

Department for Christian Life and Worship

Annual Report 2009

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Liturgical Texts

Roman Missal

At the Easter meeting of the Bishops' Conference the following texts were approved:

- Proper of Saints
- Commons
- Votive Masses & Masses for the Dead
- Antiphons
- Appendices
- Introductory Documents

The bishops also considered and approved the adaptations to the text of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* for use in England and Wales.

In November the bishops approved the Supplement. The main text for consideration was the Vigil for Pentecost which has now been included as an appendix in the *Missale Romanum*.

A number of adaptations to the Order of Mass and the Proper of Seasons were also agreed. These include the provision of model texts for the 3rd form of Penitential Rite and the repetition of the renewal of Baptismal Promises on Easter Day. It is also proposed that the texts for the Blessing of Oils from the Pontifical is included in place in the Chrism Mass. This text has been now been reviewed as a Green Book.

Formation Plans for the Roman Missal

The Department has spent time looking at how the translation of the Roman Missal might be best introduced. It has considered a number of schemes and presented an overview to the whole Conference. A key element is the need to provide information and materials well ahead of implementation.

National Propers

The Conference has approved texts for the National Calendar for England. It is hoped that the texts will be incorporated within the Proper of Saints within the Missal. The Department has also facilitated a revision of the Welsh Proper.

Lectionary

The bishops had a presentation on the Lectionary and, in particular, the revised Grail Psalter at the November meeting of the Conference. To help familiarise

them with the revised Grail text it was used for the singing of the Office during the week.

The Department also had a discussion about scripture versions used at Masses with Children.

Rite of Marriage

Recognitio has been received for the use of the alternative Civil Words in the Rite of Marriage and for a form of the text that might be used at a Convalidation. The bishops have decided to wait until after the publication of the Missal before considering a re-publication of the Rite of Marriage.

Music

Missal

The Department has looked at draft provision of music for inclusion within the published Altar Missal by ICEL. Views on the draft were wide ranging.

Publication of Liturgical Music

In line with GIRM 393 the Department have set up a process for the review of musical settings of liturgical texts and asked Bishop Hopes to have oversight of this. To provide guidance the Department has approved a revised text of the *Composer's Guide to the Roman Missal* which includes both the approved texts as well as information about the process.

Directory of texts for singing

The work on the directory is three-fold: a list of model texts for liturgical seasons, rites and parts of the Mass where a choice of text is permitted; for each of these categories an introductory note drawn from the liturgical documents; an introduction providing an overview of music in the liturgy.

The Department has received and welcomed the work on the first two parts and the draft text of the Introduction is now complete.

Syllabus for the Formation of Lay Liturgical Ministers

The Department approved the core Syllabus which has been worked on by the Formation Subcommittee at its September meeting. Work continues providing resources to assist with the delivery of the Syllabus.

Patrimony Presentation

Members of the Patrimony Committee have an informative presentation to the bishops at the Easter meeting looking at the relationship between care for heritage and pastoral planning.

Spirituality Position Paper

At the November meeting of the Conference a position paper from the Spirituality Committee was well received by the bishops who asked the Committee to develop the proposal for a document on Spirituality and Prayer.

Martin Foster
2 February 2010

Department for Christian Life and Worship Liturgy Committee — Annual Report 2009

Membership

Rt Revd Alan Hopes *Chairman*

Ms Ann Blackett Moynihan

Revd Dr Andrew Cameron-Mowat sj

Revd Philip Gillespie

Revd Tim Menezes

Revd Dr Peter McGrail

Revd John Meredith

Mgr Philip Moger

Revd Michael O'Boy

Mrs Gillian Ambrose *Church of England Observer*

Mr Martin Foster *Acting Secretary*

The Committee has met four times in the year: three times in London and once in Leeds.

Committee Projects

At the beginning of their term members of the Committee identified a number of areas of work for development.

