

New translation of the Roman Missal

The new Order of Mass **only** will come into effect on Sunday 4 September. The text is now final, and a useful document showing the current and new people's texts, together with the Latin, will be found on the national Liturgy Office website at <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Missal/Text/Compare-3-Peoples.pdf>

The implementation of the **remainder** of the Missal will be decided upon once it is clear when it will be ready. An implementation date of the 1st Sunday of Advent has been proposed.

In the meantime, a national working group has been developing formation materials for use in preparing for the new Missal, and these will be presented to the diocese when they are ready, later in the year. It is anticipated that there will be some diocesan formation in the period May-June, and more locally-based formation during the period September–November as we start to use the new texts. For specific dates, see the upcoming events list below.

Music settings of the revised texts should be available from May onwards. These will include both revised versions of existing settings and brand new settings. In the USA some revised and new settings are already published, but most of those are not yet available in this country. It seems good to wait a little while longer for our own composers to produce their work, some of which will be incorporated into revised editions of standard hymnals such as *Laudate* and *Celebration Hymnal for Everyone with Supplement*. There is also a new national approval process for settings of the revised texts which may slow things down a little. Once again, dates below.

Additional liturgical celebrations

The reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church of ex-Anglicans under the personal ordinariate scheme set up by Pope Benedict XVI in 2009 means that there are two additional dates for ordinations to the priesthood this year – making a total of three altogether! Details will be found below.

Candidates for reception this year are being included in the Rite of Election on 12 March.

Upcoming events – 2010-11

Diocesan Choir notices are enclosed in boxes

Rite of Election preparation evenings – primarily for catechumens and candidates, sponsors and godparents, and members of RCIA teams. All the evenings runs from 7.30 to 9.15pm

Monday 7 March, Immaculate Conception and St Joseph, Christchurch
Tuesday 8 March, St Joseph, Tilehurst, Reading

Ordination to the Priesthood of former Bishop Edwin Barnes

Saturday 5 March, 2.30pm, St John's Cathedral

Details of rehearsal to be announced. If any diocesan choir singers are available to assist at this service, please contact the Cathedral Director of Music, Peter Newman at

dom@portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk

Rite of Election

Saturday 12 March, 9.00am rehearsal for 11.00am service, St John's Cathedral

All parish singers are very welcome to join the Diocesan Choir for this joyful liturgy.

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Chrism Mass

Rehearsal: Saturday 9 April, 1.00-4.00pm, St Bede's, Popley Way, Basingstoke

Mass: Tuesday 19 April, 9.00am warm-up for 11.00am Mass, St John's Cathedral

This may be Bishop Crispian's last Chrism Mass, since he reaches retirement age in November 2011. We want to make it a really special one! All parish singers are most welcome to join the Diocesan Choir for the occasion.

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INFORMATION EVENINGS

on the revised translation of the Order of Mass and Roman Missal

These will provide concrete information and practical help, and present the national resources that are available to help parishes and communities make the transition to the new texts. All the evenings will run from 7.30 to 9.30pm.

Please use the electronic sign-up form at <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/liturgy> or email estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk, or phone 01329 835583.

Dates and venues as follows (please select one only):

Tuesday 17 May, Our Lady of the Assumption Hall, Bath Road, Thatcham, Berks. RG18 3AG

Wednesday 18 May, Corpus Christi Guildhall, St. James Square, off Parkwood Road, Bournemouth BH5 2AD

Thursday 19 May, St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hants. RG24 7DX

Tuesday 24 May, St. Boniface, 413 Shirley Road, Shirley, Southampton, Hants. SO15 3JD

Wednesday 25 May, Christ The King, 408 Northumberland Avenue, Whitley, Reading Berks. RG2 8NR

Thursday 26 May, Cathedral Discovery Centre, Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth, Hants. PO1 3QA

Good Shepherd Schools Mass

Wednesday 18 May, 11.00am, St John's Cathedral

Day for New Catholics

Saturday 21 May, St John's Cathedral

INFORMATION EVENINGS FOR MUSICIANS

on the revised translation of the Order of Mass and Roman Missal

These will present new and revised settings of the Mass texts from a variety of different sources. All the evenings will run from 7.30 to 9.30pm.

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Dates and venues as follows (please select one only):

Tuesday 14 June, St. Edward the Confessor, 191 Winchester Road, Chandlers Ford, Hants. SO53 2DU

Wednesday 15 June, Christ the King, 408 Northumberland Avenue, Reading, Berks. RG2 8NR

Thursday 16 June, St. Francis De Sales, Warren Road, Wash Common, Newbury, Berks. RG14 6NH

Tuesday 28 June, Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph, Purewell, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 1EH

Thursday 30 June, Cathedral Discovery Centre, Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth, Hants. PO1 3QA

Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass

Saturday 18 June, 9.00am rehearsal for 11.00am, St Bede's, Popley Way, Basingstoke.

All parish singers are welcome to join the Diocesan Choir for this celebration.

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Ordinariate Ordinations to the Priesthood

Saturday 25 June, 10.30am, St John's Cathedral

Diocesan choir members who are available are invited to note this date in their diary. More details as these become known.

Ordination to the Priesthood of John Chandler

Saturday 2 July, 9.00am rehearsal for 11.00am Mass, St John's Cathedral

All parish singers are welcome to join the Diocesan Choir for this celebration.

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Other events of interest

KEVIN DONOVAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

Friday 11 March, 5.00pm, Heythrop College, London

The second evening lecture in memory of the great pastoral liturgist Kevin Donovan SJ. The lecturer will be distinguished Jesuit liturgist J-Glenn Murray.

Further details from, and bookings to, Andrew Cameron-Mowat SJ:

a.cameron-mowat@heythrop.ac.uk

EASTER VIGIL 2011

A further reminder that in 2011 Easter Sunday falls almost as late as it can, on 24 April. In Portsmouth diocese, sunset the day before will be around 8.15pm. This means that those planning for the Easter Vigil on 23 April should reckon on a starting time no earlier than **9.00pm**, since the Vigil should not begin before nightfall.

SOCIETY OF ST GREGORY SUMMER SCHOOL 2011

The 2011 Summer School will be held at the Belsey Bridge Conference Centre, Ditchingham, Bungay, Suffolk, NR35 2DZ on 1-5 August. The liturgy and music directors are Fr Aidan Rossiter and Andrew Wright, and workshop leaders will include Marty Haugen and Christopher Walker.

Last year's excellent Summer School was a sell-out, reaching full capacity as early as May. This year's is already filling up fast, so hurry if you want a place! You can book online at the Society's website: <http://www.ssg.org.uk>