

**HOPE**  
IN THE FUTURE



**STAGE 3 RESOURCES**

# INTRODUCTION

***“The weekend liturgy is, in a real sense, the shop window for the parish. The Third Stage will provide an emphasis on how we can build on this Celebration to ensure that our parishes are mission oriented through our welcome, our liturgy and our hospitality.”***

As we continue on our Hope in the Future journey together we turn our hearts and minds to the Sunday Eucharist. The Eucharist, a word meaning Thanksgiving, is often described as "the source and summit of the Christian life". It is where we encounter Jesus in Word, Sacrament and in each other. It is where we receive the strength to continue on our journey with the Lord as Missionary Disciples.

The Sunday Eucharist is often people's first (and sometimes only) experience of the Church. With this in mind it is important that parishes ensure the welcome, the various ministries in the liturgy, the accessibility and the hospitality offered after Mass is the very best it can be so people new to the Church want to come back, and bring a friend because they feel part of the community and have an encounter with God.

On behalf of the Stage 3 Working Party I am pleased to share with you resources and information of a number of formation and training days to assist you. It is important that we work together and share good practice across parishes, deaneries and the diocese so if you have ideas which you think would help us all please get in touch. Those who have not completed Stages 1 and 2 should not feel that they cannot embark now on Stage 3. In a sense it stands alone and does not require the previous stages in order to be of value.

Please keep the Hope in the Future Programme and your Parish Community in your prayers. With my thanks for all that you do and prayers for the success of your Parish endeavours.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey.

+ John

**Bishop John Arnold**



"Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people (1 Pet. 2:9; cf. 2:4-5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism." *Sacrosanctum Concilium* 16

# EXPLANATION OF RESOURCES

1. **Stage 3 Resource Pack** - links to resources produced by the Bishops Conference Liturgy Office for various ministries, music resources and suggestions for making our Sunday Liturgy more mission oriented.
2. **Stage 2 Celebration Booklet** - showcasing 'good practice' from parishes and deaneries and celebrating all that has happened in Stage 2.
3. **Pastoral Message & Worksheet 1** - to be given to parishioners on the second Sunday of Advent (Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December), more details below.
4. **A5 Order of Mass Booklet (x10)** - a guide to Sunday Mass, to help us understand more about what we say and do, appreciating the richness of the Sacred Liturgy, so that we have a deeper spiritual experience and a more profound meeting with Jesus as we take part fully in our celebration.
5. **Children's Mass Sheet (x10)** – a guide to Sunday Mass for children exploring the various parts of the Mass and the responses.
6. **Stage 3 Liturgy & Ministry Training Days Poster** - to be displayed on your church noticeboards and information shared in the parish newsletter and website. These days are open to current ministers and those wanting to learn about starting a ministry. These days are all free of charge. Please register on our website ([www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events)).
7. **Formation Lecture Series Poster** - to be displayed on your church noticeboards and information shared in the parish newsletter and website. Throughout the year we have arranged a series of talks with Q&A on a range of themes at St Gabriel's School, Bury. Each evening will start at 7:30pm and finish around 9:00pm. There is a suggested donation of £5.00 payable on the door to help with the running costs of these events.
8. **Diploma in Pastoral Ministry & Leadership Information Booklets**
9. **Stage 3 Launch Mass Booklet** - This booklet is intended to be a resource which you can bring back to your parish. The notes in red are taken from The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) and are designed to help us understand the structure and richness of the Mass.

## Ordering additional resources

Should your parish require additional copies of the **A5 Order of Mass Booklet** or the **Children's Mass Sheet** these can be ordered direct from **NB Colour Print Ltd**. The prices for extra copies are as follows (includes postage).

### Order of Mass Booklet (Reference 33801)

Qty	<u>25</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>100</u>
Price	£73.00	£82.00	£90.00	£98.00

### Children's Mass Sheet (Reference 33800)

Qty	<u>50</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>200</u>
Price	£79.00	£88.00	£106.00

To order, please email [sales@nbcolourprint.co.uk](mailto:sales@nbcolourprint.co.uk) or call 01257 265 726 quoting the reference(s) above, required quantities and delivery address. Payment instructions will be given in the invoice. Should you wish to print any of the above resources in your parish they can be downloaded from [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/resources/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/resources/).

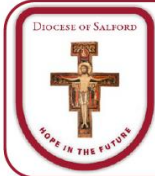
# PASTORAL MESSAGES & WORKSHEETS

During Stage 3 of Hope in the Future, as we seek to develop as missionary parishes and missionary disciples, we must look to the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist, which both binds us together as disciples and sends us out on our mission. It is also the place where many will first experience what the mission of the Church is, since it acts in many ways as the “shop window” of the parish. Over the next year we will be examining Sunday Mass under four headings; Our Welcome, Our Listening, Our Offering and Our Mission. Each theme will focus on a personal encounter with Jesus and how every part of the Mass must be seen in these terms, if it is to nourish and strengthen us as disciples. Every member of the congregation, whether ministers or not, has a responsibility to help make the celebration this personal encounter, both for themselves and for each other.

