



# ST CATHERINE'S TRUST

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*Announcing our 2010 events*

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*Pictures: Top: Family Retreat; Left, Quiz at the Summer School.*

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# ST CATHERINE'S TRUST AND THE RESTORATION

As our long-standing supporters know, St Catherine's Trust has been at the forefront of Traditional Catholic Education since our foundation in December 2004.

From a standing start we organised a **Summer School** for the Summer of 2005 and quickly added a **Family Retreat** to our annual programme. These are both designed to support families trying to bring up children in accordance with the Catholic faith and in the context of the Traditional Mass, not least by creating an opportunity for them to meet each other. In addition, the Summer School has provided children with a unique supplement to their education, with classes on a whole range of subjects from a Catholic perspective from our enthusiastic volunteer staff.

Last year we added to these events a **Chant Training Course for adults**, which runs alongside the Family Retreat. Gregorian Chant is inseparable from the Traditional Mass in its fullness, and yet requires serious application by groups of the lay faithful if it is to happen. We cannot expect to reap what we have not sown: we cannot expect first-rate Chant scholas to appear, when we want them, without providing training and encouragement. So in conjunction with other Gregorian Chant initiatives being coordinated by the Latin Mass Society, the St Catherine's Trust will be offering the course again this year, with the same Director, Nick Gale, as before. It will continue to be the only residential Chant course in the context of the Traditional Mass in the UK.



This year we are adding yet another element to what we are offering: a **Latin course for adults**. It goes without saying that Latin is indispensable to Traditional Catholics, but like Gregorian Chant it requires application and guidance from a teacher. Latin courses and books abound but few have a focus on the Latin of the Church, which has its own characteristics, and certainly none can be studied in a week-long course in the context of daily Traditional Sung Mass and Compline, which is provided by our Summer School. So this course will run in parallel with the Summer School, with its own accommodation and staff but sharing in the School's liturgy.

Under the direction of the well-known Latinist Mr Philip Goddard, it will aim to give adult beginners an introduction to Latin, and more advanced students a boost in relation specifically to liturgical Latin. In both cases it should set up students to pursue independent study before perhaps coming back in future years to take their knowledge further.

We believe that these initiatives are essential for the recovery of Tradition which the Church so desperately needs, and which Pope Benedict XVI has called for. If Catholicism is not to disappear, we must support families, give children a Catholic context to their education, provide for a full and authentic liturgical life with Gregorian Chant, and make a widespread knowledge of Latin possible for Catholics once more.

*Please support these initiatives! And please support the St Catherine's Trust financially: all our prices are subsidised, and all our activities depend on the support of benefactors.*

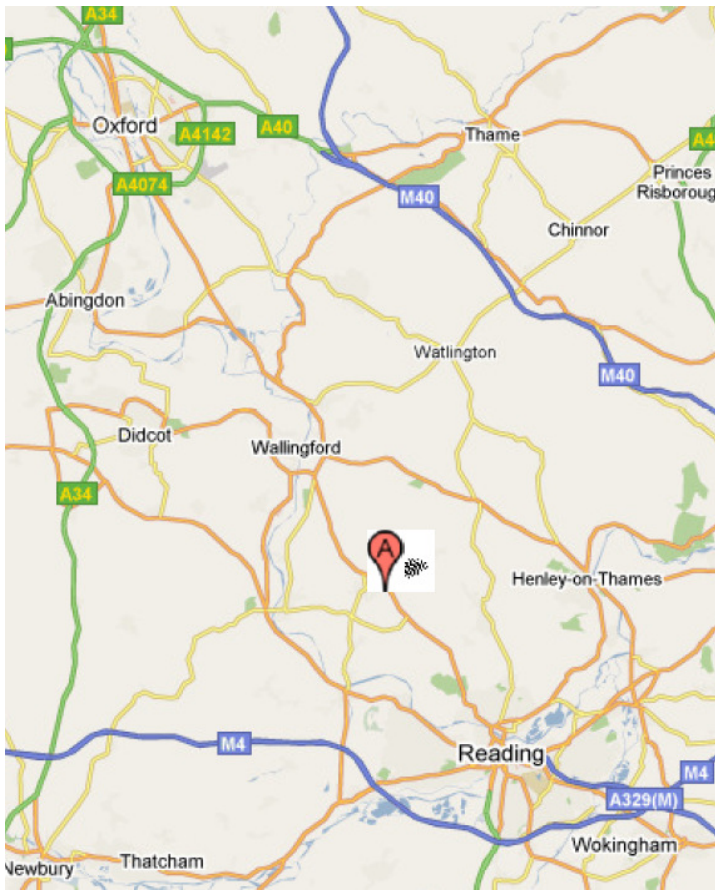
## NEW VENUE FOR FAMILY RETREAT AND CHANT COURSE

As in 2009, a chant course will run alongside the Family Retreat. These will take place in a new venue: The Oratory School.



*Pictures: top  
class at the  
School; bottom  
children at the  
Family Retreat  
Bottom right  
Oratory School*





**The Oratory School** (Woodcote, Reading RG8 0PJ), in Oxfordshire, is outside Reading. This is a well-established Catholic school with two chapels and all the facilities one would expect, with large grounds in beautiful countryside not far from Oxford.

