

*Department for
Christian Life and Worship*

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Introduction

The Department has met three times in the last year, in Leeds.

Membership

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| Rt Revd Arthur Roche | <i>Chairman</i> |
| Rt Revd Kevin Dunn | |
| Rt Revd Alan Hopes | |
| Rt Revd Thomas McMahan | |
| Rt Revd Brian Noble | |

Bishop Roche was appointed as Chairman of the Department following the November 2004 meeting of the Bishops' Conference. Bishop Hopes took over as Chairman of the Liturgy Committee with Bishop Dunn as Vice-Chair.

Department meetings were attended in the last year by:

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| Mgr Kevin McGinnell | <i>Secretary, Spirituality Committee</i> |
| Revd Dr Peter McGrail | <i>Chair, Formation Subcommittee</i> |

1. Ritual Books and Rites

Roman Missal – Order of the Mass

The Bishops' Conference has reviewed the 'Grey Book' translation of the Order of Mass; a revised draft following the first "Green Book".

The Department is beginning to consider what adaptations may be sought for the Order of Mass as well as the implications for music and liturgical formation.

General Instruction of the Roman Missal

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal together with the bishops' teaching document, *Celebrating the Mass*, were published by Catholic Truth Society in April.

Rites of Ordination

A translation of the *editio typica altera* of the Rites of Ordination was submitted to the Holy See in 2004 for recognitio.

Lectionary for Mass

The statutes of a mixed commission to manage the project for a new edition of the Lectionary has been approved by the Conference as well as other English-speaking Conferences and has been submitted to the Holy See

Order of Christian Funerals

Redemptorist's People's Book: a new, fuller edition of the people's book has been prepared with the cooperation of the Department with particular attention given to the needs of the assembly at funerals..

Committal Book: Following a successful trial in a number of dioceses a 'pocket-sized' edition of the Committal Rites together with excerpts from the Lectionary has been published by Continuum.

2. Norms and Guidelines

Norms for the Distribution of Holy Communion

The Department has produced draft norms as suggested by the Holy See (GIRM 283). These await approval by the Bishops' Conference.

Concelebration

Guidelines for diocesan norms for concelebration have been prepared.

Fees

After considering some of the issues arising from the payment of ministers and for tasks, such as searching records the Department recommended that the issue be passed to the General Secretary for consideration of how best to forward it.

Consecrated for Worship

Further work has been done on the Bishops' Conference directory on Church Buildings which will be published in 2006.

3. Other Matters

Synod on the Eucharist

Bishop Brian Noble attended the Synod of Bishops in October 2005 as a representative of the Bishops' Conference. Bishop Roche attended at the invitation of the Holy Father.

Marriage

The Department has responded to the Registrar General's consultation on religious components in civil ceremonies. A working party has been set up to look at what is available to respond to some of the liturgical needs around weddings.

Celebrations of the Word and Communion

A working group has been set up to prepare a ritual book for liturgies in the absence of a priest which will include model forms of the Celebration of the Word, and of the Hours.

Holydays

The Bishops' Conference has asked the Department to consider the provision of Holydays of Obligation.

The pastoral care of 'Traditionalist' groups

The Department has given attention to this matter and invited its further discussion at a Plenary meeting of the Bishops' Conference.

Allen Morris
Martin Foster
7/11/05

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Liturgy Committee Annual Report 2005

Introduction

The Committee has met three times in the last year in London and Leeds.

Membership

Rt Revd Alan Hopes

Chairman

Rt Revd Kevin Dunn

Revd Andrew Cameron-Mowat SJ

Revd Philip Gillespie

Revd Tim Menezes

Mgr Kevin McGinnell

Revd Peter McGrail

Revd John Meredith

Revd Philip Moger

Ms Ann Moynihan

Revd Michael O'Boy

Mr Anthony Ogunseitan

Ms Mag Shepherd

Sr Anthony Wilson SND

Canon David Kennedy *Church of England Observer*

Sr Anthony Wilson SND retired from the Committee in January. Fr O'Boy joined the Committee in July. Mgr McGinnell, Mr Ogunseitan and Ms Shepherd stood down as members in October and Fr Gillespie joined the Committee.