In addition to Bishop John’s pastoral letter on the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> October 2019 there will be four ‘Pastoral Messages and Worksheets’ to be read and discussed on the following weekends:


- **7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> December 2019** – 2nd Sunday of Advent - Pastoral message from Bishop John & worksheet 1 – ‘Encountering Jesus in Our Welcome’.
- **8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> February 2020** – 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Pastoral message from Bishop John & worksheet 2 – ‘Encountering Jesus in Our Listening’.
- **13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> June 2020** – Feast of Corpus Christi - Pastoral message from Bishop John & worksheet 3 – ‘Encountering Jesus in Our Offering’
- **12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> July 2020** – 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Pastoral message from Bishop John & worksheet 4 – ‘Encountering Jesus in Our Mission’


On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October each parish will receive enough copies of the first Pastoral message and worksheet for each parishioner. Pastoral messages 2-4 will be posted to parishes in advance throughout the year. If you have not received these please email [hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk). Some parishes may wish for the bishops message to be read out by the priest (or play the audio recording of the bishops message which can be downloaded from the diocesan website) and then allow some time during the homily slot for the congregation to discuss with those around them the discussion and reflection questions whilst others may wish to do this after Mass or at a separate meeting.



# HOPE

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LIVING THE SUNDAY EUCHARIST





**8th December 2019**      **2nd Sunday of Advent**

Sunday Mass has been called “The shop window of the Parish”. It is the central moment when we gather together to meet Jesus in each other, in the Word and in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. It is the “source and summit” of our Christian lives—the place where we can bring all our experiences of life to God, and be nourished and filled for the journey of the coming week. In this year we are reflecting on different aspects of the Sunday Eucharist, seeking to deepen our awareness of the personal encounter with Jesus, and the mission He entrusts to us as His disciples. Today we think about WELCOME—the welcome we give each other, the welcome God gives us when we come to his house, and the way we welcome Jesus into our lives in our Sunday Mass each week. *Please use this sheet for discussions in Church, parish meetings, or thoughts at home.*

## 1. MEETING JESUS IN OUR WELCOME

Bishop John writes ...

# RESOURCES

## Prayer

- Web link - <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Prayer/index.shtml>

## The Assembly

- The Order of Mass – <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Order-of-Mass-Booklet.pdf>
- Children's Mass Sheet – <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Childrens-Mass-Sheet-2.pdf>

## Readers

- Handout - <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/GIRM/Ministry/Readers.pdf>
- Video - <https://vimeo.com/44788006>

## Eucharistic Ministers

- Handout - <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/GIRM/Ministry/Communion.pdf>

## Altar Servers

- Handout - <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/GIRM/Ministry/Servers.pdf>

## Musicians

- Music Ministry handout - <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/GIRM/Ministry/Musicians.pdf>
- Singing at Mass – <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Mass-settings.pdf>

## Prayers of the Faithful

- Handout - <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/GIRM/Ministry/Intercessions.pdf>
- Worksheet - <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Documents/PoF-worksheet.pdf>

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

- Handout - <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/GIRM/Ministry/LOWC.pdf>

## Hospitality

- Handout - <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/GIRM/Ministry/Hospitality.pdf>

## Liturgical Environment

- Handout - <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/GIRM/Ministry/Environment.pdf>

## Clergy

- Handout - <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/GIRM/Ministry/Priest.pdf>
- Preaching - <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/GIRM/Ministry/Preaching.pdf>

## Liturgical Review

- Handout - [http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Preparation/Liturgy\\_Review.pdf](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Preparation/Liturgy_Review.pdf)

## Videos

The Roman Missal – videos for readers and musicians - <https://www.romanmissal.org.uk/>

- First reading/Psalm - <https://vimeo.com/44788093>
- New Missal: Gloria - <https://vimeo.com/32133243>

Short 5 minute videos produced for parents of children on the First Holy Communion programme exploring various themes around the Mass finishing with three reflection questions - <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/services/formation/sacramental-programme/parents-videos/>

- Fr Mark Paver – Is it wrong to be bored at Mass? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbj1cH10kkg>
- Fr Frankie Mulgrew – Mass is amazing - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkkFZH1pSG0>
- David Wells – Jesus died for a reason - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwriA0QNf2M>
- David Wells – Real Presence - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0HvjuMLJkh8>
- Fr Mark Paver – Stay with it - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEpuzLQHiDk>
- Patty Ganley – Taking your children to Mass - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PuubjO\\_yPA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PuubjO_yPA)

Videos on the Mass for young people delivered by the Youth Chaplains:

[www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/school-links/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/school-links/)

- Encountering Jesus in our Welcome
- Encountering Jesus in our Listening
- Encountering Jesus in our Offering
- Encountering Jesus in our Mission





Taken from [www.cjmmusic.com/responsorialpsalms/](http://www.cjmmusic.com/responsorialpsalms/)

“... The psalms in the lectionary have been selected to help the assembly to **meditate on and respond to** the word that has just been proclaimed” – Celebrating the Mass #161

Through the psalm the assembly respond to the first reading, take the words of the response to heart (so often, the words of the response are in the first person singular) and prepare to hear the Gospel. The usual form for singing the psalm is responsorially – with a response sung by all and the verses sung by the psalmist/cantor. The psalm may also be sung in the ‘direct’ form where the assembly sings the whole psalm. In terms of contemporary settings that work well with guitar-style accompaniment, resources are relatively limited. The settings offered here have been developed by our team over the years, sometimes in a workshop environment, sometimes as a one-off for particular occasions.