We are delighted to be using a Catholic venue; the Oratory School has been very friendly and we look forward to a long association with it. The Oratory School has two chapels, with the Blessed Sacrament reserved, both arranged for Mass to be celebrated *'ad orientem'*.

The Oratory School is on the A4074 between Reading and Oxford. Reading Railway Station is 15 minutes by car from the school.

The Summer School 2010 will be at Ardingly College in Sussex as in 2009.

## FAMILY RETREAT

As in previous years the Family Retreat will be led by Fr Andrew Southwell, our Chaplain. Fr Thomas Crean OP will be assisting him, allowing us to have early

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morning Traditional Low Mass as well as Sung Mass before lunch.

As always there will also be Sung Compline on Friday and Saturday, and Vespers and Benediction on the Saturday.

One of the characteristics of the Family Retreat is that children under 18 are accepted FREE, making it possible for large families to attend together. Our volunteer staff provide activities for older and younger children during the adults' spiritual conferences; Fr Southwell also gives both groups their own spiritual talk.

The Family Retreat is a joyful occasion; because of the early date of Easter it will again fall on the weekend of Low Sunday, 9th-11th April. Families, couples and single people are all welcome. Please see the application form.

## CHANT COURSE WITH NICK GALE

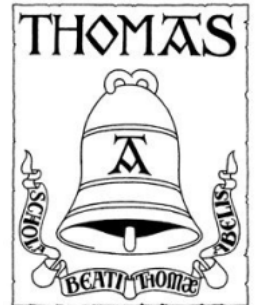
Mr Gale, Director of Music at St George's Cathedral in Southwark, will again be leading a three-day chant course, this time with his colleague Mr Mark Johnson.

Having two tutors will make it possible to have different groups for more and less experienced singers.

Mr Gale is an experienced and inspirational tutor. He was trained in Solesmes itself, and bases his approach on the latest scholarship using the Graduale Triplex. This provides a fascinating insight into the interpretation of the chant.

All are welcome to attend the course, and discounts are available to groups coming from the same schola; please see the application form.

*In association with the Schola Abelis of Oxford.*





## SUMMER SCHOOL 2010

Our jubilee Summer School, marking five years since our first in 2005, will see all the features which have made it such a success over the years.

We have a high staff-student ratio thanks to our volunteers, making for a varied set of subjects and small class sizes. Our Chaplain, Fr Southwell, gives all the students catechesis; this year we will be joined by at least one seminarian as well. Each day begins the Rosary in the chapel, and ends with Sung Compline; we have Sung Mass every day before lunch. In addition to the lessons there is a variety of outdoor activities, sewing and drawing, and a trip to a local place of interest.

The SCT Summer School is entirely unique in what it offers, and unique also in not charging a fee to parents. It is genuinely open to all.

Don't let your children miss out! The school runs from Sunday to Sunday, 1st to 8th August.

All our staff are CRB checked, and the school is covered by our public liability insurance.



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## ADULTS' LATIN COURSE

Latin has all but disappeared from schools, and Catholics seeking to engage with the Tradition are nearly always deprived of direct access to the Catho-

lic Fathers, theologians and philosophers of the past, the Church's own official documents, and the incomparable riches of the Latin liturgy.

Recently, Mark J. Clarke wrote in the *Homiletic and Pastoral Review* lamenting the disappearance of knowledge of Latin in the Church, pointing out that the vast majority of Roman Catholic culture and tradition grew up and was formed speaking Latin. It is, as it were, the native language of the Roman Catholic Church, and were we to let it die we would in fact suffer the loss of our mother tongue. **We would have access to our patrimony, that wonder-filled treasury that now lies unseen in the Church's attic, only in bits and pieces and then only in translation. We would become foreigners to our own tradition, to our own thoughts.** This is a potentially grievous loss for a Church that holds Tradition sacred. Both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have recently reminded us that the Church needs Latin for this very reason.'

**Even a limited knowledge of Latin makes it possible to follow the liturgy, and understand some of the poetic force of the prayers of the Mass, which is never completely conveyed by a translation, and this degree of knowledge is not beyond anyone. For the more adventurous a fluency in Latin puts one on proper speaking terms with the Tradition, opening the door to its riches. Both for those who know no Latin, and for those who know some, this course is for you.**

For beginners, it is intended to give anyone aged 16 or older a jump-start in the study of Latin, aiming to give a student enough grammar and vocabulary to give him a basic grip on liturgical texts and the Vulgate Bible. For more advanced students, they will have the help and encouragement they need to take their understand-

ing of Latin to a higher level, and to persevere in their independent studies. In both cases the course can initiate or reinforce independent study of Latin through teach-yourself books, school or university.

In addition to classes, there will be a number of lectures for all students on aspects of Latin in the liturgy and philosophy. The course will share the venue of the Summer School, and students will be able to attend Sung Mass and Compline every day.

Among Latin courses it is uniquely affordable, thanks to our generous benefactors, and there is a 50% discount for students in full-time education. See the application form.



*Pictures: top, the Summer School sewing group; bottom, Mass in Lewes during the Summer School.*