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Manchester Italian Association – Madonna Del Rosario Procession 1st July 2012

Dress Code & Procession Etiquette

The Madonna Del Rosario procession has a strict dress code that must be adhered to if you wish to take part in the procession.

Please understand that whichever M.I.A. member is responsible for the emblem, statue or banner you wish to walk with will organise the position of the people for that particular part of the procession and ensure correct dress code/ National Costume is in place. If there are more carriers, girls or ladies than needed to fill each part of the procession, equal rotation will take place throughout the procession, organised by your M.I.A. member. **Priority will not be given to anyone.**

We do however welcome all those wishing to take part and you are most welcome to join the ladies at the back of the procession should your attire not be suitable for the actual procession. We sincerely apologise to those who cannot take part due to incorrect dress. Please understand that the Madonna Del Rosario Procession is a walk of faith boasting over 100 years of tradition and history in the city of Manchester. We cannot unfortunately change our tradition to suit those who do not wish to adhere to the dress code we have.

Nobody is permitted to walk in between the emblems, statues or banners under any circumstances during the procession.

People wishing to take part with young children in pushchairs are welcome to walk at the back of the Madonna.

A mini bus is provided on the day at the back of the procession for those who need to come out of the procession. Priority is given to the elderly, disabled or anyone suffering illness on the day. An M.I.A. member is available at the mini bus to assist you.

Marshalls are present on the day to ensure the procession flows correctly. Please listen to their instructions if they inform you of any information or go to them for information you may require on the day.

We take great pride in the Madonna Del Rosario procession and do our very best to execute it to perfection. M.I.A. members will position people on the day for what is correct for the procession. Please respect their instructions. We appreciate your co-operation and look forward to seeing you on this special day to celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary.

If you have any enquiries regarding the Ladies/Girls National Costume please contact Lucia Rea on 07735-579-774

Where can you walk?

Girls aged 3-15	Madonna (or a banner depending on height)
Ladies aged 16 upwards	Banners
Boys aged 3-15	St. Anthony (or The Calvary or Madonna depending on height)
Men aged 16 upwards Carrying	The Calvary, The Madonna or a banner
Children in pushchairs	Back of the Madonna
Ladies not in national costume	Back of the Madonna

Dress Code

Madonna

M.I.A. members responsible for carriers: Joseph Rea, Michele Scappaticci
M.I.A. member responsible for girls: Anna Marocchia, Lucia Rea, Nerina Fulchini, Philomena Garside.

Dress Code for girls

Head Mantilla, lace or printed
Top White blouse
Black or matching sleeveless bolero or under bust black plain corset/basque (over white blouse)
Bottom Gypsy skirt in your colour of choice, below the knee.
Pinny. This can be in black lace or a colour to match/compliment your skirt colour
Footwear White ankle socks – Strictly no over knee socks
Shoes or sandals - Strictly no boots or trainers

Dress Code for Gentlemen

Top White shirt & white sash (a sash will be provided to those who do not have their own)
Bottom Black pants
Footwear Shoes – Strictly no trainers or sportswear

The Calvary

M.I.A. member responsible Mark Rea

Dress Code for Gentlemen

Top White shirt & purple sash (a sash will be provided to those who do not have their own)
Bottom Black pants
Footwear Shoes – Strictly no trainers or sportswear

St. Anthony

M.I.A. member responsible Shirley Visco

Dress Code for Boys

Top White shirt & Green, White & Red sash (a sash will be provided to those who do not have their own)
Bottom Black pants
Footwear Shoes – Strictly no trainers or sportswear

Banners

M.I.A. members responsible Sylvia Valvona, Vittorio Forgetta

Dress Code for Ladies

Italian National Costume – please see “Madonna” section



Dress Code for Men (carriers)

Top White shirt
Trousers Black trousers
Footwear Shoes – Strictly no trainers or sportswear

First Holy Communicants

First Holy Communicants are welcome to take part in the procession wearing their First Holy Communion attire. You will be instructed on the day where to walk.

Walking at the back of The Madonna – Members responsible Anna Fulchini & Regina Rea