



Welsh Mass at St James' Spanish Place, London

On Wednesday 30th March, members of the London Group joined the Master at a Catholic Mass, in Welsh, in thanksgiving for Welsh Culture, Language, and contribution to the Church

As a Catholic herself, the Master was pleased to have this opportunity to end her year in this celebration. It was one of the first occasions for London members to gather and Stephen Richards and Kim

Insley (both to the left of photo) as co-Chairs



of the London group were delighted to be there. The Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Treasurer also attended. The celebration was preceded by entertainment from mixed Welsh choirs who led the singing throughout. Mass began with a fanfare from the Welsh Guards who added to the organ accompaniment by Iestyn Evans.



The whole Mass was in Welsh, presided over by Fr Gildas Parry O.Praem. (a White Canon) assisted by Fr Allan Jones CRiC who gave the sermon in Welsh. There were some announcements in English, particularly because there were guests from several other Churches together with the Lord Mayor of Westminster and the Deputy Ambassador of Ukraine. A group of Ukrainians performed the Ukrainian National Anthem before we all sang, with gusto, *Mae hen wlad fy nahdau*.



The Master and members joined members of the choir, and special guests, including the Papal Nuncio and Huw Edwards for a finger buffet supper in the old crypt. There was some wonderful singing there too!

We followed the Master's lead in doing a little recruiting: who knows who might join our Livery Company as a result!

Kim Insley and Steve Richards