September Meeting of Committee

Bishop Hopes as the new chair of the Committee took the opportunity at the September meeting of asking members and invited guests to reflect on what the current and future liturgical needs were and how best could the Committee respond to them. He indicated 4 aspects of the Committee's purpose:

- An advisory body to Bishop Hopes who had a responsibility for liturgy within the Department for Christian Life and Worship.
- A place for ideas – to look forward, to be prophetic; to identify and encourage good practice.
- Formation as fundamental to the work of both the Liturgy Committee and its Formation Subcommittee; to assist people in a deeper understanding of the Liturgy.
- Where ideas and proposals are sifted so that the Committee engages in what is important and necessary

Two of the members gave presentations to inform the discussion. Among the issues that emerged were the need for the ongoing formation and support of clergy and more work to be done on the ministries and skills of presiding and preaching. It was recognised that specific opportunities and challenges would flow from the revision of the Missal and the need to both form and inform people about it would be crucial.

Projects

Translation of the Order of Mass

Bishop Hopes invited the Committee to send comments to him on the revised translation of the Order of Mass.

Cathedral Liturgy

The issue had been raised by the Southern meeting of diocesan liturgy commissions and the Committee considered some of the implications.

Working Groups

The Committee considered the brief for two working groups to look at the *Liturgical Formation of Deacons* and *Celebrating Endings and Beginnings*.

The Committee reviewed material relating to the celebration of marriage in preparation for the setting up of a working group to look at resources for celebrating marriage.

Review of Department papers

The Committee commented on the following Department papers and issues: Communion under both kinds, Celebrations of Word and Communion, Ritual Music.

The Committee also commented on a revised paper on *Blessing at Communion* prepared by the Spirituality Committee.

Reports

The Committee received reports from people representing the Department at the *Churches Funeral Group*, *Joint Liturgical Group* and *Royal School of Church Music*.

Formation Subcommittee

Introduction

The Subcommittee has met 4 times in the last year in Swanwick and London.

Membership

Mr Paul Inwood

Revd Martin Jakubas

Revd Peter McGrail

Chair

Mr Mike Stanley

Ms Nicky Stevens

Network Meeting

The Subcommittee held a successful meeting with diocesan liturgy contacts in Swanwick in February. The meeting explored the liturgical assembly, its formation and the role of the diocesan liturgy commission.

The 2006 meeting will be held at Leeds in February.

Projects

Formation for Lay Liturgical Ministers

The Subcommittee has continued to work on a Syllabus for Liturgical Ministers in particular exploring how best the material could be organised and delivered in a diocese and what were realistic expectations and aspirations of participants.

DVD for liturgical formation

The other significant project that the Subcommittee has worked on is a DVD intended for liturgical formation looking at Sunday Mass and using a number of different communities to show good practice in a variety of settings.

Martin Foster

6/11/05



CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

PATRIMONY COMMITTEE and PATRIMONY SUB-COMMITTEE

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Meetings: Three Committee meetings have been held during the year, in March, June and September. A further meeting is scheduled for November. The Patrimony Committee and Patrimony Sub-Committee continued to be run in tandem. Members of the Committee are in regular email contact.

Membership:

The membership of the Committee remains the same: Bishop Thomas McMahon (Chairman); Sophie Andreae (Vice-Chairman and Chairman Sub-Committee); Emma Bassett; John Cowdall; Andrew Derrick; Martin Goalen; Canon Alan Griffiths; Fr Peter Harris; William Salvin; Mike State; Abbot Geoffrey Scott and Tricia Brooking (Hon. Secretary). Financial Secretaries, Fergus Brotherton and Simon Thorington attend meetings alternately. Michael Fitzgerald QC - Secular Planning Lawyer and Mgr Richard Moth - Canon Lawyer, give legal advice as necessary. Fr Allen Morris of the Department of Christian Life and Worship regularly attends meetings and gives a great deal of support to the Committee.

Help and Advice:

This is given on request to HCCs. Where necessary additional advice has been sought from other professionals for problems relating to specific churches. HCCs are circulated with any relevant information that comes to the Committee from outside bodies such as DCMS, English Heritage etc.

Publications:

Work is progressing on the illustrated book on Catholic Architecture. Christopher Martin and Alex Ramsay have visited over 100 churches and chapels in England and Wales. Christopher has written the text for the book and Alex has taken many excellent photographs.