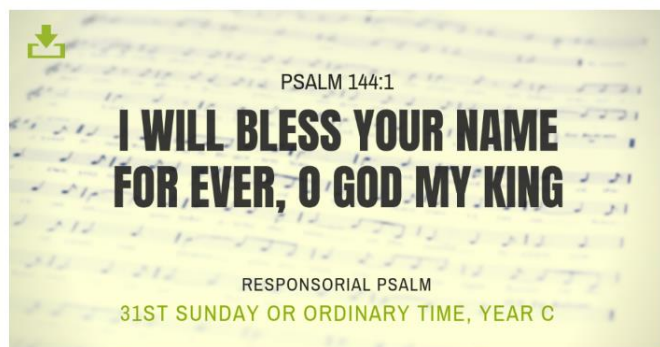
You’ll find three types of settings in this collection:

- 1) A sung response with spoken verses
- 2) A sung responses with a Gelineau-style psalm tone
- 3) More “lyrical” settings with response and through-composed verses

“... if other ways of singing or sharing the psalms are appropriate, such as the use of a sung response with a recitation of the text, these too may be used, so that the people’s participation may be facilitated by every means”  
~ Celebrating the Mass #162

## 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

The **31st Sunday in Ordinary Time** occurs between 30 October – 5 November.



*Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14 r.1*

**I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.**



Click [here](#) to download melody line and chords [PDF]

**Listen below:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C ~ Responsorial Psalm



The recordings have been kept deliberately simple – little more than 2 guitars and 2 voices in most cases, to make them easy to learn and apply in your own context.

Below you will find web links to the CJM psalms from October 2019 – October 2020. On each page you will find an audio sample to help you learn it and a PDF of sheet music.

Date	Liturgy	Psalms Response	Psalms link
6/10/19	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT (Year C)	Psalms 94 – O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts’.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/27th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/27th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/</a>
13/10/19	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT (Year C)	Psalms 97 – The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/28th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/28th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/</a>
20/10/19	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT (Year C)	Psalms 120 - Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/29th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/29th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/</a>
27/10/19	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT (Year C)	Psalms 33 - The poor man called; the Lord has heard him.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/30th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/30th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/</a>
3/11/19	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in OT (Year C)	Psalms 144 - I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/31st-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-c/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/31st-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-c/</a>
10/11/19	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in OT (Year C)	Psalms 16 - I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/32nd-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-c/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/32nd-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-c/</a>
17/11/19	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT (Year C)	Psalms 97 - The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/33rd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/33rd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/</a>
24/11/19	Feast of Christ the King (Year C)	Psalms 121 - I rejoiced when I heard them say: ‘Let us go to God’s house.’	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/christ-the-king-year-c/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/christ-the-king-year-c/</a>
1/12/19	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A)	Psalms 121 - I rejoiced when I heard them say: ‘Let us go to God’s house.’	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/1st-sunday-of-advent-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/1st-sunday-of-advent-year-a/</a>
8/12/19	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A)	Psalms 71 - In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/2nd-sunday-of-advent-year-a-2/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/2nd-sunday-of-advent-year-a-2/</a>
15/12/19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A)	Psalms 145 – Come, Lord, and save us.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/3rd-sunday-of-advent-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/3rd-sunday-of-advent-year-a/</a>
22/12/19	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A)	Psalms 23 – Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/4th-sunday-of-advent-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/4th-sunday-of-advent-year-a/</a>
24/12/19	Nativity of the Lord, Vigil Mass	Psalms 88 - <b>I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.</b>	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/nativity-of-the-lord-vigil-mass-year-a-b-c/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/nativity-of-the-lord-vigil-mass-year-a-b-c/</a>
25/12/19	Christmas Day – Mass during the day	Psalms 97 – All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.	<a href="http://mikeanderson.net/Psalms%20CHRISTMAS%20SEASON.htm">http://mikeanderson.net/Psalms%20CHRISTMAS%20SEASON.htm</a>
29/12/19	The Holy Family (Year A)	Psalms 127 – O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!	<a href="http://mikeanderson.net/Psalms%20CHRISTMAS%20SEASON.htm">http://mikeanderson.net/Psalms%20CHRISTMAS%20SEASON.htm</a>
5/1/19	The Epiphany of the Lord (year A)	Psalms 71 – All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.	<a href="http://mikeanderson.net/Psalms%20CHRISTMAS%20SEASON.htm">http://mikeanderson.net/Psalms%20CHRISTMAS%20SEASON.htm</a>
12/1/19	The Baptism of the Lord (Year A)	Psalms 28 – The Lord will bless his people with peace.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/baptism-of-the-lord-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/baptism-of-the-lord-year-a/</a>
19/1/19	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in OT (Year A)	Psalms 39 – Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/2nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/2nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/</a>
26/1/19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT (Year A)	Psalms 26 – The Lord is my light and my help.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/3rd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/3rd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/</a>
2/2/19	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT (Year A)	Psalms 23 - Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/the-presentation-of-the-lord/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/the-presentation-of-the-lord/</a>
9/2/19	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT (Year A)	Psalms 111 – The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/5th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/5th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/</a>
16/2/19	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT (Year A)	Psalms 118 – They are happy who follow God’s law!	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/6th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/6th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/</a>
23/2/19	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT (Year A)	Psalms 102 – The Lord is compassion and love	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/6th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/6th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/</a>
1/3/19	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year A)	Psalms 50 - Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/1st-sunday-of-lent-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/1st-sunday-of-lent-year-a/</a>