- Formation for bishops and other clergy (initial and on-going)
 - Liturgical Spirituality — Mystagogy
 - Presiding — leading the assembly in worship
 - Preaching
- Sunday
 - Sunday's liturgy as Source and Summit, as 'fountain of grace' for the week

After some initial work the responsible Committee members recommended that the subject of presiding be remitted to the Formation Subcommittee.

Liturgical Texts

Roman Missal

The Committee has assisted Bishop Hopes with comments on the Supplement Green and Grey Book. It also reviewed the proposed adaptations to the Order of Mass and Proper of Seasons and the Music for the Roman Missal.

The Committee has also discussed the formation for the Roman Missal both in general and in response to the plans of the Department. Consideration has also been given to matters to do with publication.

National Proper for England

The Committee reviewed the text of the National Proper which had been prepared by the Department.

Installation of a Parish Priest

At the request of the Committee a model text for the installation of a parish priest has been prepared which will be presented to the Department.

Projects

Year for Priests

The Committee has prepared some prayer resources which will be available on the Liturgy Office website.

Directory of Texts for Singing

The Committee reviewed and made suggestions about the model texts and their category notes.. The Committee also commented on the Composers' Guide to the Missal.

Reports

The Committee has regular reports from Mrs Gillian Ambrose on the work of the Church of England Liturgical Commission. It has also received a report from the Churches Group on Funerals

Formation Subcommittee

Membership

Mrs Caroline Dollard

Mr Paul Inwood

Revd Martin Jakubas

Revd Peter McGrail

Chair

Mr Mike Stanley

Ms Nicky Stevens

Mr Martin Foster

Acting Secretary

The Subcommittee has met 4 times in the last year in Coleshill, Leeds and London.

Network Meeting

The 2009 meeting of diocesan liturgy contacts in Leeds in response to the Synod and the Year of St Paul looked at the Lectionary.

Projects

Formation for Lay Liturgical Ministers

Work on the Introductory module was completed drawing on the contents of the other modules. At the request of the bishops a pathway for 'lead' servers was added. The whole text was reviewed before being presented to the Department for approval. Work now continues on the provision of supporting material.

Video Material

The Subcommittee which has been considering how downloadable video might be used in liturgical formation took the practical step of making a video. It was based on the Syllabus to demonstrate how it might be used and was shown at the Network meeting. The Subcommittee is now considering how to develop what they have learnt.

Missal Formation

The Subcommittee met with Sr Ellen Flynn to look at processes that might assist dioceses introduce the new text. It also considered the Department's proposals for formation.

Working Groups

Christian Initiation of Children of Catechetical Age

The Working Group is chaired by Fr Martin Jakubas. The group has nearly finished its work drawing up guidelines and offering examples of best practice.

Other Work

The Subcommittee received an annual report on the work of the RCIA Network. It has supported the work of the Network in drawing up formation resources for parish teams.

Martin Foster

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PATRIMONY COMMITTEE and PATRIMONY SUB-COMMITTEE

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Meetings: Three Committee meetings have been held during the year, in March, June and October. A further meeting will be held later in November. The Patrimony Committee and Patrimony Sub-Committee continued to be run in tandem.

Membership:

The membership of the Committee remains the same: Bishop Thomas McMahon (Chairman); Sophie Andreae (Vice-Chairman and Chairman Sub-Committee); John Cowdall (Vice-Chairman of the Patrimony Sub-Committee); Emma Bassett; Fergus Brotherton; Andrew Derrick; Martin Goalen; Canon Alan Griffiths; Fr Allen Morris, Fr Peter Harris; William Salvin; Mike State; Abbot Geoffrey Scott and Tricia Brooking (Hon. Secretary). Michael Fitzgerald QC - Secular Planning Lawyer and Mgr Richard Moth - Canon Lawyer, give legal advice as necessary. Martin Foster has given advice and support upon request and copies of the minutes are sent to him.

