

# BELFAST



## Details at a glance

Parade starts: 10am.  
On parade: 9 Districts and 73 bands.  
Wreath laying at City Hall: 10.30am.  
Return parade: 3.30pm.

# Orangefest returns to capital

The parade to mark the 334th anniversary King William III's victory at the Battle of the Boyne - which brought civil and religious liberty to all - will leave Belfast Orange Hall, at Carlisle Circus, at 10am.

The demonstration held in the Capital City of Northern Ireland, Belfast, represents the largest Orange Parade in the Capital City and is enjoyed by over 10,000 participants in bands and lodges and attracts over 100,000 spectators along the route on the outward and homeward journey.

The County Grand Lodge led by the award-winning County Colour Party, and the Millar Memorial Flute Band departs Belfast Orange Hall, Carlisle Circus, at 10.00am sharp and makes its way along Clifton Street, Donegall Street, Royal Avenue and Donegall Place to Belfast City Hall to conduct its annual act of remembrance.

A wreath laying ceremony will take place at the Cenotaph in the grounds of the City Hall shortly

before 10.30am and the parade will then proceed via Donegall Square West, Bedford Street, Dublin Road, Shaftsbury Square, Bradbury Place, Lisburn Road, Balmoral Avenue and Malone Road to the field at Barnett's Demesne.

The County Grand Lodge of Belfast is made up of nine Districts and they are led by the Right Worshipful County Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Spencer Beattie who in this our 334th anniversary year enjoys his sixth year in charge.

This year some 73 bands shall participate in the parade and they will stretch the length and breadth of Northern Ireland as well as award winning marching bands from Scotland. This year taking part (Since 1969) in the parade will be the Pride of the Raven Flute Band from East Belfast, who won the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, Community awards 2024, for Best Band, for their outstanding charity fund raising efforts over the years. A sum totalling almost £200,000. Most of the donations



going to cross community charities.

The procession from the cenotaph boasts of spectators from many counties in addition to its significant local onlookers. A crowd made up of many demographics highlighting the appeal for all. The route from Carlisle Circus to Barnett's Demesne is approximately 6 miles and this route is walked in return making it the longest Orange twelfth on the Twelfth of July.

The platform proceedings at Barnett's Demesne will begin at 2.30pm and the chairman for the afternoon will be the County Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Spencer Beattie. The Chaplain's address will be given by Wor. Bro. Rev. Ron Johnstone and the guest speaker this year shall be Wor. Bro. William Mawhinney PDM the past county grand secretary of Belfast..

The return parade is due

to leave the field and proceed towards the city centre at 3.30pm.

Belfast County is delighted to confirm that this year it will be reintroducing the renowned Belfast Orangefest. Belfast Orangefest is delivered in collaboration with the County Grand Lodge of Belfast and is indeed supported by Belfast City Council. Orangefest and the Parade bringing its unique display of music, colour and pageantry.

Belfast Orangefest adds to this day of celebration by bringing numerous other street attractions and events all of which are clearly advertised on street furniture as well as the media.

The timings for the Orangefest events will be from 9.00am to 2.00pm for the parade and entertainment with the shops opening from 1.00pm to 5.00pm and the evening parade expected back in the City Centre from approximately 5.00pm.



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Belfast City Hall



National Stadium



King's Hall

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Parade Start Point

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Field

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Parade Dispersal Point

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Car Parking

Family Activities

Stalls

Food and Catering

First Aid

Toilets

