



# Celebrating the Mass

## an SSG Spring Gathering

Society of Saint Gregory, as part of our 90th anniversary jubilee year, will be holding a series of spring gatherings with talks, liturgies (Morning Prayer and Mass) and workshops. This year there will be a particular focus on planning and preparing for Mass, exploring what is needed for a truly worthy celebration. All are welcome, whether members or not, particularly anyone involved in parish ministry.

**When?** Saturday, 18 May 2019 (10am – 4.30pm)  
**Where?** St Helen's Roman Catholic Church, Nantgarw Road, Caerphilly CF83 3FB  
**Speaker:** Monsignor Kevin McGinnell

### Workshops:

- **Preparing the liturgy** – what makes a good celebration? How do we prepare? This workshop will look at all aspects of planning and preparation, from musical choices to coordinating processions. This workshop will be led by Martin Barry, who was Choirmaster and Director of Music at Salford Cathedral for 23 years.
- **Singing and music to accompany the assembly** – for anyone singing or playing at Mass, this will be a workshop full of practical tips and lots of practise! This workshop will be led by Stephen Bryant, Head of Music at Badminton School for Girls, Bristol and Organist at Clifton Cathedral.
- **Exploring the texts** – from the familiar words of the Gloria to Eucharistic Prayer IV, this will be an opportunity to examine the prayers we use at Mass in detail. This workshop will be led by Kevin McGinnell, a priest of Northampton Diocese, Secretary of the Spirituality Committee, Department of Christian Life and Worship and Chairman of the Society of Saint Gregory.

The day will begin with registration at 10.00 am and Morning Prayer at 10.15. Mgr Kevin McGinnell will look at the basic principles and explore what is needed for a worthy celebration of Mass. The workshops will take place during the afternoon. The day will culminate with the celebration of Mass.

The cost is £10 per person (bring your own packed lunch). Booking requests may be made by emailing [bookings@ssg.org.uk](mailto:bookings@ssg.org.uk) or calling Mary Rouse on 07540 532785. Online booking is available on our website at [www.ssg.org.uk](http://www.ssg.org.uk), where you can also print a booking form. Places should be booked no later than 7 days before the event. Further information is also available by emailing Mary at the above address.

Similar study days are being held in Paisley on 16 February 2019 (St Mirin's Cathedral) and Nottinghamshire on 16 March 2019 (Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Newark). More information is available at [www.ssg.org.uk](http://www.ssg.org.uk)

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