Help and Advice:

This is given on request to HCCs. Where necessary additional advice is sought from other professionals with regard to problems or issues relating to specific churches or other more general issues. HCCs are circulated with any relevant information that comes to the Committee from outside bodies such as the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), English Heritage and the like. Mgr Gordon Read has given invaluable help with the document the Patrimony Committee is preparing on the closure of churches.

Publications:

English Heritage has just published a new, revised paperback edition of *A Glimpse of Heaven: Catholic Churches of England and Wales*. The Patrimony Committee is helping with the publicity and flyers are being sent to all parishes in England and Wales with additional copies being sent to churches featured in the book. The magazine, Catholic Life, is also sending out flyers with its December issue.

English Heritage will launch a booklet on new work in cathedrals, *English Cathedrals: Yesterday, Today and Forever*, at the beginning of December. Three Catholic cathedrals have been included, Liverpool, Leeds and Westminster and members of the Patrimony Committee have given advice on the text. The Archbishop of Westminster has jointly signed a foreword to the publication with the Archbishop of Canterbury and Archbishop Vincent is attending the launch on December 1st at St. Paul's Cathedral.

HCC Conference:

The Dean and Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral in London very generously hosted this year's Conference, waiving the hire fee and some other costs. There was the biggest attendance to date (94), with representatives of many other organisations with an interest in our work.

The speakers were all excellent: Diana Evans, Head of Places of Worship Policy, English Heritage, spoke on *The Bigger Picture: What English Heritage is Doing to Help*. Stephen Morgan, Financial Secretary, Portsmouth Diocese, and Chairman of the Conference of Financial Secretaries' gave a talk entitled *Squaring the Circle: Heritage, Community and Resources* and Paul Lewis, Pastoral and Closed Churches Secretary, Church Commissioners spoke about *Closing Churches: Procedures, Pitfalls and Possibilities*.

After lunch, Martin Stancliffe, Surveyor to the Fabric at St. Paul's Cathedral, gave an illustrated talk on *St Paul's: Enabling the Building to Speak*. There was then tours to look at recent new work in the Cathedral and also to see areas of the Cathedral that are not open to the public such the Library, the Dean's Stair and Wren's Great Model in the Trophy Room.

Taking Stock Projects:

These studies, which are being jointly funded by individual dioceses and English Heritage, provide a detailed assessment of the architectural and historic value of all churches and chapels in a particular diocese. Projects have now been carried out in Lancaster, Arundel and Brighton, Portsmouth, Middlesbrough, Leeds, Liverpool, Plymouth and Northampton. Further dioceses have applied to English Heritage: Westminster, Brentwood, Shrewsbury and Southwark. Linda Monckton is the new EH officer overseeing these projects (taking over from Sarah Brown). She is on a two year secondment and is keen to see all English dioceses covered. The survey of Middlesbrough Diocese has been edited and will be put up on the Bishops' Conference website. It is hoped that eventually all surveys will be put up to show the rich heritage of the Catholic Church and to make the historical information more generally available.

Support Officer:

English Heritage is making funds available for the employment of Historic Places of Worship Support Officers. The purpose of Support Officers is to build the capacity of congregations and dioceses to care for their historic buildings so that they have a sustainable future as places of worship. Partnership funding has been agreed this year by Board of the Bishops' Conference and an application will be made to English Heritage shortly.

Archives: Abbot Geoffrey Scott continued to keep the Committee informed of the work of the Catholic Records and Archives Societies and other issues relating to archives.

Vatican Documents:

The Vatican Information Service continues to be monitored for relevant information.

Endangered Churches and related patrimony matters:

Bishop Thomas accompanied by Sophie Andreae, John Cowdall and Fr Peter Harris made a presentation to the Low Week meeting of the Bishops' Conference in Leeds. They covered a broad number of subjects relating to the Church heritage and emphasised that the Patrimony Committee was committed to helping Bishops with problem listed buildings. They

emphasised the importance of the Taking Stock surveys as a way of ensuring that dioceses had up to date and relevant information about their stock of church buildings. Most importantly, they explained that Taking Stock provided dioceses with a professional, expert and balanced assessment of the relative historic and architectural importance of churches which was of great value in relation to any discussions about pastoral review or possible closures.

