

THE 7 APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY IN FATIMA AS DESCRIBED IN “FATIMA IN LUCIA’S OWN WORDS”----an appeal to pray the Rosary and a request for Reparation

13th May 1917: 3 shepherd children, Lucia (10), Francisco (8) and Jacinta (7) while minding their sheep on the Cova da Ira, near Fatima, thought there was a storm coming and started to move their sheep down the hill. Half way down, they stopped at a small holm oak tree where there was , ‘A Lady all dressed in white..... She was more brilliant than the sun’. The children asked if she was from heaven and she said she was. She then asked them to return to this spot at 12 noon on the 13th of each month for the next 6 months. ***“Later on I shall tell you who I am and what I want.....”******Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, and an end to the war.”***

13th June 1917. Our Lady repeated her request that the children return each 13th of the month till October. They, in turn asked if they would go to Heaven soon. They were told that Jacinta and Francisco would go to Heaven soon, but Lucia must remain, ***“Some time longer. Jesus wishes to make use of you to make me known and loved. He wants to establish in the world Devotion to My Immaculate Heart.”*** Our Lady then extended her hands and in the rays of extreme light , the children saw in the palm of Our Lady’s right hand, ***‘a heart encircled by thorns which pierced it. We understood that this was The Immaculate Heart of Mary, outraged by the sins of humanity and seeking reparation.’*** At this point our Lady gave them **“A SECRET”** which was not revealed for many years.

13th July 1917: Our Lady appeared again at the same spot. She repeated her request that the children pray the Rosary every day ***‘to obtain peace for the world’***. She promised that in October she would perform a miracle. Our Lady then asked them to sacrifice themselves for sinners, praying, ***“ O, Jesus , it is for love of you, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”*** The children were then shown a vision of Hell which terrified them. Our Lady then spoke kindly to the children, telling them that, ***“God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace.*** Our Lady then foretold the outbreak of World War 11 and other evils. Our Lady then declared that to prevent this Russia should be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart and people should pray, ‘The Communion of Reparation on First Saturdays’ Our Lady then taught them what is now known as, ***the Decade Prayer---O MY JESUS,FORGIVE US, SAVE US from THE FIRES of HELL, LEAD ALL SOULS to HEAVEN, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE MOST IN NEED. {In Portuguese: o meu JESUS, perdoai nos, livrai nos do fogo do inferno, levai as almas todas para O CEU, principalmente as que mais precisarem.}***

13th August 1917: Our Lady appeared as promised on the holm-oak tree. She repeated her wish that the children pray the Rosary every day and promised again that in October she would perform a miracle, ***‘so that all may believe.’*** The children asked for the cure of sick people which Our Lady promised to do in the coming year. Then, looking very sad, she said,

“Pray pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners; for many souls go to Hell because there are none to sacrifice themselves and to pray for them.”

13th September 1917: By this time, thousands of people were following the 3 children to the Cova Da Ira and so they had great difficulty reaching the holmoak. Many people cried out to them to ask Our Lady to cure their sick family members and to pray for the conversion of a sinner. The children began to pray the Rosary and invited others round them to do the same. Shortly after 12 there was a flash of light and Our Lady appeared on the holmoak tree. She asked them to continue to pray the Rosary and in October, ***“Our Lord will come, as well as Our Lady of Dolours and Our Lady of Carmel. St Joseph will appear with the Child Jesus to bless the world. God is pleased with your sacrifices..... In October I will perform a miracle, so that all may believe.”***

13th October 1917 The estimate is that there were 75,000 in the Cova Da Iria at noon standing or kneeling in the pouring rain. Lucia asked people near her to put their umbrellas down and to pray the Rosary. At noon Our Lady appeared. She asked that a chapel be built there in her honour---***“I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day.*** Her final request was, ***‘Do not offend the Lord, our God any more, because He is already so much offended.’*** Our Lady then opened her hands to ***‘let them reflect on the sun!’*** Our Lady disappeared into the sky while Lucia cried out for people to, ***“look at the sun!”*** which was now rotating in the sky in many colours and seeming to be falling on them. They screamed, thinking it was the end of the world. Suddenly all their clothes were dry. The secular Press described it as, ***“The Day the Sun Danced.”***

During The Miracle of the Sun Lucia saw the visions that Our Lady had promised----St Joseph and the Child Jesus, Our Lady robed in white with a blue mantle, Our Lady of Dolours and Our Lady of Mount Carmel

THE SEVENTH APPARITION of OUR LADY

In December 1925, when Lucia was a Religious Sister. Our Lady appeared to her with the Child Jesus. She put her hand on Lucia’s shoulder and ‘showed her a heart encircled with thorns which she was holding in her other hand.’ She then gave Lucia the Devotion of the 5 First Saturdays (later referred to by Our Lady as ***“the Communion of Reparation.”***)

“I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the first Saturday of Five consecutive months shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite 5 decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making Reparation to me.”