

2021 St Edmund Campion Pilgrimage - Lyford Grange Mass

This year Fr Liam Cummins (MHM) and Fr Kevin Jones both serving at St Edmund Campion Parish, Maidenhead are the celebrants for the St Edmund Campion Pilgrimage Mass to be held at Lyford Grange, near Wantage on Sunday 26th September 2021 at 4.00pm. It was at the Grange that the Jesuit priest Edmund Campion was captured before being shackled to a cart and dragged through the Thames Valley to London and put on trial. Campion was subsequently hanged, drawn and quartered with Alexander Briant and Ralph Sherwin on 1st December 1581.



Background to St Edmund Campion Pilgrimage: In the late 1960's Mgr Hume, Fr Tiger SJ and Fr Woodard of Our Lady of Peace, Burnham decided to organise a pilgrimage with St Edmund Campion's Relic supporting the Canonisation of a group of representative English and Welsh Roman Catholics who were martyred between 1535 and 1679; they were selected from 200 already beatified by earlier Popes. On 25th October 1970, Pope Paul VI Canonised St Edmund Campion as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.

After the canonisation of the Martyrs it was decided to carry on this act of worship for Christian Unity and Peace. The Knights of St Columba were asked to organise the annual pilgrimage with the Relic resting at churches overnight following as near as possible the route Campion took on his way from Lyford Grange in Oxfordshire - where he was captured, to Tyburn in London where he was put to death. The route includes Stonor where there is a priest's hole and Campion famously hid his printing press. This year's schedule includes Masses at 44 churches on the route and passes through Portsmouth, Birmingham, Northampton and Westminster Dioceses on its fifty four day journey.

Details of the this year's covid delayed pilgrimage schedule are shown in the link:

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For those pilgrims who would like to join the local Lyford pilgrimage it is advisable to park at Lyford Grange (OX12 0EQ) before proceeding to the Anglican Church of St Mary the Virgin in Lyford village at 3:30pm, the procession then returns to Lyford Grange for Mass in the Barn at 4:00pm. The choir is formed from parishioners of St John Vianney, Wantage and will welcome any new pilgrims to this annual Mass. There will be refreshments after the Mass.

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