Ecclesiastical Exemption

The Department of Culture Media and Sport is planning to consult publicly on the new Ecclesiastical Exemption Order and new draft Guidance shortly. The Patrimony Committee will liaise with HCCs and make representations accordingly.

Fr Alan Griffiths had discussions with the Estates of Jersey and obtained agreement that the Southern HCC would be consulted in any application relating to Catholic churches on the island.

Cathedral Fabric Survey:

The existing grant scheme for cathedrals has come to an end. English Heritage prepared a questionnaire which was sent to all CofE and Catholic cathedrals to up date the information obtained from previous fabric surveys and to make the case to government for further financial assistance for cathedrals. Bishop Thomas wrote to all Catholic Cathedral Deans at the beginning of the year encouraging them to respond fully to the questionnaire and the Patrimony Committee subsequently ensured that all responded. The results will be collated and initial findings announced in early December at the launch event at St. Paul's Cathedral in London (see under Publications above).

Other organisations and contacts:

Sophie Andreae continued to be the Catholic representative on English Heritage's Places of Worship Forum. This committee advises EH on policy matters relating to the heritage of both Christian and non Christian places of worship. She has also been invited to be the Catholic representative on Places of Worship at Heritage Link (POWLink).

Sophie gave a talk about the work of the Patrimony Committee to Parliamentary Historic Churches and Chapels Group in the House of Commons in April.

The Patrimony Committee meeting in February was attended by Oddbjørn Sormoen. He is on secondment to English Heritage from the Directorate of Cultural Heritage in Norway. He was interested to learn how Catholic churches are looked after in this country and the rest of Europe.

During the year she and Fr Peter Harris also had meetings with a Canadian and an Australian wishing to know how Ecclesiastical Exemption worked in England and Wales to enable them to develop appropriate systems in their own countries.

Planned Work:

HCC Conference. The 2010 Conference will be held at St John's Cathedral in Norwich on 13th May.

Other matters will continue to be dealt with as they arise and when requests are received from HCCs and other bodies.

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SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE - Report to the Department Meeting : April 2010

Membership

Bishop Brian Noble (Chair), Susy Brouard*, Mark Davis, Mgr Kevin McGinnell (Secretary), Martin Foster, Fr David O'Malley sdb, Sr Diane Reynolds ssa. (*Susy Brouard resigned during 2009)
Angela Graham, Kathryn Turner joined the Committee in 2010.

Meetings

Since February 2009 the Committee has met five times since the last report, in St Katherine's Limehouse, in Ushaw College (residential), Shrewsbury. and twice in Eccleston Square.

The Committee has engaged in the following areas of concern and projects :

1. Liturgical Spirituality

This is an ongoing task with the Liturgy Committee and discussions are taking place.

2. Consultation 2009 - June 3 - St Andrew's, Waterloo

The theme was *Taking the Incarnation seriously - creativity within prayer and liturgy*. The main input was given by David O'Malley with assistance from other members of the Committee. There was a good response from dioceses across the countries. The theme was appreciated and the discussion raised many questions and areas of concern. At parish level there is a clear concern about how to deepen spirituality of parishioners who come to Sunday mass at an appropriate level.

The value of networking and keeping in touch was highlighted. From this the Committee took forward the proposal for local meetings within a diocese between local people and some Committee members. The aim is to ensure that spirituality is constantly on the diocesan agenda, linking to leadership within the diocese.

We hope to arrange meetings to cover all the dioceses, individually or in small groups.

The first was held for Arundel and Brighton. This brought different people together who had not previously met. A priest adviser is to be appointed to a network group which is keen to develop spiritual direction.

