

LONDONBIG CATHOLIC CELEBRATIONS

One hundred years ago at Westminster the Roman Catholic Church in England was born again. Entering his Church as Papal Legate, Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster (first archdiocese in the new order) comes to inaugurate the Centenary Congress at his own solemn reception.

After the reading of the letter from Pope Pius XII appointing Cardinal Griffin as legate for the greater honouring of this centenary, the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Gregory as celebrant sings the Mass in the presence of seven visiting cardinals, eleven archbishops and forty-six bishops.

At Wembley celebrations climax with a pageant of Catholic history in Britain followed by Pontifical Mass. And 100-thousand Catholics applaud as Cardinal Griffin arrives to officiate.

For 265 years the Church of Rome was legally extinct in England. 1850 brought freedom and re-establishment. It is this great turning-point in their history Catholics celebrate today.