

BELFAST

The parade to mark the 332nd anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne in the capital city will leave Belfast Orange Hall, at Carlisle Circus, at 10am.

As is tradition, the Millar Memorial Flute band will lead the parade as it makes its way along Clifton Street, Donegal Street, Royal Avenue, Castle Junction and Donegall Place to Belfast City Hall.

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 Barnett's Demesne.

Orangemen and women representing a total of nine districts – accompanied by approximately 60 bands – will walk the six-mile route, traditionally the longest of all the Twelfth demonstrations.

As usual, thousands of spectators including visitors from other countries are expected to line much of the route through the capital city.

Most notable will be the large Scottish contingent who always travel to Belfast to both participate in and spectate at the procession.

The platform proceedings at Barnett's Demesne will begin at 2.30pm and the chairman for the afternoon will be the County Grand Master, Spencer Beattie. Guest speaker will be Rt. Worthy Bro. Edward McGonnell.

The return parade is due to leave the field and proceed towards the city centre at 3.30pm.