

## *Department for Christian Life and Worship*

### **Liturgy Office** Annual Report 2006

#### **Staff**

Fr Allen Morris concludes his time as Liturgy Office Secretary in November 2006. Martin Foster and Pam Class continue as Liturgy Office Assistant Secretary and Administrative Assistant respectively.

#### **Information**

##### Liturgy Newsletter

The *Liturgy Newsletter* is produced 4 times a year and is distributed via diocesan liturgy contacts as well as on the website. The Newsletter provides an opportunity to advise about new publications and initiatives and of progress in continuing works such as the preparation of new translations of the Missal and Lectionary.

##### Website – [www.liturgyoffice.org.uk](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk)

The website is part of the Conference website but is maintained by the Office. The website continues to expand. New Calendar material has been added during the year. Material has been made available on the website to assist communities respond to the change in practice regarding Holydays in England and Wales, and also to inform the work of liturgy preparation groups. Until such time a new rite is published for Celebrations of the Word and Holy Communion, the interim rite is now available for downloading from the website. Two major projects have been the preparation of formation material to assist with the reception and use of *Consecrated for Worship* and *Celebrating Sunday Evening Prayer*

##### Magazine Subscription Service

The Office continues to manage a service making available subscriptions to many of the excellent English language liturgical periodicals available around the world.

##### Diocesan Liturgy Contacts

There is one such Contact in each diocese and they form the primary conduit for information to diocesan liturgy commissions and others. There is an annual meeting held each year in February. The contacts and other members of diocesan commissions also meet in North and South groupings twice a year.

##### Publishers

The Office has engaged with the following publishers in the last year: CTS, Catholic Print Company, Canterbury Press, Continuum, HarperCollins, John Neale, McCrimmons.

##### Media

AM is regularly sought out for comment by the Catholic and national media. He writes a popular weekly column for *The Universe*.

#### **Publications and Formation**

##### Celebrating Sunday Evening Prayer

This text, a more 'Cathedral' style of Evening Prayer, developed in line with what is authorised in the *Divine Office* was published by Canterbury Press during the summer.

The Liturgy Office attempted to organise training days North and South, but the initiatives were cancelled because of low numbers. To assist dioceses and parishes introduce the new resource a range of materials have been made available on the website. Others will follow.

#### Consecrated for Worship

This document, issued by the Bishops Conference and published by CTS was published in September. Resources to assist dioceses and parishes in their use of Consecrated for Work and to inform those involved in reviewing the ordering of churches have been prepared and are available on the website. Others are in preparation, including resources to be used by school children visiting a parish church.

#### Spirit of the Season

A half-termly liturgy bulletin for schools that is distributed via dioceses and the website. The current year's issues look at liturgy and technology, the use of the arts, the liturgy bookshelf among other items. An index of the first 5 years' issues has been added to the website.

#### Working with dioceses and organisations

AM and MF have worked with or in the following dioceses and organisations in the last year: Birmingham, Plymouth, Westminster, Newman Society, Panel of Monastic Musicians, RCIA Network, Society of St Gregory and Ushaw College.

#### Future Work

Future work will include the preparation of resources in readiness for the publication of the English translation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Roman Missal.

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