honour of Our Lady of Fatima and Crowning of Our Lady. Suggested topic for Conference (Talk)/Reflection: The Message of Fatima and its Relevance in the 21st Century
June 3	First Saturday Devotion

June 13 (Tuesday)	Centenary of Second Apparition** Suggested topic for Conference/Talk: “My Immaculate Heart will be your Refuge and the way which will lead you to God”.
June 23 (Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus)	All-Night Vigil of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
June 24 (Saturday)	Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (celebration as in 2016 programme)
Note: It is recommended that in the months of June and July, adult members of the Apostolate should have altars of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary erected in their homes and consecrate their families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. If the homes had already been consecrated, the consecration should be renewed on that day.	
July 7 – 15	Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel
July 13 (Thursday)	Centenary of Third Apparition** Suggested topic for Conference/Talk: Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
July 16 (Sunday)	Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Investiture with the Brown Scapular)
August 5 – 14	Assumption Novena
August 15	Assumption of Our Lady
August 19 (Saturday)	Centenary of Fourth Apparition** Suggested topic for Conference/Talk: The Daily Rosary as an Essential Weapon against the Evils of Society
August 22	Queenship of Mary
September 13 (Wednesday)	Centenary of Fifth Apparition** Suggested topic for Conference/Talk: Prayer and Sacrifice as Effective Means of Salvation
October 7	Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary Annual Worldwide Children’s and Youths Eucharistic Holy Hour
October 13 (Friday)	Centenary of the Sixth and final Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917** Suggested topics for Conference/Talk: (1) Relevance of the Fatima Message to the current Political, Economic, Socio-Cultural and Religious Challenges in Africa. (2) Living the Message of Fatima in Africa in the Context of the New Evangelisation
November 5	First Saturday Devotion
December 3	First Saturday Devotion
December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception (to be preceded by a novena in honour of the Immaculate Conception: 29 th November to 7 th December)

****There should be talks on the messages of Our Lady during each of the Apparitions accompanied with prayerful meditation and hymns to Our Lady of Fatima. Other appropriate topics can be used in place of the suggested ones if necessary.**

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATIONS

From 1st May 2016 to 13th October 2017, there should be home and parish visitations of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, staying for 3 days in each parish visited while the Message of Fatima is preached from the pulpit focusing on the Rosary, Penance, Sacrifice, Reparation and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. There should also be spiritual retreats and apostolic workshops for families on themes such as Family Catechesis, Family Rosary and Pro-life issues.

Suggested Topics for Talks during the Centenary Celebrations

1. The Message of Fatima and its Relevance in the 21st Century
2. Prayer, Penance and Sacrifice as Essential Elements of a Eucharistic Life
3. Mary as Model of Eucharistic Life
4. Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
5. Consecration to God through the Immaculate Heart of Mary
6. The Rosary as an Essential Weapon against the Evils of our Society
7. Relevance of the Fatima Message to the current Political, Economic, Socio-Cultural and Religious Challenges in Africa
8. Living the Message of Fatima in Africa in the Context of the New Evangelisation
9. Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima
10. The Practice of First Saturday Devotion as Required by Our Lady of Fatima
11. The Signs of the Times and the Urgency of Holy Communion of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
12. How to Offer our Bodies as “Living Sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God” (Rom. 12:1)

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