

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

A Place at the Table....

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

9-10 March 2012

Keynote Speakers:

Friday Night -
Baroness Nuala O'Loan

Saturday Morning -
Fr. Michael Drumm

Saturday Afternoon -
Fr. Peter McVerry

Look out for registration forms, brochures and posters in parishes in the New Year.

There is no charge for this event.

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress Announced for Kildare and Leighlin

As part of our preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress, the Diocese will host a Diocesan Eucharistic Congress. It will be held on March 9-10, 2012. The event will take place in St. Patrick's College, Carlow and in the Cathedral.

The theme of the congress is "**A Place at the Table**". The weekend will consist of prayer, keynote addresses and workshops drawing on this theme.

An upper room will be prepared in the College for Eucharistic Adoration that will be held for the duration of the Congress.

The Congress will close with the celebration of Mass at 6:15 p.m. on Saturday evening.

Parallel Youth Congress
A special programme of events for young people aged 17 years and over is also being prepared. *This will run on the Saturday of the Diocesan Congress.*

The Youth Congress will also conclude with Mass in the Cathedral at 6:15 p.m.

Schools Conference

On Thursday, March 8 a day-long event will also be held for Senior Cycle students. This day will consist of music, prayer, speakers and workshops and will take place in St. Leo's College, Carlow. This promises to be a rich experience, not to be missed!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Croke Park for Closing Ceremony of IEC2012

The 50th International Eucharistic Congress will take place in Dublin from 10th – 17th June 2012.

The Diocese is helping parishes book places for pilgrims who want to go to the RDS and the closing ceremony in Croke Park – where we hope to go together as a diocesan group.

Tuesday, June 12, is our 'diocesan day' at the Congress – the day that we hope to travel together as a group to the RDS.

In the New Year we will announce further details on how to book places at the Congress under the diocesan umbrella.

Next Meeting of Parish Congress Representatives:

Emo National School,

8 pm Thursday,

January 19, 2012.

Diocesan IEC Delegate:

Fr. Tom O'Byrne,
Parochial House,
Emo, Co. Laois.

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Fr. Tom welcomes any correspondence in relation to the International Eucharistic Congress and is particularly anxious to hear if you attended the last one!

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An Leabhar Aifrinn

The new translation of the Irish language Missal also come into effect on the First Sunday of Advent.

While not containing as many changes as the English text, Irish speaking communities are making the transition to this new Missal.

A laminated card with the people's responses is now available from Veritas.

Congress & Missal News

December 2011

Advent - A new Church Year, a new Missal, a new opportunity.....

This Advent sees us, along with the rest of the English speaking Catholic Church across the world, beginning a new era in our prayer. From this time we are fully using the new edition of the Missal.

The Mass may well sound different to us in the coming months. It is good to remind ourselves that the Readings, the order and structure of the Mass has not changed.

Posture and Silence in the Mass

As we take on board these new texts it is a good time to look at the celebration of the Mass beyond text.

In Kildare and Leighlin we are taking this opportunity to introduce a common practice of posture in the Mass. We hope that this will help to make people feel welcome and at ease

in whatever Church they come to celebrate Mass in the Diocese. We are also encouraging parishes to take advantage of the many opportunities for silence within the Mass.

Two posters giving more details on Silence and Posture are now available for viewing on the diocesan website and can, hopefully, be found on display in your local church.

THE COLLECT OR OPENING PRAYER

The Introductory Rite concludes with the Collect or Opening Prayer. This prayer changes from week to week, even from day to day.

The Collect has a definite pattern. It begins with the Priest's invitation to us, "Let us pray". A moment of silence follows, during which each of us brings our needs and prayer to God. In the silence all our prayers are gathered or "collected" into one prayer that the priest prays on our behalf. We give our assent to this prayer in our shared Amen.

All of the Collects contained in the previous Missal have been newly translated. The sentences are now longer and more complex because they follow more closely the structure of the original Latin text. This prayer will demand our attention. Over time its style will become familiar to us.

The Institution Narrative & Consecration...

You may have already noticed some word changes to this central part of the Eucharistic Prayer. The word *chalice* replaces the word "cup". This word, found in the Latin text, was already in the Irish language version. It is suggestive of a sacred vessel from which more than one person can drink.

Eternal replaces the word "everlasting". The new translation also replaces the phrase "for all" with

the phrase *for many*. This translates what is found in the Latin text, *pro multis* and is also what is found in the accounts of the Last Supper in Mark and in Paul's Letter to the Corinthians.

This is not intended to imply that God's love is limited or that Christ did not die on the cross for all men and women. Rather it acknowledges that human beings may choose whether or not to accept the gift of salvation.



The members of the Interim Diocesan Liturgy Commission wish you all the peace and blessings of the Christmas Season.

Memorial Acclamation

The 1975 Missal gave us 5 acclamations, including *My Lord and My God* which was included "for Ireland only". In the new edition of the Missal we find four acclamations. The 1st acclamation is a new translation of the Latin text that *Christ has died... and Dying you destroyed our death...*

were both based upon. There is almost no change in the 2nd acclamation *When we eat this Bread...* In the 3rd, now beginning *Save us, Saviour of the world...* there is a change to the word order. The acclamation *My Lord and My God* has been retained for Ireland.



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www.kandle.ie

www.liturgy-ireland.ie

www.catholicbishops.ie

www.iec2012.ie