The Patrimony Committee has produced the following leaflets: an updated 'Reference List of Sources of Information' (providing contact details for a very wide range of subjects relevant to HCCs); 'Guidelines for making a Church Inventory' and 'Archaeology and Churches'.

HCC Conference:

This year's very successful Conference was held at the Brompton Oratory in February. Over 60 delegates attended. Besides members from all HCCs, there were representatives from Diocesan Art & Architecture Committees, Archivists, Financial Secretaries and Property Managers. Other organisations represented were: Catholic Archives Society; Dublin Diocesan Heritage Commission; Cathedral and Church Building Division of the Church of England; the Church in Wales; Department of Culture Media and Sport; Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (Eire); English Heritage; Kensington Society; Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) and The Victorian Society.

An illustrated talk was given by Christopher Martin and Alex Ramsay about the churches they have visited, researched and photographed in preparation for the forthcoming book on Catholic church architecture. This was followed by the opportunity to raise other HCC concerns. During the afternoon session, the keynote address was given by Dr Simon Thurley, Chief Executive of English Heritage, on 'How can our churches raise their profile in order to secure higher levels of government financial support towards their long-term survival?' Tours of the Oratory, including sight of their treasures, completed the day. It was a day much enjoyed by all.

Ecclesiastical Exemption:

Following last year's submission to the DCMS Consultation Paper, the Government's response, entitled The Way Forward, appeared in July. It stated that the Government is content to allow exempt denominations to continue to operate their own systems of control under the Ecclesiastical Exemption. This document is part of the Heritage Protection Review programme that is being undertaken by English Heritage and DCMS. The concept of using voluntary Heritage Protection Agreements is suggested in the paper as an option for some exempt buildings. English Heritage is currently undertaking a series of pilot projects to test the applicability of HPAs amongst a range of building owners. The Patrimony Committee has offered to participate in a pilot but this offer has yet to be taken up.

A separate review of Ecclesiastical Exemption in Wales was undertaken for Cadw by Peter Howell. During the year, the Committee responded to this report and to its recommendations.

Working Party:

Members of the Working Party are Simon Thorrington; Fergus Brotherton; Sophie Andreae, John Cowdall, William Salvin, Mike State and Tricia Brooking.

The Audits of Places of Worship in the Dioceses of Arundel & Brighton and Lancaster have been carried out. These have been funded by English Heritage. Working Party members, representatives of the dioceses, English Heritage and their contractors have met several times in Hove and in Lancaster. Draft reports have now been received and are being reviewed.

Archives: Abbot Geoffrey Scott keeps the Committee informed of the work of the Catholic Records and Archives Societies and other issues relating to archives. The Committee is informed of initiatives both in England and Wales and abroad.

Consecrated for Worship:

Members of the Committee worked closely with Fr Allen Morris on the text of this document to ensure that historic buildings issues are given adequate coverage and that reference to the Ecclesiastical Exemption were also covered.

SPAB Questionnaire:

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and the Heritage Lottery Fund are developing plans for a national scheme for training volunteers who are maintaining historic churches in England and Wales. The Committee encouraged HCCs to complete and return the SPAB questionnaire.

Vatican Documents:

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

Other Denominations:

Documents on the work of other denominations have been received and studied during the year. Contacts with representatives of other denominations are maintained, particularly with regard to the Ecclesiastical Exemption Review.

Bishops' Conference Meetings:

Reports from the Patrimony Committee were presented to the Bishops at their Low Week meeting.

Planned Work:

HCC Conference. The next Conference will be held in on 11th May 2006 in Liverpool.

Publications. Work will continue to enable the book on Catholic architecture to be published. The 'Sources of Information' will again be updated and any other relevant documents produced for the HCC Conference.

Audits of Places of Worship. The dissemination of these reports will be discussed in consultation with the dioceses and English Heritage.

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

SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE

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Membership

Bishop Brian Noble (Chair), Jenny Bond, Susy Brouard, Mark Davis, Mgr Kevin McGinnell (Secretary), Fr Allen Morris, Fr David O Malley sdb, Sr Diane Reynolds ssa

Meetings

The Committee has met three times in the last year. An overnight stay at Wantage Convent (CofE) had to be postponed because of illness.