A Portsmouth meeting has been rearranged after snow intervened. As a diocese it already has a network in place linked to the pastoral areas. (Leeds, Hallam and Hexham and Newcastle have been involved in similar meetings through our residential).

3. Consultation 2010

will be facilitated by James Hanvey, SJ, at Highbury & Islington Baptist Church, on the theme of Sacramental Imagination - *Is Sacramentality the essential hallmark of Catholic spirituality? Distinction between Christian and Catholic spirituality*.

4. Ushaw Residential Meeting

The overnight gave time for a review of the Committee's paper to be presented to the Bishops' Conference, as well as our usual work. Moving the residential each year was done so as to enable the Committee to meet with people engaged in spirituality locally. Seven people locally met the committee for an evening.

There is a Faith Accompanying programme developed in Hexham and Newcastle with ecumenical dimensions. This trains people in spiritual direction, something which is much sought after, and was also felt to be a particular need for seminarians and clergy. The support of the local Ordinary was very helpful, and the programme was part of the diocesan education service.

5. Spirituality Teaching Document

Bishop Brian presented a position paper to the Bishops' Conference in November 2009. The response was :
Spirituality Committee Position Paper

The Bishops' Conference welcomes the Position Paper from the Spirituality Committee and asks that the Committee develop the proposal for a teaching document on the promotion of prayer and spirituality within the Church in England and Wales, highlighting the markers or signs of a 'healthy' spirituality within the Catholic tradition.

In the light of this request the Committee has begun to establish a working party of members and others from across the field to develop the strategy for the writing of such a document. The first meeting will be held in July 2010. The initial remit and parameters of work are to present the non-negotiables of a true Catholic spirituality, referencing its variety of expressions not presenting them in detail, the essential of Catholic spirituality referencing the wider Christian journey. Throughout the process Bishop Brian will keep the bishops informed of the progress of the work. The final document aims to be of use at parish level, with a solid theological underpinning, and an awareness of ecumenical and other dimensions.

6. The Committee exchanges minutes and information with CASE (until 2009) and Churches Together in England Spirituality Co-ordinating Group.

*Kevin McGinnell
April 2010*

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Staff

Martin Foster was appointed Acting Secretary in 2008 and is the sole full-time member of staff serving the work of the Department. The work is supported by Grace Applewithe, who also works with the Departments for Catholic Education and Formation, and Evangelisation and Catechesis, as well as the Marriage and Family Life project. Fr Allen Morris, the former Secretary, left in 2006. The lack of a third team member has meant that the volume of work undertaken by the office or its ability to support projects has been greatly reduced.

Paul Moynihan has been engaged to work on two projects: diocesan calendars and propers, and services in the absence of a priest.

A significant change in the last year has been the refurbishment of the Bishops' Conference Secretariat in Eccleston Square. This has meant improved space for meetings but also reduced space for the office and any resources.

Work

A key area in the last year has been the Roman Missal: the managing of the process through the bishops, the work on publication and the preparatory discussion information. It is a concern how current staffing and structures will provide, enable and sustain the necessary work of formation for England and Wales that needs to be done.

The website continues to get many visitors even though development has slowed down considerably. Three new contributions were the provision of material from *Jubilate Deo* for download, the initial development of a Prayer section and information on the expected Swine 'Flu epidemic.

A casualty of the last year has been the infrequent or non appearance of both *Liturgy Newsletter* and *Spirit of the Season*, This has fundamentally been due to overriding work priorities.

The Conference agreed to the establishing of regular meetings with officers of the Latin Mass Society by Bishop Hopes, the General Secretary and myself. The idea is to provide a forum where issues can be raised by both sides.

Work was done with the dioceses Arundel & Brighton, Plymouth and Westminster, the RCIA Network and Scottish Liturgy Commission. I was invited to represent the Department at the Joint Liturgical Group and attended the Society of St Gregory Summer School and the meeting of the European Network on the Catechumenate.

Martin Foster
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