8/3/19	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year A)	Psalm 32 – May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/2nd-sunday-of-lent-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/2nd-sunday-of-lent-year-a/</a>
15/3/19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year A)	Psalm 94 – O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/3rd-sunday-of-lent-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/3rd-sunday-of-lent-year-a/</a>
22/3/19	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year A)	Psalm 22 - The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/4th-sunday-of-lent-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/4th-sunday-of-lent-year-a/</a>
29/3/19	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year A)	Psalm 129 - With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/5th-sunday-of-lent-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/5th-sunday-of-lent-year-a/</a>
5/4/19	Palm Sunday	Psalm 21 – My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/pas-sion-sunday-palm-sunday-year-a-b-c/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/pas-sion-sunday-palm-sunday-year-a-b-c/</a>
9/4/19	Maundy Thursday	Psalm 115 – The blessing cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/mas-s-of-the-lords-supper-maundy-thursday-year-a-b-c/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/mas-s-of-the-lords-supper-maundy-thursday-year-a-b-c/</a>
10/4/19	Good Friday	Psalm 30 – Father, into your hands I commend my spirit	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/goo-d-friday-year-a-b-c/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/goo-d-friday-year-a-b-c/</a>
11/4/19	The Easter Vigil	Psalms 103, 15, 29, 18, 41, 50, Exodus 15, Isaiah 12	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/the-easter-vigil-year-a-b-c/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/the-easter-vigil-year-a-b-c/</a>
12/4/19	Easter Sunday	Psalm 117 - This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/east-er-sunday-year-a-b-c/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/east-er-sunday-year-a-b-c/</a>
19/4/19	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year A)	Psalm 117 - This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/east-er-sunday-year-a-b-c/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/east-er-sunday-year-a-b-c/</a>
26/4/19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year A)	Psalm 16 – Show us, Lord, the path of life.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/3rd-sunday-of-easter-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/3rd-sunday-of-easter-year-a/</a>
3/5/19	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year A)	Psalm 22 – The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/4th-sunday-of-easter-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/4th-sunday-of-easter-year-a/</a>
10/5/19	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year A)	Psalm 32 – May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/5th-sunday-of-easter-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/5th-sunday-of-easter-year-a/</a>
17/5/19	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year A)	Psalm 65 – Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/6th-sunday-of-easter-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/6th-sunday-of-easter-year-a/</a>
21/5/19	The Ascension of the Lord	Psalm 46 – God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes us with trumpet blast.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/asc-ension/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/asc-ension/</a>
24/5/19	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year A)	Psalm 26 – I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/songs/i-am-sure-song/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/songs/i-am-sure-song/</a>
31/5/19	Pentecost	Psalm 103 - Send forth your spirit, O Lord and renew the face of the earth.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/pent-ecost/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/pent-ecost/</a>
7/6/19	The Most Holy Trinity	Daniel 3:52-56 r. 52 - To you glory and praise for evermore.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/the-most-holy-trinity-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/the-most-holy-trinity-year-a/</a>
14/6/19	Corpus Christi	Psalm 147 - O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/mos-t-holy-body-blood-of-the-lord-corpus-christi-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/mos-t-holy-body-blood-of-the-lord-corpus-christi-year-a/</a>
21/6/19	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of OT (Year A)	Psalm 68 – In your great love, answer me, O Lord.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/12th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/12th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/</a>
28/6/19	Ss. Peter & Paul	Psalm 33 – From all my terrors the Lord set me free.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/st-peter-st-paul-year-a-b-c/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/st-peter-st-paul-year-a-b-c/</a>
5/7/19	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT (Year A)	Psalm 144 – I will bless you name for ever, O God my King.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/14th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/14th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/</a>
12/7/19	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT (Year A)	Psalm 64 – Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crops	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/15th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/15th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/</a>

19/7/19	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT (Year A)	Psalms 85 – O Lord, you are good and forgiving	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/downloads/psalms/pdf/ps085-0-lord-you-are-good.pdf">https://www.cjmmusic.com/downloads/psalms/pdf/ps085-0-lord-you-are-good.pdf</a>
26/7/19	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT (Year A)	Psalms 118 – Lord, how I love you law!	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/17th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/17th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/</a>
2/8/19	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT (Year A)	Psalms 144 - You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/18th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/18th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/</a>
9/8/19	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT (Year A)	Psalms 84 – Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/19th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/19th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/</a>
16/8/19	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Psalms 44 – On your right stand the queen, in garments of gold.	<a href="http://www.mikeanderson.net/Psalms%20OTHER%20OCCASIONS.htm">http://www.mikeanderson.net/Psalms%20OTHER%20OCCASIONS.htm</a>
23/8/19	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in OT (Year A)	Psalms 137- Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/21st-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/21st-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/</a>
30/8/19	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in OT (Year A)	Psalms 62 – For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/22nd-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/22nd-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-a/</a>
6/9/19	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT (Year A)	Psalms 94 - O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts'	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/23rd-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/23rd-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-a/</a>
13/9/19	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT (Year A)	Psalms 102 – The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/24th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/24th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-a/</a>
20/9/19	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT (Year A)	Psalms 144 – The Lord is close to all who call him	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/25th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/25th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-a/</a>
27/9/19	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT (Year A)	Psalms 24 – Remember your mercy, Lord	<a href="https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/26th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-a/">https://www.cjmmusic.com/psalms/26th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-a/</a>

### Other resources

Decani Music – Laudate

Decani Music – The Complete Responsorial Psalter

Kevin Mayhew Liturgical Hymns Old & New

The Collegeville Psalter by Paul Inwood

Responsorial Psalms for Sundays and Major Feast Days - Fintan O'Carroll

Mike Anderson - <http://www.mikeanderson.net/Responsorial%20Psalms.htm>

CBCEW Liturgy Office - Common Psalms -

<https://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Info/Common-Psalms.pdf>

