



... you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. [1 Peter 2:9]

Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle



Engaging the New Missal

Living Eucharist Daily

Diocesan Liturgy Council

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Parish Leaders, Liturgy Teams and members of the community,

After much preparation, the new Missal becomes the official text for Mass on November 1 this year. By now your community will have begun the process of engaging with it. The purpose of this newsletter is to outline the diocesan dimensions of this process and ensure you are aware of some key resources.

Preparation

✚ Exploration of the new *General Instruction to the Roman Missal [GIRM]*.

In August 2008, **Judith Kubicki** visited the diocese and assisted us to deepen our understanding of the GIRM, the document that informs our use of the new Missal.

✚ The Eucharist in our Tradition

Thanks to the initiative of the Northern Deanery, **Carmel Pilcher's** presentations have helped many across the diocese to deepen their appreciation of the Eucharist and our role as God's priestly people.

✚ Clergy Formation

The clergy have already engaged in workshops on the new Missal and it is also the main focus of their Clergy Conference in May.

If, therefore, you are the body of Christ and His members, your mystery has been placed on the Lord's table, you receive your mystery. You reply 'Amen' to what you are.

Be a member of the body of Christ so that your 'Amen' may be true. (St. Augustine).

Introducing the New Missal

Timeline

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference (ACBC) has set a timeline to guide dioceses in the implementation of the Missal. That timeline is –

FROM JANUARY 1

Introduction of the sung Mass settings. We can learn to sing the new words of Lord Have Mercy / Gloria / Creed / Holy, Holy / Acclamations / Lamb of God.

FROM JUNE 12 - Pentecost Sunday:

Introduction of spoken texts. We can start to use the new texts of the Mass. The words for the people's responses will be on a people's Mass card.

ON NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS DAY –

The revised Mass texts become the official texts for Mass.

The Diocesan Liturgy Council recommends that parishes endeavour to follow this timeline which gives communities a chance to engage with the changes gradually. The resources listed on the following pages will assist your community with this.

Mass Settings

In responding to the need for new Mass settings, the ACBC has recommended six locally composed settings. As a start, the Diocesan Liturgy Council recommends two settings to parishes:

- ✚ The *Mass of St. Francis* by Paul Taylor from Melbourne.
- ✚ The *Mass of Solidarity* by our own Greg Smith. Greg's setting was 'highly recommended' within the process set up by the Bishops.

If together we focus initially on these two settings we will begin to rebuild our common diocesan repertoire and have some variety.

In February the *Diocesan Musicians Network* ran a workshop for parish musicians which focused on both these settings. Many thanks to them for their initiative.

Creed

The new Missal continues to allow for the Nicene and Apostles' Creed. Bishop Michael recommends the use of the Apostles' Creed.

Resources

Parishes have access to a variety of resources. From amongst these we would like to draw your attention to the following.

Already sent to parishes

Parishes have already received the following:

- ✚ One copy of the music score for the *Mass of St. Francis*. (Sent directly to parishes from Melbourne in late December 2010)
- ✚ One copy of the Leader's and Participant's editions of *Understanding the Revised Mass Texts* by Paul Turner. This is a discussion program that can be made available within the parish. It is an excellent resource. (Sent to parishes by Bishop Michael on March 1, 2011)
- ✚ The DVD *Become One Body One Spirit in Christ*. (Sent to latter half of 2010)

Available to parishes

- ✚ The most accessible 'kit' of resources for the Australian Church is found on the following website: www.romanmissalaustralia.org.au It contains:
 - The new **Order of Mass**
 - A **PowerPoint** containing the new Mass Texts. (An enlarged version will be available on the diocesan website.)
 - **Bulletin Bits**
 - **Homily Notes**, specifically formatted for use in the readings for the Easter Season.
 - A **FAQ** document with common questions and answers.
 - **Words for Worship**: a six part explanation of the main changes to the words of the Mass.
 - Suggested '**pathways**' for using the DVD *Become One Body One Spirit in Christ*. Some parishes have been playing a short clip from this DVD before each Sunday Mass.

The Church, because it is the People of God and the Body of Christ enlivened by his Spirit, is called to be a sign and instrument of communion with God and of unity among all people (LG1).

The Church exists to promote the Kingdom of God on earth (LG5). This it does by proclaiming Christ - the Good News of God's love for all people - and by working in the world for justice, peace and reconciliation.

This mission finds its source and summit in the Eucharist which, when lived in everyday life and celebrated in the liturgy, is both the living symbol of Christ's life, death and resurrection and celebrates the deepest identity of the Church as a communion of life, love and truth (LG9,11).

All those who, through Baptism, have been initiated into the community of the Church have the right and duty to participate in its life and mission as a response to the Spirit in their lives (LG3).

We are called to live out the commandment of Jesus: 'Love one another as I have loved you.' (Jn 15:12)

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- **Spoken samples** of the new texts to help presiders and liturgy team members appreciation of the musicality of the texts and to develop their ability to pray them.
- A comprehensive section on **music** with links to other sites containing the scores for the various Mass Settings. Some are free. Some must be purchased. Also found there is a link to *Rite Notes* from the Hobart Archdiocese which reviews the six settings recommended by the ACBC.
- **Links** to other sites.

✚ Greg Smith's *Mass of Solidarity* is available at <http://www.massofsolidarity.org/>

✚ *Praying the Mass* is another good resource recommended by Carmel. It is on the Diocese of Westminster site: http://www.rcdow.org.uk/liturgy/default.asp?library_ref=18&content_ref=3141 It provides a series of six leaflets for small group reflection.

In our diocese

✚ The Chancery has purchased 'Pew Cards' which contain all the changed texts. After Easter parishes will be asked to indicate how many they will need.

✚ The following resources will be uploaded to the Diocesan Website. You will see a 'New Missal' link on the front page:

- This Newsletter and Bishop Michael's accompanying letter
- The PowerPoints from Carmel Pilcher's **The Eucharist in our Tradition** sessions.
- A link to www.romanmissalaustralia.org.au
- The PowerPoint from the Roman Missal website in larger fonts.
- The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*

✚ The workshop on the Mass Settings could be repeated if required. (Contact the Liturgy Council)

✚ Later in the year the Liturgy Council will facilitate a workshop on the chants in the new Missal.

And don't forget!

All the Mass templates you have on your parish computers and parish ministers' computers will need amending to include the revised texts: this will include templates for Funeral Mass, Nuptial Masses, Confirmation Mass, Anointing Mass, Masses for various groups e.g. RCIA, volunteers, schools etc.



We hope your engagement with the new Missal provides your community with a rich opportunity to renew its celebration of Eucharist so that together we will continue to become sacraments of Christ's presence in the world.

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