

LITURGY & MUSIC

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Responsible for planning and delivering effective formation and training to support our Catholic communities in liturgical celebration and development by:

- Delivering courses and training for those in lay liturgical ministries.
- Ensuring that deanery and diocesan liturgical celebrations are appropriate, inclusive and model good practice.

L 1 Liturgy basics

2-3 hours

Intended for: All involved with, or interested in liturgy.

An introduction to liturgy, including the shape of the liturgy, the liturgical calendar, ministries and liturgical books.

(Follow-up support as required)

L 2 Setting up and Developing a Parish (or Cluster) Liturgy Group

2-3 hours

Intended for: All those with responsibilities for liturgy.

What is a Liturgy Group for? Who should be on it? What should it be doing?

This session will consider some guidelines for liturgical celebrations. We will explore the different roles and responsibilities within a Liturgy Group and look at examples of good practice in the area of collaboration and celebration.

(Follow-up support as required.)

L 3 Proclaiming the Word (*"The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart." Romans 10:8 [Deut 30:14]*)

2 hours

Intended for: Those involved in the ministry of proclaiming God's Word.

This session can be adapted to meet the particular needs of parishes. It can include an introduction to the Lectionary and exploration of the place of God's word in prayer and worship as well as guidelines and practical help for proclamation and the opportunity to

L 6 Music 2 hours

Intended for: Musicians, but all are welcome.

The session will explore the role of music in liturgy and cover repertoire – Mass settings, Antiphons and Psalms, Seasonal music, hymns, litanies, etc., including music for the Year of Mercy. We can also cover presiders' chants.

L 6a Liturgical Accompanists 2 hours

Intended for: Organists, pianists and keyboard players – aspiring, reluctant, advanced.

The session looks at leading/accompanying liturgy, with a focus on the Mass parts, hymns (traditional and guitar) and Psalms, with or without cantors. For organists, we can examine the use of pedals and organ stops.

L 6b Cantors 2 hours

Intended for: Existing and aspiring cantors.

The course recognises that this ministry is not about performing but is a ministry of hospitality, encouraging and enabling the song of the assembly. Guidance and practical help on cantor techniques, including using your voice and gesture, and also teaching new material to the assembly, what you do during Mass, understanding the Psalms and other resources.

L 6c Music for Clergy 2 hours

This session is an adaptation of L6 intended for parish clergy and will focus on presiders' chants – prefaces, collects, dialogues and the Exsultet.

L 7 Liturgy of the Word with Children (LOWC) 2 hours

Sessions available for those who are new to leading Children's Liturgy of the Word as well as those who have experience.

A fundamental aspect of this ministry is our own encounter with the word, which we experience and explore alongside the children, so there will be some time for scripture reflection (*Lectio Divina*). These sessions will include consideration of the Bishop's Conference Guidelines for LOWC, effective planning for LOWC and the resources available, the ministries involved in LOWC and suggestions for celebrations. It recognises that LOWC should be seen primarily as liturgical celebrations, not child-minding, and also considers the possible role of music in this setting.

L 7a Celebrating Liturgies with Children 2 hours

Intended for: Those responsible for developing liturgies for children.

An opportunity to look at the 'Directory for Masses with Children' and consider the shape and style of various types of liturgical celebrations with children.

L 8 Welcomers and the ministry of hospitality 2 hours

Intended for: Existing and new welcomers.

This course is delivered with other members of the Pastoral Team and can be shaped according to the needs of the parish and the course participants. Its aim is to recognise that this ministry extends beyond handing out newsletters and hymn books and is integral to the way we greet and include participants in our liturgy.

L/AF 9 Confirmation 2 hours

A session for liturgists and catechists involved in the planning of Confirmation liturgy.

The session covers the Rite of Confirmation, readings and prayers (Lectionary and Missal), music and producing orders of service. In 2015 there will be a number of sessions in locations around the Diocese to introduce the revised translation of the Rite of Confirmation – an opportunity to review and share good practice.

L 10 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This session is intended for those involved with RCIA and will examine how to celebrate the rites, how to involve the parish community, and selecting appropriate music.

The duration of the session(s) is subject to negotiation with the adviser.

L 11/ (D&U 5) Preparing an Ecumenical Service 1½ hours

Intended for: Parish councils/liturgy teams, local ecumenical groups.

Local churches may wish to worship together for a variety of reasons, including the joint celebration of seasonal feasts, church anniversaries; or established ecumenical events such as One World Week, Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, Harvest Thanksgiving etc.

This workshop can be designed around a particular event for the Parish. It aims to explore prayerful and creative ways of preparing ecumenical services, celebrating and responding to God's word.

L12 Holy Week and the Easter Triduum

2 hours (minimum)

Intended for: All those involved in preparing and celebrating the Holy Week liturgies.

The Triduum is the climax of the Church's year, and the Holy Week liturgies are intense celebrations, rich in symbolism. They only occur once a year and can seem unfamiliar and daunting when we're planning. This is an opportunity to get an overview and will focus on both ritual and musical aspects.

Some specific resources

In addition to the above courses and workshops, advice and guidance is also available on some more specific and specialist areas, these include:

- **Orders of service**
- **Copyright**
- **Ordinations, Jubilees**
- **Dedications**
- **Reconciliation Liturgies (especially during the Year of Mercy)**

This is not an exhaustive list. If you have any queries regarding liturgical matters, please feel free to contact the adviser.

For resources, information, news and dates, see: **abliturgy.wordpress.com**