Universalis - Readings at Mass, Liturgical Calendar and Liturgy of the Hours -

<https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

# BEING MISSION ORIENTED

## The National Weekend of Invitation

*Helping churches respond to their greatest missed opportunity*

### **When is the National Weekend of Invitation?**

The weekend comes strategically after Thy Kingdom Come, the Archbishop's season of Pentecost prayer. For a suggested timetable leading up to the Weekend see [weekendofinvitation.com/timetable](http://weekendofinvitation.com/timetable)

### **Plan an event**

This can be anything from simply a guest service on the Sunday, to a special event on the Friday or Saturday. A list of ideas and possible contributors is at [weekendofinvitation.com/guestevents](http://weekendofinvitation.com/guestevents). A range of publicity on the theme 'Be Our Guest' can be seen at [weekendofinvitation.com/publicity](http://weekendofinvitation.com/publicity)

### **Prepare your people**

The reason people don't invite is 'fear'. They need help to grow as disciples by facing this fear and the making of an invitation as 'success' in itself. See [weekendofinvitation.com/thebarrierfear](http://weekendofinvitation.com/thebarrierfear) This is achieved by an *Invitation Cross Sunday*. The talk is on seeing invitation more Biblically. And people bring to a cross the names of those God may be prompting them to invite. Details of the preparation options, including a visit to your church and webinars, are at [weekendofinvitation.com/training](http://weekendofinvitation.com/training)

Almost 3 million people are open to being invited to church.

And that's why we are here...

- Helping churches think differently about 'invitation'
- Showing churches how to hold a faith-building Invitation Cross Sunday.
- Providing resources for 'be our guest' events on the National Weekend of invitation

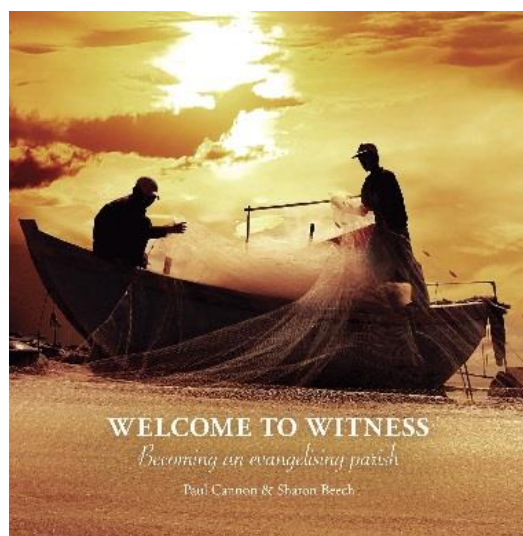


*When churches say  
"be our guest"*

## **Advent & Lent Prayer Action Campaign**

*Used at Guardian Angels' Bury & St Hilda's Tottington, taken from 'Welcome to Witness – becoming an evangelising Parish' Paul Cannon & Sharon Beech.*

In our parish at the beginning of Advent and Lent we launch a prayer and action campaign. We invite people to begin the season by lighting a candle in church for someone they would either like to see return to the Church or come for the first time. Having lit a candle for them, we then invite our parishioners to pray daily during the season for that person, and then, as either Christmas or Easter approaches, to invite the person they have been praying for to come to church with them. People find it so much easier to come into a strange place when there is someone there to guide them. This is a simple example of enabling people in the pews to reach out... One of our parishioners shared with us the story of what happened. She lit a candle on our special Lenten candle stand, and she prayed each day for her husband who had not been to church for many years. She also knew what she had done so far was the easy part, lighting a candle and praying; the hardest part was yet to come and that was to invite her husband to come to church with her. On Holy Saturday evening, just before she was leaving for the Easter Vigil she shouted up the stairs to her husband that she was going to the Easter Vigil in a few minutes. She then added, "Do you want to come with me?" To her amazement her husband shouted back, "Yes, just give me a couple of minutes and I'll be with you." He came back to church to the most beautiful and powerful liturgy of the Church's year, and the longest liturgy of the year. But it didn't put him off, he's still here, and now very much involved in the life of the parish. His wife's prayers, example, witness and faith had brought him back to the church.





# A SPIRITUALITY OF SERVICE: MINISTRY PATRONS

As part of our focus on Living the Sunday Eucharist in this third year of the Hope in the Future process, we are inviting all liturgical ministers to undertake a review and renewal of their ministry. The diocese will be providing training days and study resources for all ministries. In addition to this, we are seeking to “bring out from our storehouse things old and new” and reviving an ancient Catholic practice—entrusting our ministry to the patronage of the saints. In our parishes a wonderful number of lay people volunteer their time, energy and talents to enable the worthy celebration of Sunday Mass. We would like to invite you to entrust your ministry to a patron saint, so that both within your own parish and within the wider family of the diocese you may receive and offer support and encouragement in your ministry. At the training days you will have the opportunity be added to a minister’s database so we can inform you of upcoming training events and resources. Each ministry has a saint as patron:



## SAINT BEDE

### FOR READERS OF GOD’S WORD

Saint Bede was renowned for his learning, and especially his love of the Scriptures, writing commentaries and producing translations, so that the Word of God could be heard and appreciated, and could nourish the faith of God’s people.

