DIOCESAN LITURGY OFFICE

UNDERSTANDING AND PRAYING THE LITURGY

A FUTURE *full of* HOPE

'Prayers in the Roman Rite are concise but rich in meaning. One can have beautiful meditations on these prayers. Very beautiful! Returning to meditate on these texts, even outside the Mass, can help us understand how to address God, what to ask and which words to use. May the Liturgy become for all of us a true school of prayer.'

Pope Francis, General Audience, 10 January 2018

Wednesday evenings,
7.00pm - 9.00pm
(refreshments 6.30pm)

30 January 2019
27 February
20 March
3 April
1 May
5 June
3 July
4 September
2 October
6 November
4 December

The Apostle Room,
Clifton Cathedral,
Clifton Park,
Clifton, Bristol,
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About the course

Introduced during our diocesan Year of Prayer, this course has been created to help our diocesan community to deepen its understanding of both liturgy and prayer, enabling communities to see that these are not mutually exclusive, rather that they are intrinsically linked: the liturgy is always an encounter with the Risen Christ - it is always prayer. Beginning with our own bishop, Bishop Declan Lang, we will be guided through the course by a number of excellent speakers, from both within and outside the diocese, who are each experienced practitioners in their particular field.

Module I

Session One
Wednesday 30 January
Evening Prayer and Introduction
Understanding the importance of Liturgy in our lives

Session Two
Wednesday 27 February
What is Liturgy?
The Paschal Mystery explored

Session Three
Wednesday 20 March
Exploring the Church at Prayer
Be still for the presence of the Lord - wasting time with God

Session Four
Wednesday 3 April
Liturgy as Encounter
Encountering Christ in the Liturgy

Session Five
Wednesday 1 May
The Mass and the Ministers
The rhythm of the Liturgical Year
The shape of the Eucharist
Ministers within the celebration

Module II

Session Six
Wednesday 5 June
Choose A, B or C:

A: Liturgical Ministry (part I)
B: Art & Architecture - sign and symbol (part I)
C: Encountering Christ in the Sacraments (part I)

Session Seven
Wednesday 3 July

A: Liturgical Ministry (part II)
B: Art & Architecture - sign and symbol (part II)
C: Encountering Christ in the Sacraments (part II)

Module III

Session Eight
Wednesday 4 September
Forming a Liturgy Group
Who should be part of the Liturgy Group?
What is the remit of the Liturgy Group?

Session Nine
Wednesday 2 October
At the service of the Liturgy
via pulchritudinis: the way of beauty

Session Ten
Wednesday 6 November
What next?
How does what we have explored shape worthy celebrations which are truly encounters with Christ?

Session Eleven
Wednesday 4 December
Closing Mass and presentation of certificates

Speakers include:

Bishop Declan Lang
Bishop of Clifton

Sarah Adams
Lay Chaplain, Prior Park Schools

Professor Gavin D'Costa
Professor of Catholic Theology, University of Bristol

Fr Richard Elson
Assistant priest, Holy Rood, Swindon

Martin Foster
Director, Liturgy Office of England and Wales

Martin LePoidevin
Professional singer and member of the music staff at Clifton Cathedral

Fr Michael McAndrew
Parish priest, St Mary, Swindon

Fr Christopher Whitehead
Director, Adult Education and Evangelisation
Parish priest, Immaculate Conception, Stroud

Doreen Wyatt
Chair, Diocesan Liturgy Office