



CHRISTIAN LATIN **Advent courses**

BEGINNERS · BOETHIUS AND AUGUSTINE · CLASSICAL LATIN · THE PSALMS · THE LATIN MASS FOR PRIESTS & RELIGIOUS
SUBSIDISED

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“tu excitas ut laudare te delectet, quia fecisti nos ad te et inquietum est cor donec requiescat in te”

Living Latin for the World Today

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BOETHIUS AND AUGUSTINE: 4 WEEKS. £240 PER PERSON FOR 2 HOURS PER WEEK (SOME LATIN EXPERIENCE REQUIRED)

BEGINNERS: 4 WEEKS. £240 PER PERSON FOR 2 HOURS PER WEEK

THE LANGUAGE OF THE LATIN MASS (FOR SEMINARIANS, PRIESTS, AND RELIGIOUS): 8 WEEKS (16 NOVEMBER - 12 DECEMBER 2020, AND 22 FEBRUARY - 20 MARCH 2021; TWO ONE HOUR SESSIONS, ON SEPARATE OCCASIONS, PER WEEK). £300 PER PERSON *after generous Latin Mass Society subsidy* (PLEASE SEE NOTE* ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE).

THE PSALMS: 4 WEEKS. £240 PER PERSON FOR 2 HOURS PER WEEK

THE CLASSICAL LATIN OF CICERO, SENECA AND VERGIL: 4 WEEKS. £240 PER PERSON FOR 2 HOURS PER WEEK.

Lenten courses 2021: ROMAN POETRY – THE LATE ANCIENT WORLD: ASCETICISM, PHILOSOPHY, MONASTICISM

GROUP/FAMILY DISCOUNT: £500 REDUCED FEE FOR FAMILY GROUPS OF THREE (OR MORE)

About Me

I read Classics as an undergraduate at Oxford (MA conferred 2007) and later did further graduate study in ancient Indian languages also at Oxford. I also hold Master's degrees in the History of Christianity and, most recently, in Philosophy. I have published one book on the monastic life of Mount Athos and am working on a second as well as occasionally publishing on ancient Indo-European language. I am passionate about reading and teaching different forms of ancient language and do not believe these languages, or the texts written in them, are dead. They speak to modern concerns, needs and faith.

About the courses

Christian Latin runs throughout the year, in small groups. If you know some Latin we will build up quickly in a smooth progression to get you reading real texts from the Christian heritage. If you are new to Latin then we will take a different path but one which will quickly connect with the main learning route. The lessons are encounters with the language as it was written and as it has been valued for centuries. Homework and rote-learning need not be a significant part of these encounters — although some students do prefer these age-old methods and they will find themselves looked after in that regard. Primarily, we are all language users, have all learned languages before. This experience will really be no different. You will quickly be reading and, I hope and would expect, enjoying Latin. We will meet, in groups of no more than four or five, for two hours a week. There will not need to be formal preparation between classes but everyone will be free to read and learn between times if they choose. Plenty of hints will be provided about this!

Why Latin?

In a world of uncertainty our roots anchor us. For the Catholic Christian, Latin is one of the most significant roots that allows us to draw nearer to the heart of the thought-world of faith. The fresh experience of reading an author like Augustine, encountering him in his own language, is like none other. These courses are designed to promote such a direct encounter and to do so quickly. Whether your interest is devotional or related to theological study – or if you just want to read some good books – the Christian Latin courses are for you. We meet online in small groups throughout Advent and beyond when all classes (especially Beginners) will continue to run, with some seasonal variation. Graduates of one may go on to other courses, as they choose, but doing the Beginners class is not always essential, particularly if you already have extensive background in the Latin language.

* The regular price (e.g. for interested and qualified laypersons) is £600 for the “Latin Mass” course. But please see the following. (The course requires some prior experience of Latin and will be a more formal introduction to the grammar of the language than the Beginners’ course, on which it builds.)

NOTE FROM THE LMS: The Latin Mass Society has agreed to pay half the fee of clergy and seminarians, as well as religious who are either based in or hail from England and Wales. Simply sign up with the course provider, and your details will be passed on to the society who will pay the provider (Matthew Spencer) on your behalf. Please pay all remaining fees (50% of the regular price of £600) directly to him according to his usual arrangements (by bank transfer or, if preferred, via PayPal transaction).

Clergy from and in other countries are encouraged to ask their local Una Voce associations for help if they need it: Una Voce Scotland, Latin Mass Society of Ireland, Una Voce America, Latin Mass Society of Australia. Latin Mass Society (Ecclesia Dei) New Zealand, etc.