**As patron, we pray that Saint Bede’s love of the Word of God may enthuse and sustain all who read in Church.**



## SAINT JOSEPHINE

### FOR WELCOMERS AND MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saint Josephine was sold into slavery in the Sudan, but found herself in Italy, where she was freed and converted and joined an order of nuns. She spent her life serving the community in Canossa, being known to all citizens as the sister who would sit by the door welcoming all who visited.

**As patron, we pray that Saint Josephine’s example of joyful hospitality may inspire all who welcome others to worship.**



## SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES

### FOR SACRISTANS, CLEANERS, FLOWER ARRANGERS & GARDENERS

Saint Martin de Porres was a Dominican brother, who faced much opposition because of his race; in the convent in Lima he worked in the kitchen, cleaning and helping dispense medicines. In art he is always depicted holding a broom.

**As patron, we pray that Saint Martin’s humble devotion to the practicalities of community life may guide all who work behind the scenes to create a fitting environment for the liturgy.**



## SAINT CECILIA

### FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS

Saint Cecilia was an early martyr of the Roman Church, who since the sixteenth century has been honoured as the patron saint of all musicians. It is said that her heart overflowed with love of God as she heard the music for her wedding.

**As patron, we pray that Saint Cecilia may fill the hearts of all musicians and singers with immense love of God and the community they serve through the selfless gift of their musical skills and talents.**



## SAINT STEPHEN

### FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Saint Stephen was one of the seven first deacons, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, and became the first martyr, being stoned to death. As a deacon, his responsibility was service of the Church, especially ministering to the poor and needy.

**As patron, we pray that Saint Stephen may fill all our altar servers with a spirit of generous service of God’s people in the liturgy.**



## SAINT CLARE

### FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Saint Clare lived in Assisi, and was a disciple of Saint Francis, forming a community of sisters to live according to his way. She had a deep love of the eucharist, and once experienced a miraculous “viewing” of the Blessed Sacrament from a distance when on her sick bed.

**As guild patron, we pray that Saint Clare may foster a deeper devotion to the real presence of Jesus in his Body and Blood, especially when taken to those who cannot come to Church.**



# FORMATION & TRAINING DAYS

## **Formation Lecture: A Welcoming Parish with Sr Brenda Matterson DC**

Wednesday 16th October 2019

St Gabriel's RCHS, Bury, BL9 0TZ

## **Readers Training Day with Marian Tolley**

Saturday 9th November 2019, 10:00-15:00

Our Lady & St John Catholic College, Blackburn, BB1 1PY

## **Formation Lecture: Liturgical Formation with Fr James Manock**

Wednesday 13th November 2019, 19:30-21:00

St Gabriel's RCHS, Bury, BL9 0TZ

## **Music Ministry Training Day with Stephen Dean, Daniel Bath, Anthony Hunt & Maria Hall**

Saturday 16th November 2019, 10:00-15:00

St Mary's RC Church, Eccles, M30 0LU

## **Formation Lecture: The Eucharist – Food for the Journey with Mariana Miller**

Wednesday 4th December 2019, 19:30-21:00

St Gabriel's RCHS, Bury, BL9 0TZ

## **Eucharistic Ministers Training Day with Irenaeus Project**

Saturday 18th January 2020, 10:00 – 16:00

St Vincent de Paul RC Church, Rochdale, OL12 6BU

## **Music & Liturgy Workshop Day with Jo Boyce**

Saturday 8th February 2020, 10:00-18:30 (vigil Mass at 17:30)

St Thomas of Canterbury RC Church, Bolton, BL1 4PN

## **Formation Lecture: Source & Summit with Fr Richard Ounsworth OP**

Wednesday 4th March 2020, 19:30-21:00

St Gabriel's RCHS, Bury, BL9 0TZ

## **Children's Liturgy Training Day with Linda Pennington**

Saturday 28th March 2020, 10:00 – 15:00

Cathedral Centre, Salford, M3 6DP

## **Retreat Day for Altar Servers with Fr David Featherstone & Lorraine Leonard**

Saturday 18th April 2020, 10:00 – 15:00 (Ages 8-11)

Saturday 16th May 2020, 10:00 – 15:00 (Ages 12-17)

The Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst, Clitheroe, BB7 9PZ

## **Formation Lecture: The celebration of the Eucharist over the years with Maria Hall**

Wednesday 3rd June 2020, 19:30-21:00

St Gabriel's RCHS, Bury, BL9 0TZ

*Please promote these events in your parish and display the enclosed posters.*

## **To register your place or for more information -**

**Visit:** [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events)

**Email:** [hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Call:** 0161 817 2214

# APPENDIX A – TEN VALUES SHARED BY HEALTHY, GROWING CHURCHES



*Taken from Fr Gareth Leyshon's summary of Divine  
Renovation by Fr James Mallon*  
<http://www.drgareth.info/Summary4.pdf>

## 1. The Sunday Experience

St Benedict's is committed to making Sunday Mass the best possible experience for those who attend.

## 2. Hospitality

- Ensure the venue is clean and tidy, especially toilets.
- Appoint welcomers who enjoy welcoming and who can cope warmly with visitors with additional needs.
- Don't be constrained to one hour if you need to preach or sing longer - adjust Mass schedules if need be.
- At a Mass when you know many non-Catholics are present, explain some of the ritual as you go along.
- Offer those who want to keep in touch not a membership form but a 'Communications Card'.

For those who complete a Communications Card, a member of the parish welcome team will call and arrange to meet them. The new person is given an info pack about the parish and what it means to belong. They are invited to a New Parishioner Event. This takes the form of a "cheese & wine" on a Saturday night every two months. After informal mingling, guests are given an opportunity to fill out a formal registration card at the end of the evening. Their assigned welcomer will make a point of spotting them at Mass or keeping in touch if they are not attending. The whole process is geared to building relationships.

