

Isle of Wight Latin Mass Society

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Reports of past events - Advent Day of Recollection

There was a reasonable attendance for this event (Dec. 6th and 7th). Father Benjamin took the theme, "*The Sacraments of the Church*" emphasising the spiritual grace which we obtain from frequent reception of the sacraments and the importance of preparation especially when we receive Our Blessed Lord in the Eucharist.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Three of us attended Sung Mass at the cathedral celebrated by Mgr. Antony Conlon. In his sermon he gave an interesting account of the history of this feast and the theology behind the Declaration of this Dogma by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1854. Mgr. Conlon will be staying with some friends in Bembridge in early August and will be offering two Latin Masses while he is here.

Rome Pilgrimage

Five of us from Ryde joined the LMS Pilgrimage to Rome in October. It was a wonderful experience. At the General Audience of Pope Benedict we were within a few feet of the Pontiff. We were permitted to have the Old Mass in St. Peter's Basilica (in the crypt) and in most of the major basilicas. It was good to meet up with old colleagues and to make new friends in addition to receiving the spiritual graces that came from the pilgrimage. There was ample opportunity for prayer, meditation, Confessions, October Devotions as well as daily Mass. Those of us from Ryde have produced a booklet which gives an account of the pilgrimage and contrasts it to that of another Ryde resident, the Countess of Clare, who made two pilgrimages to the Eternal City in 1841 and 1868. It has just been published on the LMS website (www.latin-mass-society.org) The booklet aims to inspire others to make a pilgrimage to Rome and to appreciate our wonderful Catholic heritage which persuaded the Countess of Clare, among many others, to join the Church of Rome. The booklet is free from the two abbeys and from St. Mary's Church or crypt.

First Friday / Eucharistic Devotions

There is a Holy Hour at St. Mary's after the 12 noon Mass on every First Friday. This includes the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary and the Litany of the Sacred Heart. It is encouraging to see that attendance at the Holy Hour has been increasing. It was through St. Margaret Mary in 1675 that Christ instituted the "Holy Hour" of devotion and prayer to the Sacred Heart in reparation for the three apostles who fell asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane. Our Lord told her to, "*encourage people to make reparation for the ingratitude of men. Spend an hour in prayer to appease divine justice, to implore mercy for sinners, to honour Me, to console Me for my bitter sufferings when abandoned by my apostles when they could not watch and pray for one hour with me*". If this is not convenient, remember that there is Benediction after Vespers at 5-00pm on First Fridays at Quarr Abbey.

Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

Preaching at St. Mary's, Ryde on this feast, Fr. Benjamin Durham recalled the dramatic events concerning the St. Paul on the road to Damascus. We do not have to wait for such a dramatic conversion. Our Faith comes to us through Baptism and consequently it is then no longer I that live, but it is Christ that lives in me. It is through Baptism that Almighty God chooses to make his dwelling in our hearts and souls. He did the same with Saul when he send Ananias to baptise him. Saul then went to the synagogues and to the amazement of the people, he started to preach that Christ (whom he was persecuting) was indeed the Son of God. We are called to the same realities as Saul. Almighty God dwells in our hearts and souls and gives us the same strength and resolve that he gave to Saul. It was this strength that enabled him to preach the Gospel and to make converts on his various missionary journeys.

The Church has chosen so many liturgy readings from St. Paul because they reflect quite simply that he lived his life for Christ and he was determined to do all that he could to bring both Jews and Gentiles to the knowledge of God and His Son Jesus, whom he sent on earth to become our Saviour.

Father heard Confessions for an hour before Mass and gave Benediction afterwards. He also took Holy Communion to a sick member in Bembridge. Many thanks to all those who supported the society during Father's visit. It was good to see a congregation of 52, including several new faces. Many thanks to those who assisted with catering in the hall and also provided the hot soup on the coldest day of the year.

Faith Study Group.

This group (mainly LMS members) meets from time to time to study, meditate and contemplate aspects of our Faith, - the catechism, the bible, papal encyclicals and the liturgical year in order to deepen our appreciation of the One, True Faith and our understanding of Almighty God's Holy Church.

The next meetings are as follows:

Thurs. 22nd Feb. at 3-30pm at The Garden House, Swains Rd, Bembridge (home of Carolyn Holbrook).

Thurs 8th & 15th March. Venues to be decided

Future Isle of Wight Latin Masses

Thurs. 29th Mar. Low Mass and Benediction. Holy Cross, Seaview. 5-00pm Golden Jubilee of the church

There are always Confessions before the Masses on the Island and refreshments afterwards.

Sat. 12th May. Sung Mass, Benediction and Procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady at St. Mary's, Ryde. 1-00pm

Thurs. 7th June. Sung Mass, Benediction and Corpus Christi Procession at St. Mary's, Ryde. 3-00pm

Mainland Masses

Sun. 11th March. Sung Mass at St. Peter's, Winchester. 1-00pm

Low Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation at West Grinstead. Second Sunday of the month. 3-00pm

Every Sunday / Holyday. Christ the King, Reading. Mass at 12 noon

Annual LMS Diocesan Day of Recollection.

Saturday 31st March (from 11-00am) in Portsmouth Cathedral

The theme: "**Preparing for Holy Week and Easter**".

