



# Office for Worship

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## Implementation of the Roman Missal

Parishes have begun across the Diocese to implement the new translation on Sunday and weekday Masses. In this bulletin you will find the Australian adaptations for the third form of the Penitential Act.

In the 'black' book from Brisbane Liturgical Commission you will note that only one text is provided for the third form. The Holy See has approved extra samples for use in Australia. Some are re-worked from the old translation, and there are some new texts.

It might be useful to print these out and insert them into the 'black' book for use at the chair.

Please be advised that more material has been added to the National Liturgical Missal website [www.romanmissalaustralia.org.au](http://www.romanmissalaustralia.org.au)

In mid' June at Parramatta Marist High School the national Catholic school's website on the Missal was launched. There is very valuable catechetical material to be found on this website that will be useful also in parishes, particularly for children's liturgy of the Word and also for other catechetical instruction for children in the sacramental programs. This is an open website so can be used in both the parish and also at home by those instructing and also parents. [www.togetheratonealtar.catholic.edu.au](http://www.togetheratonealtar.catholic.edu.au)

Fraynetwork Multimedia who produced *Become One Body, One Spirit in Christ* also was responsible for the construction of this website. You will find that there are similarities in approach to the DVD and the website.

## Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

The Holy See have decreed that the feast day of St Mary of the Cross be raised to the rank of a Solemnity. That means on 8 August this year the liturgical law relating to the observance of a Solemnity should be included in the celebration.

August 7 – Evening Prayer 1 of the Solemnity (Taken from the Common of Women Saints)

August 8 – The Office of Readings and Morning Prayer from the Common of Women Saints. Evening Prayer 2 of the Common of Women Saints.

Mass – Gloria, Creed, Preface of Holy Men and Women.

Attached here you will find the texts for the Mass and also the addition of a new first reading and responsorial psalm.

If you have any queries about the Mass or the observance please contact the Office.

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# Sacraments of Initiation for Children

Last week 4 regional meetings were held for parish sacramental coordinators. During which, coordinators were introduced to some of the new resources that will be available soon. The next meeting for Sacramental Coordinators will be next term – date to be given. At this meeting other members of the sacramental team are also invited.

Currently, the diocese is in a transitional phase with the implementation of the new policy for the Sacraments of Initiation for Children already baptised. During this period of time, certain flexibility is required. Children may not be disadvantaged nor deprived of the opportunity to receive the sacraments but rather dealt with in a pastoral manner, in view of the individual circumstances.

## Diocese's Liturgical Commission

As the Diocese's Office for Worship settles into its new format and its Liturgical Commission settles into its new role of shaping the Office's mission much time has gone into planning the Diocese's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass and the implementation of the revised translation of the Roman Missal. Sr Mary Louise Walsh has also been busy in other areas as well.

Having completed revisions to the Diocese's policy on the Sacraments of Initiation and its accompanying resources, Sr Mary Louise has been conducting meetings around the Diocese meeting with Sacramental Co-ordinators, listening to their concerns, hopes and suggestions.

The revised translation of the Roman Missal has provided a valuable opportunity for catechesis on the Eucharist. Rather than simply giving people the revised texts to learn, liturgical ministers, ordained and lay alike, are taking the opportunity to explain various aspects of the liturgy resulting in a deeper appreciation for the Mass. *Become One Body One Spirit in Christ*, material on the ACBC's website, and the newly launched *Together At One Altar* website for schools are proving to be useful resources in assisting with this catechesis.

The experience of 'bedding down' the revised translation has highlighted some extra areas for specific attention. Parishes, for example, with significant numbers of parishioner for whom English is a second language are introducing the revised texts more gradually, providing extra explanation of some of the unfamiliar terms that are being introduced such as 'consubstantial' or 'oblation'. Parish bulletins and handouts are being used to assist with deepening people's understanding and appreciate of unfamiliar terms.

Some parishes, conscious of parishioners with sight difficulties, are using large print versions of the revised texts. This resource for the visually impaired supplements the widespread use of the pew cards and data projection and greatly assists in all parishioners becoming familiar, and therefore at ease, with the revised texts.

The Office for Worship and the Diocese's Liturgical Commission would welcome hearing from liturgical ministers who have developed a resource in response to a particular need within their parish; the chances are that other parishes may have a similar need and could benefit from what others have developed.

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## Use of Sacramentary

At this stage of the implementation Parishes should be using both the 'black' presider's book from Brisbane and the Sacramentary (old translation) for the Opening Prayer, Prayer over the Gifts and the Prayer after Communion.

Please note that some Prefaces have been provided in the Brisbane book that you can use on both weekdays as well as Sunday.

## Neophytes Mass

The annual Mass for Neophytes (those who were recently Baptised) and for those who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil was held recently at the Cathedral. They were joined by the RCIA teams, family and friends. Having been welcomed into the faith in their parishes this was an opportunity for them to be welcomed by Bishop Anthony into our diocese.