## 3. Excellent Music

Make the music at Sunday worship excellent, and don't reject anything old or new on merely ideological grounds. Catholics CAN sing (try 'Happy Birthday') but may need encouragement even to the extent of having to repeat something. Prioritise hymns which speak praise directly to God (though other styles have their place and are represented in Scripture). It's OK to sing "I" rather than "we" sometimes. To avoid banal love-song hymns apply the 'Brenda' test - does the song make sense if you were to substitute the name of Jesus with 'Brenda'? There's no reason to shun 'praise and worship' music from the evangelical tradition unless a particular lyric has a theological problem. Ensure the sound system works well and consider good use of visual screens. Good usage of visuals probably requires two screens, either side of and outside the sanctuary, not distracting from the liturgical action, and with a seasonal 'default' slide rather than a blank white screen when not otherwise in use.

## 4. Excellent Preaching

Give a sound homily which doesn't sound scholarly but communicates the joy of the Gospel. 20 minutes is not too long, if it is engaging. Use humour. Know what you are trying to communicate: can you sum up the message in a 140-character tweet and the desired response in another? Preach warmly and not out of frustration or anger. The homilist must have spent time listening to the Word; you are not preaching to 'them' but a congregation which includes yourself.

- Use personal anecdotes, but do so sparingly.
- Do reflect on issues in the news or questions raised by parishioners.
- Use the set readings, however much they challenge you.

- Make a strong opening - ask a question or tell a story.
- Have a clear ending, which sometimes recalls the opening hook.
- Use bullet points rather than a full script, except on topics requiring precision.
- Pray
- Get feedback on your preaching style and content.
- Use visuals to reinforce your point, if the technology is available.

Have a programme of preaching which all your parish preachers are aware of; preach in series (within the constraints of the lectionary), and use those series to unpack the vision and pastoral plan of the parish.

## **5. Build Community**

Today's culture follows a "belong > believe > behave" pattern. There are unavoidable problems in what it means to "belong" as a Catholic because of the ritual structure of the Mass, and the need to wait for initiation before taking communion. Nevertheless, we have to find ways for people to "belong" at Mass.

*Alpha* techniques have been applied to the experience of Sunday worship: once a month, people are asked to put on name-tags. Prayer ministry teams are available to pray with people after each Mass (60-70 people receive prayer ministry each weekend).

After previous experiments with 'say good morning' or 'ask someone's name' at the start of Mass, Mallon now invites people to partner with someone they do not know, if possible, and to pray for that person by name during Mass. Each week, at the end of the Prayer of the Faithful, they pause in silence to pray for the person we met at the beginning of Mass.

How do we make a large parish a place where you can be known by name? Foster a culture of engagement, and that can be measured - see *Growing an Engaged Church*, by Al Wiseman. Gallup tools enable a church to survey its membership and discover the percentages of engaged members, non-engaged members, and actively disengaged members. The survey developed by Gallup is called the ME 25; it assesses 25 indicators of membership engagement. A FRUITFUL community needs 4 engaged parishioners for every 1 actively disengaged. Three years after implementing an engagement-based strategy at Saint Benedict, the number of adults in programs of evangelization and faith formation has tripled. The number of parishioners in ministry has doubled, and the weekly collection has doubled - the overall number of parishioners in the pews has not grown, though there has been significant turnover.

## **6. Have Clear Expectations of Parishioners**

All members at Saint Benedict are expected to worship, to grow, to serve, to connect and to give. Anyone who wants to become a parish members is given a brochure which says:

"Saint Benedict Parish is a Catholic Christian community of disciples of the Lord Jesus. We believe that everyone is called to be on a spiritual journey and what matters is not where a person is on that journey, but that they are actually on the journey itself. Therefore, we seek to welcome all people regardless of the stage of their spiritual life, their struggles and failures. We are a hospital for sinners, not a hotel for Saints. We simply ask that you walk with us and be open to what God is calling you to. To be a member of this parish is to enter into relationship with the other members of the parish who are also on this spiritual journey. We do this together. Clear expectations are at the heart of every healthy relationship."

The brochure first says what members can expect of the parish: dynamic liturgies, tools for spiritual growth; recognition of your gifts and talents; a place of love and support, and where your financial giving will be used honourably.

Then it sets out expectations of parishioners: attending Sunday Eucharist (to worship); attending at least one program of faith formation each year (to grow); being involved in at least one parish ministry each year (to serve); deliberately reaching out to network 12 with other parishioners (to connect), and making a financial offering as an integral part of worshipping God (to give).

Inspired by evangelicals, Mallon has taken the oft-quoted triad of "Time, Talent and Treasure" and given it a new focus: TIME is specifically the time we invest in worshipping God or growing ourselves as disciples (rather than in serving others, which is now exclusively an aspect of TALENT). But the sick and housebound were included by recognising praying at home and "offering up suffering" as a 'talent'.

One month each year is devoted to each T - September is the TIME season, TALENT runs from Epiphany and TREASURE (financial giving) is in the early summer. Each season runs over 5 weeks as follows:

1. Letter to every family in the parish;
2. Major homily on the topic, and overview;
3. Short homily, lay witness and booklet given out;
4. Short homily, lay witness and Ministry Fair Week;
5. Homily on the topic, and Commitment Cards brought to the altar.

