

The Three Statues of Our Lady of Fatima

A Portuguese sculptor, Jose Ferreira Thedin, created three different statues of Our Lady of Fatima which are very popular throughout the world.

The first is Our Lady of Fatima Capelinha which was carved in 1920 according to Lucia's description after the apparitions at the Cova da Iria. The statue is in the Chapel of Apparitions in Fatima.

The second is the Immaculate Heart of Mary which was made after Lucia gave further details about the July 1917 apparition when Our Lady pointed to her Immaculate Heart. This second statue is with the Carmelites in Coimbra.

The third statue is the Pilgrim Virgin Statue made in 1917, when Lucia gave the sculptor a more detailed description of Our Lady. Twelve copies of this statue are currently on pilgrim around the world. The UK National Pilgrim Virgin Statue was blessed by the Bishop of Fatima on 13 May 1968 and brought to the UK in 1969. Pope St John Paul II Blessed the National statue when he visited England in 1982.

For more information about Fatima and the history of the statue please visit the World Apostolate of Fatima's website at:

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