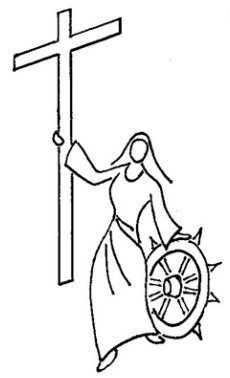




St Catharine's Frome - Making the Most of The New English Translation of the Roman Missal



At this time we appreciate your concern for the dignity and reverence with which the Mass is celebrated. This is a central part of the life of every priest and bishop and we are committed to constant effort in this regard. In particular the new translations of the Roman Missal offer us an opportune moment to deepen our appreciation of the Mass. Through catechesis we can renew our reception of the richness of the Church's faith through the ages which, in faithfulness, is now handed on to us in these texts. Archbishop Vincent Nichols

I encourage you now to seize the opportunity that the new translation offers for in-depth catechesis on the Eucharist and renewed devotion in the manner of its celebration. "The more lively the eucharistic faith of the people of God, the deeper is its sharing in ecclesial life in steadfast commitment to the mission entrusted by Christ to his disciples" (Sacramentum Caritatis, 6). Pope Benedict XVI

From Sunday 4th September we will start to use the prayers and responses from the New Translation of the Roman Missal. Some of the changes are small others are more significant. What doesn't change is the Mass is still the "source and summit" of all we do. We are called to play a "full and active" part in the Liturgy and Mass and in order to do so we need to understand what we are doing and saying and why.

At St Catharine's we are providing a series of sessions in which we will look at the Mass and the New Translation in detail. These will aim to help EVERYONE play their full and active role at every mass and to gain a deeper love of the Eucharist and what it means to our lives as Catholics.

We will also have a range of resources in the porch and hall, including ones for specific ministries and families to take away to help you look deeper at the mass and the new translation. NB there is one inspection copy of each as well as ones to take away. If there are no more takeaway copies please see Deacon David.

The Sessions have been divided up into three sections

1) In Spirit and Truth - A look at the Mass through history and the sections of the Mass in detail (including the changes in the new translations) using videos and group discussions.

2) One Body One Spirit in Christ - Using further video extracts and practical sessions we look in more depth and how we can prepare ourselves for Sunday Mass each week and why we do what we do and the signs and symbols we use

3) Living a Eucharistic Life 24/7/365 - A series of 4 Advent Reflection evenings using video, art, scripture, music and quotations

EVERYONE should make the effort to attend so that they can make the most of this opportunity.

Over the page is a brief outline of the sessions with the appropriate dates. Please ask Deacon David for more details.

You are encouraged to attend all the sessions but if you can only attend a few you would be made very welcome

*All sessions are at **7.45pm** in the Church Hall on Mondays and will finish at 9.30 sharp*

If you require transport please let Deacon David know and this can be arranged.

Term one - In Spirit and in Truth

5th Sept - The History of the Mass

12th Sept - Let us Pray - Preparatory Session

19th Sept - Let us Prepare ourselves to Celebrate - The Introductory Rites

*26th Sept - In your Heart and on your Lips - The Liturgy of the Word **NB IN CHURCH***

3rd Oct - Our duty and our salvation - The Liturgy of the Eucharist

10th Oct - Behold the lamb of God - The Communion Rite

17th Oct - Glorify the Lord with your life - The Concluding Rites

Term Two - Becoming One Body One Spirit in Christ

*31st Oct - Sign and Symbol - An in depth tour of the Church and look at the signs, symbols and objects which we use at Mass and their meanings **NB IN CHURCH***

7th November - Full and Active Participation - The different ministries of the clergy and laity at Mass and the relationship to the congregation

14th November - Preparing ourselves for Mass week by week

21st November - Ok, We are catechised, What now ?

Advent Reflection Evenings 2011 - "Living a Eucharistic Life "24/7/365"

28th November - Handing on the Good Earth

5th December - Action for Social Justice

12th December - Seeking Silence

19th December - Adoration in the Modern World (including period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on an Advent Theme)

We hope that you will take this opportunity to deepen your faith and understanding of the Mass over the coming months.

Fr Joe and Deacon David