

DUBLIN LATIN MASS CHAPLAINCY NEWSLETTER

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The Latin Mass Chaplaincy will be celebrating **twelve years** in existence on Sunday 15th September, the commemoration of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. We give thanks to God for the blessings which he has bestowed on us over the years, and in particular for the steady growth and rejuvenation of our congregation. May we continue to work together, priests and lay faithful, to give the Lord fitting worship, all the time trying to conform our lives to the mysteries we celebrate.

Earlier in the year I commissioned our organist, Dr A. Paul McKeever, to compose a Mass setting for the Piccolo Lasso choir, to be called the *Missa Sancti Cæmgeni*, or Mass of Saint Kevin. The work is now complete, and the first performance will be on Sunday 15th at 10.30am. I thank Dr McKeever in advance for his work, and Dr Ite O'Donovan and the Piccolo Lasso choir for the effort they have put into mastering it.

The **Sunday catechesis** for children will resume in October, on the first and third Sundays of each month from 11.45am to 12.30pm. This year we will continue with the children from last year, as well as the children due to make their First Holy Communion on Low Sunday next year. Enrolment for both groups will take place in the parish hall immediately after Mass on Sunday 22nd and Sunday 29th of this month.

I shall soon be launching a major fund-raising campaign to renovate **the roof of the presbytery**. The church was given a new roof back in 2006, but the presbytery still has its original roof from 1872, now in very bad condition. With every storm some slates are dislodged or lost, and the ceilings inside bear the marks of much water damage. This will be a major project, for which I shall be asking your special generosity.

At the same time we hope to continue the restoration of **Our Lady's chapel**, by renovating the window and stonework facing Harrington Street. Dublin City Council have yet again favoured us with a grant for this work, this year of €7,000.

Finally, on the topic of restoration, you may have noticed that at various points around the church **the original stenciled decoration** has been revealed. This is with a view to eventually restoring the whole church to the beauty which you can already admire in the sanctuary. This is a very long-term and costly project, but the essential first step, the recovery of the original designs, is already well advanced. I am grateful to the Irish Georgian Society for a grant of €3,000 towards this work.

The **annual clothing appeal** of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will take place during this month. On Sunday 15th bags will be available for you to take home, to fill with clean, good-quality clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc. On the following Sunday, 22nd September, the bags will be collected. Please leave the bags in the outer porches facing Syngé Street and Harrington Street.

The **book of the month** is *Love for the Papacy and Filial Resistance to the Pope in the History of the Church* by Prof. Roberto De Mattei. On sale after Mass in the rear right-hand porch for €17.50.

Towards the end of the month **envelope boxes** will be available for existing subscribers to the Chaplaincy Fund. You will find your box at the back of the church with your name on it. There will also be boxes available for new subscribers. These boxes allow you to make regular contributions for our day-to-day running costs (light, heat, insurance, music, sacristy costs, altar supplies, general maintenance etc.). You can also contribute by standing order (forms available on the tables) or by using the general donation envelopes. Please remember that the first collection at Mass goes to support the priests, and the second collection goes to the Archbishop, so we are completely dependent on the Chaplaincy Fund for all our other costs. May God reward your generosity!

Liturgical calendar and Mass times overleaf.

The V. Rev. Gerard Deighan, Adm., Chaplain