

LATIN MASS SOCIETY RESIDENTIAL LATIN COURSE: Further information



The purpose of the Course

We at the Latin Mass Society, mindful of our Charitable Objects to promote the ancient liturgy of the Catholic Church, and the use of the Latin language in the Church, have established this course both to assist clergy who wish to learn or improve their Latin in order to celebrate Mass in Latin, and for all who may be interested in the language from devotional, cultural, or scholarly motives.

What kind of Latin?

There are different kinds of Latin as there are different kinds of any widely-used language, with specialist vocabulary and characteristic idioms. This course is concerned with the Latin of the traditional Catholic liturgy, and with the help of the Latin Mass Society's coursebook, *Simplicissimus*, it makes use of examples, exercises, and reading passages from the Missal. As well as introducing students to the cadences of the liturgy, it makes maximum use of whatever Latin students may have picked up from the liturgy.

What kind of students?

The course is (1) for those who are beginners together with those who need to learn or revise from the beginning; and (2) for those who know the basic conjugations and declensions and want to go on from there.

The two tutors are able to teach two groups of students who may be more or less advanced in their knowledge.

Our Tutors

Fr John Hunwicke, a priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, won an Open Scholarship to read *Litterae Humaniores* at Oxford University and subsequently taught Latin for many years at Lancing College in Sussex. He blogs at <http://liturgicalnotes.blogspot.co.uk/>

Jean Van Der Stegen has degrees in Business Studies, Classics, and Oriental Studies, and teaches Greek and Latin, at the Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle in London, and as private tutor. See more at <https://www.jeanvanderstegen.com/about>

Liturgy during the Course

The Traditional Mass will be celebrated each day during the course for all participants who wish to attend. At least one of these Masses will be Sung.

Priests celebrating Mass

Students who are Catholic priests will be able to celebrate Mass privately in whatever Form, Use, or Rite they wish. The Chapel is in use at certain times of day, but times and places for the celebration of Mass, and the necessary liturgical items, can be arranged with the organisers. Priests are asked to bring their own 'small linens' and albs for convenience, and an Altar Missal if they have one.

Servers and Singers

It would be very helpful for the organisers to hear in advance from male students with the necessary experience, willing and able to serve Low or Sung Mass, or to sing Gregorian Chant at Mass.

The Venue

Once the home of the poet Robert Bridges, Chilswell House has been a Carmelite Priory for more than half a century. It is seven miles from Oxford, and set in seventeen acres of woodland. It has become established as a regular venue for the 'Sewing Retreat' organised by the Guild of St Clare, which is affiliated to the Latin Mass Society.

The address is: Carmelite Priory, Chilswell, Boars Hill, Oxford, OX1 5HB

The venue telephone number is: 01865 730183/322300

Please note that there are *no ensuite bathrooms* available for students. Since the number of rooms is limited, and some rooms are twins, there is a 'single room supplement' to the fee for those who do not wish to share.

Length of the Course

The course starts with lunch on Monday and ends with lunch on Friday. We hope this will be as convenient as possible for priests with parish responsibilities. **Registration is from 11.30am to 12.30pm on Monday.**

Fees and Discounts (book on the LMS website: www.lms.org.uk)

There are discounts for clergy (including deacons), and seminarians (including those about to join seminaries), and for those in full-time education.

There is a discount for members of the Latin Mass Society, which is larger than the membership fee, so if you are not a member, be sure to sign up at the same time!

The fee includes a copy of the LMS coursebook *Simplicissimus*, which includes grammatical tables and helpful vocabulary, as well as examples, exercises, reading passages and so on which may be used during the course.

The fee includes accommodation and meals. A reduced fee is available for those who wish to make their own arrangements for accommodation.

What is new in 2018

The LMS Residential Latin Course, which first took place in 2009, has for 2018 had to relocate, due to the closure of the Franciscan Retreat Centre at Pantasaph. At our new venue, the Latin Course will no longer share facilities or liturgies with the St Catherine's Trust Summer School; the course will now be five days, not six; teaching and accommodation will take place on a single site; and it will be **significantly cheaper for all participants**.

ADVANCE PREP

Please learn these before the course!

These are the most basic aspects of Latin grammar, which are usually dealt with in the opening pages of Latin course books. Your familiarity with them will get you off to a flying start in the course, so if you don't know them already, please learn them now—it won't take you long. Don't worry about what they mean, all will be revealed!

Nouns

1st Declension (fem.) ending in
-a: *mensa*, -ae (f) – table

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	<i>mēnsa</i>	<i>mēnsae</i>
Voc.	<i>mēnsa</i>	<i>mēnsae</i>
Acc.	<i>mēnsam</i>	<i>mēnsās</i>
Gen.	<i>mēnsae</i>	<i>mēnsārum</i>
Dat.	<i>mēnsae</i>	<i>mēnsīs</i>
Abl.	<i>mēnsā</i>	<i>mēnsīs</i>

2nd Declension (masc.) ending in -us: *servus*, -m
- servant, slave

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	<i>servus</i>	<i>servī</i>
Voc.	<i>serve</i>	<i>servī</i>
Acc.	<i>servum</i>	<i>servōs</i>
Gen.	<i>servī</i>	<i>servōrum</i>
Dat.	<i>servō</i>	<i>servīs</i>
Abl.	<i>servō</i>	<i>servīs</i>

Verbs

Singular

Plural

1st Conjugation: *amō, amāre*—to love

<i>amō</i>	I love	<i>amāmus</i>	we love
<i>amās</i>	thou lovest/ you love	<i>amātis</i>	you love
<i>amat</i>	he/she/it loves	<i>amant</i>	they love

2nd Conjugation: *moneō, monēre*—to warn, advise

<i>moneō</i>	I warn	<i>monēmus</i>	we warn
<i>monēs</i>	thou warnest/ you warn	<i>monētis</i>	you warn
<i>monet</i>	he/she/it warns	<i>monent</i>	they warn

3rd Conjugation: *rego, régere*—to rule

<i>regō</i>	I rule	<i>régimus</i>	we rule
<i>regis</i>	thou rulest/ you rule	<i>régitis</i>	you rule
<i>regit</i>	he/she/it rules	<i>regunt</i>	they rule

4th Conjugation: *aúdiō, audīre*—to hear

<i>aúdiō</i>	I hear	<i>audīmus</i>	we hear
<i>audīs</i>	thou hearst/ you hear	<i>audītis</i>	you hear
<i>audit</i>	he/she/it hears	<i>aúdiunt</i>	they hear

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