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The Saint-Eloi folkloric March in Laneffe

Event planned for the month of June 2021



Laneffe - 5651

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Every year, the village of Laneffe in Wallonia comes alive for the Saint-Eloi festivities.

The Saint-Eloi march is composed of several events, such as the blessing of the horses and the Turkish March.

Saturday

- Visit of the officers to the local shopkeepers, officers and caterers.

Sunday

- The locals wake up to the sound of drums and flutes
- Blessing of the horses: a hundred horses will drink blessed water from the fountain, walk three times around the church then be blessed - all under the gaze of the statue of Saint Eloi
- Lunch of the officers
- Solemn mass

- Start of the procession
- The Statue of Saint Eloi is brought back to its chapel
- Turkish March: drums and flutes will play a melody unique to the EntreSambre-et-Meuse. It is said to have been inspired by a sad event, the execution of Turkish soldiers in front of what is now the bakery of the village.

Monday

- Mass with the participants of the march
- Visit to the cemetery to pay tribute to the participants having died within the past year
- Lunch, last visit to the local shopkeepers, officers and caterers
- Torchlit procession concluding the festivities

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