



LGBT+ Catholics
Westminster



ROME PILGRIMAGE
15 - 21 February 2021

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

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Monday, 15 February 2021: Arrival at Fiumicino Airport, transport to Hotel and rest. **Briefing Session** in the Hotel, then Dinner - 19.30, in a local restaurant.

Tuesday, 16 February: **Morning** - Visit Keats/Shelley House, Spanish Steps & Trevi Fountain; **Afternoon** – 14.30 - Mass in St. Ignatius' Rooms and visit, Jesuit Church of the Gesu; **Evening - 18.30: Keeping Up with Pope Francis & Vatican Reform!** *A conversation with English-speaking journalists* - 20.00 approx. **Dinner** at local Trattoria.

Ash Wednesday, 17 February 2021: **Morning** - walk up to the Vatican for the Pope's weekly General Audience with privileged seating. **Afternoon - 16.30**, as in 2019 we hope to obtain tickets for inside Santa Sabina Church for the **Ash Wednesday Papal Liturgy**. If this is not possible, those who wish to are welcome to view the Papal procession from San Anselmo to Santa Sabina on the Aventine Hill. **Evening:** The Caravita English-speaking Catholic community hosts **Ecumenical Liturgy of the Word with Imposition of Ashes**, 19.00.

Thursday, 18 February 2021: **Morning** - 9.00 Mass - Madri Pie Chapel; 11.00 - Visit to the 3rd century "domestic church"- Carmelite Church of San Martino ai Monti; Venerable English College and Tortoise Fountain. **Afternoon** - Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica;

Friday, 19 February 2021: **10.00 - Mass** at Cardinal Vincent Nichols' titular **Church of the Most Holy Redeemer & San Alfonso** which contains the original icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, followed by a visit to St. Mary Major Basilica, & the Church of Saint Prassede. **Evening: 18.30: Guest speaker OR meeting with local members of Nuova Proposta LGBT+ Christian Group.**

Saturday, 20 February 2021: **Morning Prayer - 10.00** at **St. Bartholomew's Church** on the River Tiber. Stroll around the central historic area with visits to **San Agostino** (Caravaggio painting of pilgrims and where St Monica is buried), **San Luigi dei Francesi** (Caravaggio paintings of life of Saint Matthew) and the late Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor's titular Church of **Santa Maria Sopra Minerva** (gothic-style and much of artistic interest), the Church of **San Ignazio** (trompe d'oeil ceiling). Free afternoon for personal sightseeing/ shopping; optional visit to Vatican Excavations. **Evening** - Dinner.

Sunday, 21 February 2021: Morning stroll via the central area to the **St. Francis Xavier Oratory** to join the Caravita English-speaking community for **11.00 a.m. Mass** followed by lunch. Afternoon transfer (**15.15**) to Rome Fiumicino Airport for **18.35** departure to London Gatwick.

Rome's Gay Street - There are no particular gay areas in Rome, but a popular hotspot of the gay and lesbian community in the late evening and at night is the street in front of the two cafe-bars **Coming Out** and **My Bar**, *Via di San Giovanni in Laterano* - **No. 9** on Map, close to the Colosseum.