

The Latin Mass Society

For the Preservation of the Traditional Roman Rite

The Traditional Latin Mass

Reverence, devotion and the beauty of Gregorian chant

The Church in Crisis

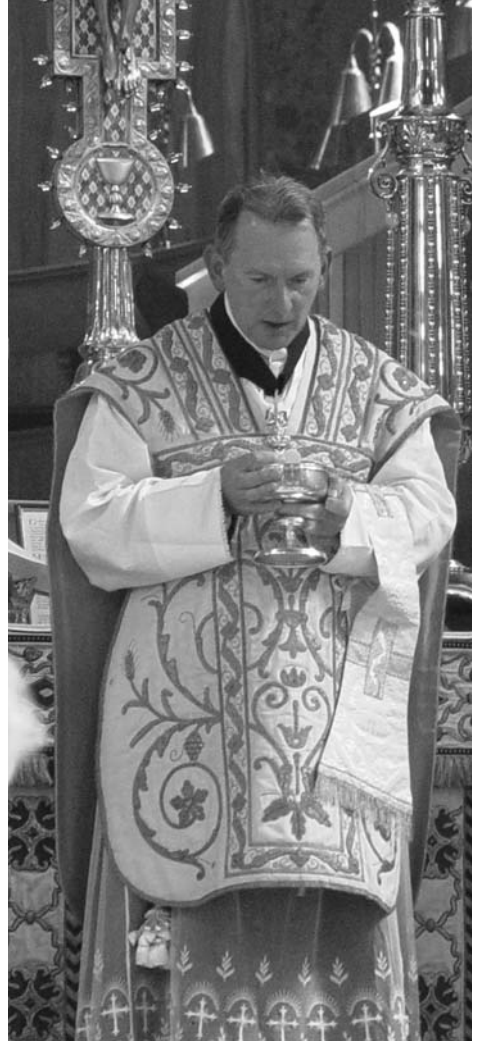
The Church in the UK is in crisis – collapsing numbers, closing parishes, an ageing priesthood, lack of vocations. Matters are made worse by the loss of the young through faulty catechesis.

There are signs of hope as Rome attempts to reimpose discipline and to encourage devotion to the Most Holy Eucharist.

One of the most encouraging signs is the rapid growth of the movement attached to the Traditional Latin Rite of Mass (known as the Extraordinary Form) and of the priestly fraternities and monastic orders devoted to spreading this rite. The average age of their priests is astonishingly young.

The Latin Mass Society of England and Wales (LMS) is part of this fast-growing international movement. What do we seek?

- Preservation of the ancient Roman rite of Mass in the form in which it has been celebrated for centuries
- No adaptation of the Mass to a desecrated age
- Restoration of the Church's treasury of liturgical music, especially Gregorian chant
- Promotion of the use of Latin in the Church's life
- Protection of our altars from destruction



Traditional Catholicism for the 21st Century

and our sanctuaries from reordering, none of which was authorised by the Second Vatican Council.

Our policy proposals for England and Wales include:

- Convenient provision of the Traditional Rite Mass on Sundays and Holy Days in every diocese
- Arrangements for the faithful to receive the sacraments in the Traditional Rite
- The reintroduction of popular devotions such as Corpus Christi processions and the 40 Hours Devotion
- An invitation from our bishops to priests of the Traditional fraternities to undertake chaplaincies in England and Wales and for them to be given their own churches
- Provision of diocesan financial support to candidates who wish to study in the seminaries of the Traditional priestly fraternities.

The Need for Reverence

Do you long for beauty, dignity, silence and reverence in the Mass? The Traditional Mass offers these qualities in abundance so that every word and gesture of the priest is attuned to this supreme act of worship.

Reverence is fundamental to worship as it allows us to experience the sacred and supernatural. It is because the Mass is a sacred action of infinite value that the celebration of the Traditional Roman Mass has always been invested with the greatest reverence and dignity. The Traditional Rite omits nothing that reminds us that the Sacrifice of the Mass is the Sacrifice of Calvary mystically re-presented on the altar.

The Essence of the Traditional Mass

In the Traditional Rite the Church sets forth explicitly her doctrine of the Communion of Saints and the intercession of Our Lady whose merits win graces for our souls. The Offertory prayers are unique for their doctrinal richness and the beauty of their composition.

The essence of the Mass is the Sacrifice of the Cross made present upon our altars and offered to God as a Sacrifice of Propitiation for the souls of the living and the dead. This is why the Traditional Mass is offered using beautiful vestments and music, preferably in beautiful churches and with congregations dressed respectfully.



Looking to the Future

Father John Mole, a respected Traditional priest, remarked in 2003 that Traditional Mass communities are now often younger than the declining new rite congregations of the West. Traditional congregations are springing up rapidly – there are now hundreds of regular Traditional Masses authorised by the bishops in the USA alone. Tradition is growing quickly in America, Canada, South America, Australia and Europe. It is time to catch up in the UK!

In England and Wales, the LMS has worked for the preservation of the Traditional Rite since 1965 and now campaigns for its restoration to all the altars of the Church. We are attracting a young membership, just as the Traditional Rite attracts congregations of young Catholic families with many children. We work closely with various organisations whose apostolate is to support Catholic families in schooling their young in the Faith by catechesis, devotions, family days and celebrations of the Traditional Mass.

Join us! We need more Masses in the dioceses, the sacraments made widely available in the Traditional Rite and a return to popular devotions. We need to build our membership to support our call

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for churches to be given to Traditional Rite congregations rather than being closed as the Church shrinks.

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