

Dear friends,

I was speaking to a friend who told me that he and his wife were going 'to do' the Camino de Santiago, the great pilgrimage to the Cathedral of St James at Compostela, in Galicia, Northern Spain.

What a journey! I know that some of you have done it the hard way. In the present circumstances it can be done, as it were, virtually. Such are my friends' intentions, although in fairness, they will have memories of a past pilgrimage to inform and excite their imaginations.

I thought that I would offer a 'virtual pilgrimage' to some Marian Shrines during this month of May. This can help us focus.

If you would like to take part in this you will need some time, a Rosary, perhaps a Bible, and certainly the facility to receive appropriate devotional material from me.

No air tickets, no packing, no couriers- just your imagination and a resolve to put this month of May to good use assisted by the Prayers of Our Lady. You and those of your household might do it together.

Any imaginative ideas are welcome, but please do not expect me to be too versatile with computers. I will do what I can.

Please respond so that we can get underway on Thursday 7 May when we travel to Aberdeen, hop over to Brussels, pay our respects to Our Lady of Aberdeen, and ask for her favour as we pray for ourselves, the Church and our world.

It should be fun, let's get under way.

All good wishes

Fr James

A Marian 'At Home' Pilgrimage for May

Thu 7 May: Our Lady of Aberdeen	Mysteries of Light
Fri 8 May: Our Lady of Kalwaria	Sorrowful Mysteries
Sat 9 May: Our Lady of Walsingham	Joyful Mysteries
Sun 10 May: Our Lady of Lourdes	Glorious Mysteries
Mon 11 May: Our Lady of Loreto	Joyful Mysteries
Tue 12 May: Our Lady of Czestochowa	Sorrowful Mysteries
Wed 13 May: Our Lady of Fatima	Glorious Mysteries
Thu 14 May: Our Lady of Altötting	Mysteries of Light
Fri 15 May: Our Lady of Marizell	Sorrowful Mysteries
Sat 16 May: Our Lady of Knock	Joyful Mysteries
Sun 17 May: Our Lady of Carfin	Glorious Mysteries
Mon 18 May: Our Lady of Holyrood	Joyful Mysteries
Tue 19 May: Our Lady of Montserrat	Sorrowful Mysteries
Wed 20 May: Our Lady of Schoenstatt	Glorious Mysteries
Thu 21 May: Notre-Dame de Paris [Ascension]	Mysteries of Light

You are invited daily at (or when you can manage)

1100 to reflect in prayer daily at each shrine [information on each will be issued] : Rosary : for the appropriate day.

1200 say the Angelus

You might like to follow a Mass from one of the Shrines.

Some reflective material for each day will be given on-line.

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