To be led by Fr. Benjamin Durham FSSP. The day will include talks, Mass (12-15pm), Confessions, Devotions and Benediction. Bring your own packed lunch. Tea / coffee will be available.

For those travelling together meet at Ryde Pierhead for the 10-15am ferry

Summer Pilgrimages.

Please make a note of these details:-

Shrine of Our Lady at West Grinstead.

The church and shrine in W. Sussex where the Faith was never lost throughout the penal days.

Sat. 16th June (Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary)

The day includes Mass (12 noon), Exposition, Rosary / Devotions, Confessions and Benediction.

Sat. 8th Sept. Pilgrimage to Glastonbury.

Sat. 15th Sept. Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Holy Week / Easter in London.

Mass every day and the complete Easter Triduum at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden.

For all other Latin Masses including Holy Week / Easter Masses please see "Mass of Ages"

or contact the LMS Tel. 0207 7404 7284 or visit the LMS web site.

www.latin-mass-society.org

Lenten Meditations on the Passion (with the aid of paintings by the great artists)

On Wed. 21st March we welcome back to the Island, the theologian, Dr. Lionel Gracey, who will lead us in meditating on Christ's Passion by showing slides of paintings by the great artists. This will take place in St. Mary's Hall, Ryde at 7-00pm

LMS Weekend Retreat at Ardingly College, W. Sussex

(April 13th - 15th). To be led by Fr. Andrew Southwell. The cost is £80 per person (£140 per family). Children under 18 are free.

Several people are going from the Island. See Peter immediately if you are interested as the deadline for booking is 15th March

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Thank You

Many thanks once again to all those who support our Island group in many ways, especially with publicity, transport, catering, accommodation and hospitality. This is much appreciated by visiting priests and laity.

Vespers and Compline on the Island

Quarr Vespers 5-00pm

Compline 8-30pm

St. Cecilia's Vespers 5-00pm

Compline 8-00pm

Benediction at Quarr Abbey after Vespers on Sundays, Solemnities and First Fridays

Quarr Abbey Bindery

If your Liber or Roman missal need restoring. I can recommend Quarr Abbey. Their workmanship is good and the prices are reasonable. The monks repair and restore old books especially bibles and missals. Enquiries to Fr. Nicholas OSB, Quarr Abbey, Ryde, PO33 4ES. Tel. 01983 882420

News from Rome

In fact there is no news at the moment but much speculation that His Holiness is about to lift restrictions on the celebration of the Old Mass. Please continue that pray that there will be positive news in the near future

Chartres / Paris Pilgrimage. 25-29 May. Details from Francis Carey. Tel. 0208 741 1316

Traditional Catholic literature.

A comprehensive supplier of pre-Vatican II missals, prayer books etc is:- "**Carmel Books**", PO Box 40, Wellington, Somerset, TA21 0ZN. Tel. 01823 664751.

Video of the Old Mass

A video of the Old Rite Sung Mass, Low Mass and Benediction available for members to borrow.

Useful web sites

Don't forget to have a browse on the LMS web site.

www.latin-mass-society.org.

There are reports on the Island LMS and over fifty photographs of events here on the Island (Masses and processions). Other relevant web sites - www.CIEL-UK.org and www.fssp.com

Articles in the possession of the Isle of Wight LMS

The following articles are available to members. Please let me know if you would like a copy of those listed below:-

Obituary - Fr. Peter de Curzon OSB (1924 - 2006)

First Fridays of the month

Brief History of the Shrine of Our Lady at West Grinstead

Five First Saturdays

Isle of Wight Martyrs. Talk given to St. Catherine's Trust for Traditional Catholic Education at The Summer School at Ardingly College, West Sussex by Peter Clarke (2006)

Address at Day of Recollection: Theme: "*The Holy Eucharist - Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity*" by Fr. Andrew Southwell.

History of the Corpus Christi Procession

Sermon given by Fr. Martin Edwards, MA, STL, at St. Mary's at the Corpus Christi 2003.

Sermon given by Fr. Benjamin Durham FSSP at Holy Cross, Seaview on the Patronal Feast 2006

Sermon given by Fr. Benjamin Durham FSSP at St. Mary's on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, Holy Week and Easter at St. Saviour's Chapel, Weston Manor, Totland. 1905

The Motu Proprio "Sacrorum antistitum" Anti-Modernist oath of St. Pope Pius X (1910)

LMS priests on the Island.

In addition to Mgr. Conlon spending a week with us in the Summer, Fr. Richard Whinder will be returning for a few days in early October. In addition to Latin Mass, he will also be talking to the Catholic History Society on the "*History of the English College, Rome*". I would be pleased to hear from anyone who knows a priest who offers the Old Rite and would like to come to the Island.

Thanks to the hospitality of various members these visits are usually mini-holidays for the priests and always appreciated.

"Christian Order"

Catholic booklet devoted to the defence of the One, True Faith www.christianorder.com

Please remember my predecessor, John Norden. He was your LMS rep. here on the Island for several years until he moved to Oxford in 2001. John is seriously ill in hospital. We hope and pray for a speedy recovery. Thank you for your continued support of the Society. Please do your best to promote the LMS by word of mouth.

Peter Clarke

(Isle of Wight LMS rep)