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

1. Spirituality: what is it? -

a paper for the bishops for information and clarification as to what we mean by the term spirituality in the Christian context and the specific understanding of this in the Catholic community. This will then develop into practical application of discernment and promotion of spirituality.

2. Directory on Popular Piety -

We are preparing a series of leaflets (Introductory material and then material based on the seasons) to introduce the Directory and its aims to parishes. These will also develop and apply the work of the Directory to the actual situation of England and Wales.

3. Spiritual Communion -

A leaflet is in preparation to explore what Spiritual Communion means in our tradition, how it is relevant in the content of today's celebration of the eucharist, and to relate this clearly to the presence of Christ in the eucharistic celebration.

4. Blessings at Communion -

The Committee's paper in its latest draft has been sent to the 3 committees (Liturgy/Theology/Unity) for a more detailed and practical response. We await responses.

5. Meeting of those working with spirituality in dioceses and other organisations -

We have called a meeting (16 February 2006) to provide an opportunity for people working in the field to meet and explore how we can develop links and work together. The picture is very varied with some dioceses having designated promoters of spirituality, others relying on religious or pastoral centres etc.

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

*Kevin McGinnell
November 2005*

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Liturgy Office Annual Report 2005

Staff

Fr Allen Morris and Martin Foster continue as Liturgy Office Secretary and Assistant Secretary respectively. Since January 2005 Pam Class has been the Administrative Assistant for the Office.

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 highlight work in particular areas such as the Year of the Eucharist.

Website – www.liturgyoffice.org.uk

The website is part of the Conference website but is maintained by the Office. The website continues to expand. To deal with the growing number of pages a search facility has been added. One significant development has been a section devoted the liturgical rites listing the approved editions for England and Wales together with downloadable copies of the Introductions to the Rites and links to other resources. The largest addition was the resources developed to support the publication of the General Instruction. Information was added for people suffering from the Coeliac condition. The material prepared by the Office to mark the death of John Paul II and the election Benedict XVI was well received. Prayer and Liturgy resources were also made available for Make Poverty History, the end of the Second World War, the London Bombings and the Synod of Bishops. The facility the website offers for people to email queries to the Liturgy Office is used frequently.

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, Canterbury Press, Continuum, HarperCollins, John Neale, Redemptorist Publications, McCrimmons.

Media

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

Formation

General Instruction of the Roman Missal

Celebrating the Mass

With Hearts and Minds

The three texts were published by Catholic Truth Society in April. *With Hearts and Minds* is a course for small groups reflecting on our participation in the Mass prepared by the Office. Prior to publication three training sessions were held in Leeds and London for those responsible for liturgy, adult education and ongoing formation of clergy. As well as presenting the documents participants were introduced to the range of resources that had been prepared by the Office. Participants were given the set of material on a CD-ROM; subsequently it was all made available on the website. [www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/GIRM]

The Resources included: *In Communion with Christ* which complements *With Hearts and Minds* but is for whole parish and includes a guide to preaching; *Ministry leaflets* which include both extracts from the documents and material for prayer and preparation; *Handouts* and other material for providing formation; *Opportunities and Challenges* which looked at in greater detail some of the issues that arise from the documents. Also prepared was material for deanery groups.

Year of the Eucharist

Resources for the Year of the Eucharist were provided on the website including a guide to exposition and resources for Holy Hours. Material was provided in September for parishes in response to the Holy Father's request that communities pray for the Synod.

The Gift of Scripture

To assist the reception of the Bishops' teaching Document the Office prepared a number of resources that are available on the website. [www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Scripture]

A Time of Prayer

Celebrating Sunday Evening Prayer

A Time of Prayer was published by Catholic Truth Society in January. It is a very simple form of the daily office which can be used by individuals or groups.

The Department has approved publication of the resource *Celebrating Sunday Evening Prayer* which is expected to be published in 2006.

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: Brentwood, Hallam, Middlesbrough, Northampton, Portsmouth, Southwark, Westminster, RCIA Network and Society of St Gregory.

Future Work

Current projects include the preparation of resource to assist with the work of Liturgy Preparation and the preparation of a companion volume to Celebrating the Mass which will describe the place of liturgical time in the celebration of the Liturgy.

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