

Latin Mass Belfast Newsletter – July 2017

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July 2017, Holy Mass Schedule

Sunday 2nd	Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday 9th	Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday 16th	Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday 23rd	Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday 30th	Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

*All Masses will be held at St Therese's, Somerton Road, Belfast, BT15 4AQ at 4pm

Word from our priests

A sermon from Father Martin Graham:

In the days running to the start of July the liturgical colour is predominantly red because the Church celebrates the Feasts of Saint Irenaeus, St Peter and Paul and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome – all of which shed their blood for the Faith. In the Ordinary Form the 1st July is the Feast of Saint Oliver Plunkett, another Martyr who ministered in secret in Belfast for a time; a well near Twinbrook is where he is known to have baptised. These feasts lead us into the month of July when the devotion of the Church focuses on the Most Precious Blood. In Scripture, blood is the very essence of life, even the word for kinship: those who share your blood. The Israelites were prohibited from eating blood precisely because it was like eating something still alive.

The Old Testament uses “blood” as a word for wine: “you drank the pure blood of the grape.” Our Lord gives us His Blood as wine. He pours out His life and it is by His own death, His own loss of blood, that is our life. We come to life by entering into His death, drinking from His death. All of this flows from the wounds from His Sacred Passion, from the graces won on Calvary. “Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realise how truly precious it is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world.” - Pope Saint Clement I.

Announcements

Latin Mass Belfast are looking for people who would like to volunteer in the following areas:

Altar Serving

If you are interested in serving the Holy Mass please get in touch. If you haven't previously served Mass don't worry, training and help is available. Please contact Stephen on 07470459008 for more information.

Schola/choir

If you would like to learn Gregorian Chant and would like to assist in the choir, please contact Cormac at cormac.mccool@yahoo.com for more information. Practice starts at 3.15pm every week before Sunday Mass.

Setting Up and Tea Committee

Latin Mass Belfast are looking for volunteers to assist in preparing the sanctuary before and after Holy Mass. We're also looking for people to help set up for tea and to help tidy up afterwards. If you are interested please contact Nikita on 07407719353.

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Pilgrimage to Chartres

A few of our congregation attended the Paris-Chartres Pilgrimage this June. It occurs every year on the Feast of Pentecost in early summer, and is a multi-generational, multi-national gathering of Catholics who draw closer to God through the centuries-old act of pilgrimage.

The walk is roughly 62 miles over 3 days—beginning at daybreak on the Vigil of Pentecost, and ending with Mass on Pentecost Monday. 12,000 (2017) pilgrims trekked from the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, through the French countryside to the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Chartres. Participants brave the weather, blisters, and humble food and accommodations as an act of faith and an act of reparation.



THE TWO SHRINES PILGRIMAGE 2017

Missed Chartres this year but still eager to go on a pilgrimage? Why not sign up for the Two Shrines Pilgrimage in Scotland? Now in its second year, the Pilgrimage is a three-day walk from Edinburgh to St Andrews incorporating the Traditional Latin Mass and devotions. The pilgrimage takes its inspiration from the medieval practice of walking to the shrine of Scotland's patron saint and the revived custom of the annual Chartres Pilgrimage in France.

This year's pilgrimage takes place from Saturday 5th to Monday 7th August. Accommodation is provided in Dunfermline and Falkland, together with food and logistical support throughout. The cost for the full pilgrimage is £90 for members of the Confraternity, with a part-rate of £30 per day. Under 18s pay half price. Places are limited so book now to avoid disappointment! Pay in full by 5th July and save £10!

To register, send a message to us on Facebook (Latin Mass Belfast). We will put you in contact with the Confraternity, who will provide full details and application forms.

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