

Lord Jesus,

You were sent by the Father to gather together those who are scattered.

You came among us, doing good and bringing healing, Announcing the Word of salvation and giving the Bread which lasts forever. Be our companion on life's pilgrim way.

May your Holy Spirit In flame our hearts, enliven our hope and open our minds, so that together with our sisters and brothers in faith we may recognise you in the Scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

May your Holy Spirit transform us into one body and lead us to walk humbly on the earth, in justice and love, as witnesses of your resurrection.

In communion with Mary, whom you gave as our Mother at the foot of the cross, through you may all praise, honour and blessing be to the Father in the Holy Spirit and in the Church, now and forever.

(Congress Prayer)

A newsletter for parishioners produced by the Kildare & Leighlin Faith Development Services & the Diocesan Interim Liturgy Commission

The 50th International Eucharistic Congress

The Dublin diocese is hosting this congress for the Irish Church and the international community in June 2012, with the theme: **Communion with Christ and with one another.**

Aims: The primary aim of the congress is to promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Catholic Church. It also aims to help improve our understanding and

celebration of the liturgy while drawing attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist.

Preparations: For parishes across our diocese what happens ahead of the congress will be as, if not more, important than what happens at the congress itself. Over the coming year we invite you to participate in the programme of preparation in whatever way you can; by praying the congress

prayer, by learning and using the congress hymn: 'Though we are Many', by availing of any of the events and afternoons of prayer/ reflection that will be organised or by taking part in the four nights for parishes: **Signposts on the Road to Emmaus** that will take place during the coming year.

Keeping you posted: As we go through the year look out for more newsletters and check out www.kandle.ie.

The Congress

Bell

As part of the national preparation for the Congress each diocese is getting the opportunity to host the Congress Bell. This bell is being used as a call to people to prepare for the Congress, to Eucharistic renewal and to the congress itself.

Our diocese will host the bell from Thursday, September 29 to Sunday, October 9, 2011. The Liturgy Commission is currently preparing a programme of prayer and events for this time.



A Call for 3000 Congress Volunteers!

The national committee is seeking 3000 volunteers to assist over the days of the congress itself. Training is provided. If you would like to find out more about volunteering check out www.iec2012.

National Congress

A National Eucharistic Congress will take place in Knock Shrine on Saturday 25th June 2010, ahead of the International event.

On Sunday, June 26th - the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ - the Cathedral of each diocese will link in with this congress by hosting a liturgy and receiving a Congress candle.

Practical suggestions for the Sunday Mass of this day will be made available to parishes by the Liturgy Commission ahead of time.

This is the first of a series of newsletters for parishes over the coming year as we prepare for the International Eucharistic Congress 2012 & the new Missal.

For more information check out the following websites: www.kandle.ie followed by liturgy-ireland.ie

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INFORMATION MEETINGS ON THE MISSAL & CONGRESS

MAY 4: Graiguecullen Parish Centre (8-10 p.m.)
MAY 10: Mount St. Anne's Killenard (8-10 p.m.)
MAY 17: Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, Naas (8:15-10 p.m)

ALL WELCOME

The Glendalough Mass – A new Mass Setting for the new Missal

Fr. Liam Lawton will lead a workshop for choirs to teach this setting, as follows:

- Cathedral, May 19
- Clane Parish Church, May 25

€15pp includes book & CD
Starting at 8:00p.m.

A new edition of the Missal is being introduced this year. But what is the Roman Missal?

The term 'Missal' refers to the book that contains all the prayers and instructions for the celebration of the Mass. The Scripture readings used at Mass are also part of the Missal but are published separately in the 'Lectionary'.

The Missal is first written in Latin and this Latin text is then translated into the

particular language of the people. In this way, while the Mass may be celebrated in many languages across the Roman Catholic world, it is the same core Latin text that is being prayed by the Church.

In Ireland we have been using our current Missal since St. Patrick's Day, 1975. A new edition, the

Third Edition of the Roman Missal, is coming into use in Ireland and in other English speaking countries in Autumn 2011.

These Q&A's are part of a set prepared by Julie Kavanagh and Fr. Paddy Jones for the Irish Bishops' Conference. The remainder will appear in future newsletters. To view in full see: www.catholicbishops.ie

When & why are we getting a new Missal?

The Third Edition of the Missal will come into full use over a period of time between September and the First Sunday of Advent 2011. The new edition is necessary for a number of reasons.

Firstly, in the years since 1975 when our current Missal was published, a number of additional texts have been made available for use in the Mass. These include additional Eucharistic prayers and Masses for over 20 new

Feasts of Saints, for example St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Edith Stein, Maximillian Kolbe. These and other new material need now to go into the Missal so that they can be used in our celebrations.

Secondly, in recent years Rome gave new directions for the translation of Latin texts. Translators were asked to make the English text follow more closely the original Latin in its wording and structure.

They were also asked to strengthen the Biblical language and images in the texts and to re-introduce some theological vocabulary that may have been lost over the years.

Across the English speaking world the Third Edition of the Roman Missal will, therefore, include both new material and a new style of translation.



Is the Mass Changing?

The structure of the Mass is not changing. Its order and the actions of the Mass remain unchanged. The readings at Mass are not changed.

However, with the introduction of the new edition of the Roman Missal we will notice a change in how the Mass

sounds. The translations from the original Latin of a significant number of our prayer texts have changed – sometimes by just a change in a particular word or in the word order.

Prayers that we have become used to reciting by memory will need to be relearned. Prayers that we

are used to hearing the priest say will sound different to us. The style of language we will hear may seem more formal to us and perhaps, in parts, more complex. But over time, with the praying of these texts, the sound of the Mass will again become familiar to us.