

# **PARISHES IN NEWCASTLE**

assemble on Sundays

Why do you go to  
Mass?

What does the Mass  
mean to you?

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Let us pray

Turn back our hearts to you, O God our  
Saviour,

and instruct our minds in heavenly wisdom,  
that through the practices of Lent

We may advance in your love and favour.

We ask through Christ our Lord.

Amen

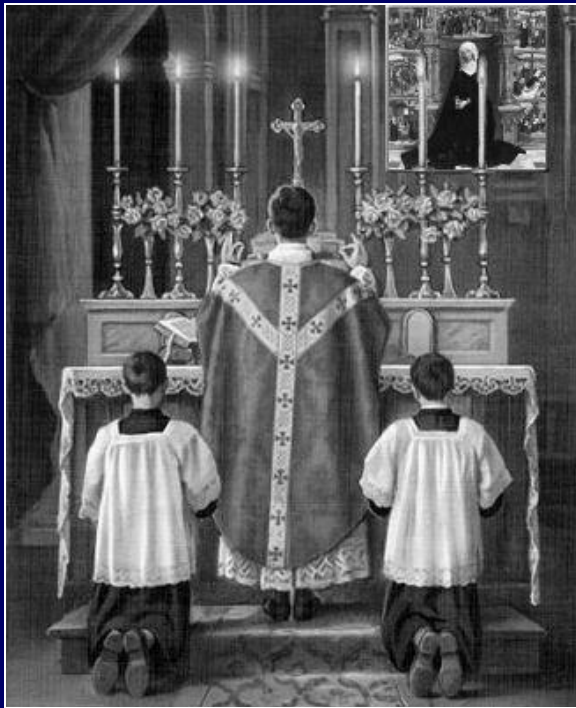
# Roman Missal

- 1969 Publication of Paul VI **Roman Missal**
- 1970 Translated into English
- 1975 Second Edition of **Roman Missal**
- 1990 Revision of the English **Roman Missal** begins
- 1998 Submitted for approval by the Australian Bishops, but rejected by Rome.
- 2002 Third edition of **Roman Missal** released

# The work of Christ



**‘The liturgy is considered as an exercise of the office of Jesus Christ.’ CSL 7**



The laity came to *hear*  
Mass being *said* by the  
priest

Now we *participate*  
as the holy people of  
God



# The Assembly is holy



'The people of God are holy by their origin ...

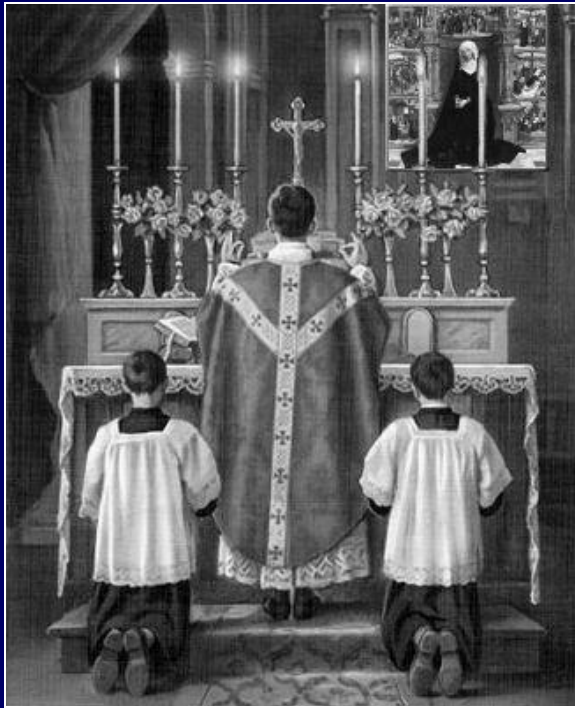
... becoming ever more holy by conscious, active and fruitful participation in the mystery of the Eucharist.' GIRM 5



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**BECOME ONE BODY ONE  
SPIRIT IN CHRIST**

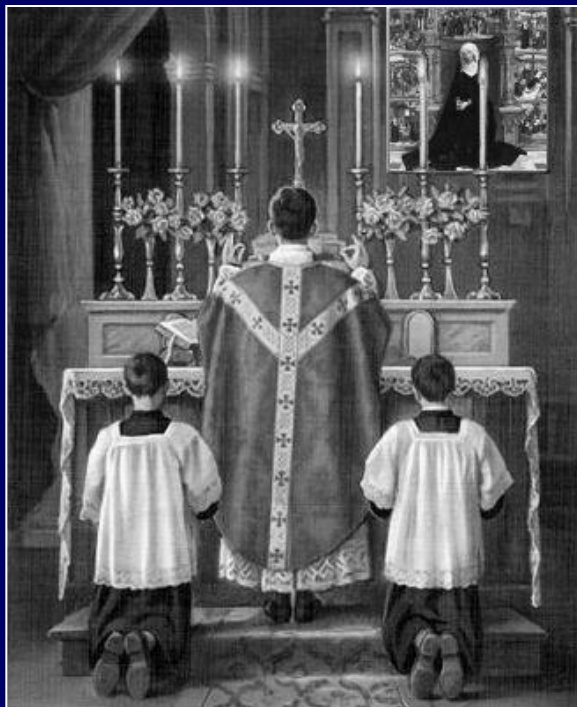
**We go to Mass together**



Then the priest offered the  
Mass on our behalf

Now ministerial  
and common  
priestly people  
together *offer the  
sacrifice*





Then individuals *adored*  
Christ in the sacrament and  
could pray their own  
devotional prayers

now we pray  
together as  
*one Body in  
Christ*



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'It is the whole community, the Body of Christ united with its Head, that celebrates.'

CCC 1140

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# The Body of Christ



We participate collectively as well as personally at Mass but not individually.

I participate in the Mass for the good of the whole community rather than only to foster my own spiritual life.

# Priestly people



'As Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king so may you live always as a member of his body....' RBC 98 & RCIA 222

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- *The Lord be with you*
  - *And with your Spirit*

# The holy people of God



*shift from*

the congregation of individual observers

*to*

the assembly who participate fully by right  
through baptism as the Body of Christ

How might the idea  
that we are one  
community and not  
individual members  
change the way you  
pray at Mass?