Experience from other churches shows that this kind of initiative takes 7 years to bed in, reaching a plateau with around 60% of parishioners engaging. It is not about gathering data but transforming expectations.

## **7. Strength-Based Ministry**

There is a business personal strengths analysis tool called the Clifton Strengths Finder, which has been developed into a Christian version, 'Living Your Strengths', which even comes in a Catholic edition. Volunteers will thrive if they are using most of their top five strengths in a ministry, and St Benedict's now has a staff member who helps members identify theirs.

## **8. Community Groups**

Holy Trinity Brompton used to run small groups for members who had completed *Alpha*, but small groups (8-12 people) can be too small for the shy to hide in, and can easily peter out. Now, they run groups of 25 to 35 people. These are small enough for people to be known, cared for, loved and called forth. They are big enough for people to sit at the back and not be put under the kind of pressure that might exist in a group of eight. They would be big enough to admit new members and grow. St Benedict's therefore runs similarly sized "connect groups", led by lay people. Groups meet twice a month in the homes of church members. This can be a squash, but if you can cope with having a party for that many people, you can cope with a Connect Group. Each evening consists of a shared meal, a time of singing and praying, a talk by a member and a time of praying for and with one another. All members take turns to present or give a testimony. Some of the current ten groups are based on age, some are mixed generations, and some are "family friendly," with children and parents gathering together. Once a group grows beyond 35 people, parish leadership will identify, call forth and equip new leaders and split the group into two.

### **9. Experience of the Holy Spirit**

It is normal for human beings to get emotional at a football match or a pop concert, to wave, shout, cry out... but in our Western Catholic culture, we are emotionally constipated at church, despite the Bible exhorting us to cry out with joy and sound cymbals and drums! The *Alpha* Course has openness to the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit as an integral part, so at St Benedict it is normal for parishioners to call upon the Holy Spirit in prayer times and in meetings.

## **9. A Culture of Invitation**

Although Mallon has not yet moved the parish to a conscious focus on inviting others, implementing the previous nine points has already generated a natural culture of inviting new people to church.

When we become deliberate about this, we must recognise that most invitations will be to people we are already in relationship with. We may need to be persistent. We must be ready to invest practical effort in helping them get to church... and be canny about what to invite them to. Sunday Mass? *Alpha*? Something else?

Fear of rejection must be overcome by the Lord's constant refrain, "Do not be afraid." The person with the most rejections also garners the most successes! Inviting others will not feel awkward if we have had a good experience of parish that we would naturally enthuse about. A compelling vision for the parish will generate enthusiasm, too!

For more information visit <https://divinerenovation.net/>

## APPENDIX B – SINGING THE MASS

*Taken from Bishops Conference of England & Wales Liturgy Office -*  
[www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Music/Singing.shtml](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Music/Singing.shtml)

### What is this leaflet for?

This leaflet is based on what the Church teaches about the Mass. Most people don't have time to read the General Instruction on the Roman Missal, the main source for this leaflet, or don't know where to get hold of a copy, or might be put off by the look of it. So the information needed by those who lead the music, or those who simply want to know, is not widely enough available. The Bishops' Church Music Committee has produced this leaflet to make it easier to absorb. It takes the official statement that 'singing at Mass is of great importance' 1 and applies it to the situations in which we find ourselves. Resources of time and people are in short supply in our parishes, and choices have to be made about where to put our energy. It is important to know what to choose, which parts, according to the Church, should be sung so that we can respond to the Word and give thanks to God most worthily. If you ask people what the main sung parts of Mass are, many will say 'the hymns'. Hymns are all many people experience, so that is a reasonable answer. It can be a surprise to hear that to sing hymns at Mass is a quite recent development and that you could have a perfectly good sung Mass with no hymns. The five columns are a way of showing this. The columns go from the most important parts (1) to the least (5). They serve as a checklist, so that if for instance you are not singing anything in columns 1 or 2 you need to re-assess your priorities. Some of the placings in 4 & 5 are recommendations rather than firm prescriptions, but overall this scheme provides a way of learning the 'shape' of the Mass so it can truly be an encounter with God.

**Column 1** shows a Mass with no hymns. This lets us see the most important parts to sing: the Gospel Acclamation and the Acclamations of the Eucharistic Prayer. Why these? Because they allow us to acclaim the presence of Christ in his Gospel and on the altar, at the two most solemn moments of the Mass.

**Column 2** adds some more pieces to the basic core. The Opening Song is intended to unite us and open our hearts to hear God's voice. The Breaking of Bread and Communion songs express our unity in the Christ we receive. The Gloria allows us to express our praise as a community. The Psalm Response puts on our lips words that sum up the day's scripture.

**Column 3** can be added next as opportunity permits. The Penitential Rite is particularly appropriate to sing in Lent and Advent when there is no Gloria. At the Preparation of the Gifts (no longer called 'Offertory') there may be a song, instrumental music or silence. The Final Song can send us out inspired but it isn't essential - it's not in the - it's not In the Missal!

**Column 4** is getting into the sphere of dedication to duty! A priest needn't feel obliged to sing the Eucharistic Prayer but if he can do it sometimes he should. A sung response to the Intercessions can concentrate the minds of those praying.

**Column 5** is for the angels



'Do this  
in mem-  
ory of  
me'

## What is to be done?

*What ritual is used?*

**What are the roles in the assembly? How important is it to sing?**

## Introductory Rite

## Gathering God's people

- Becoming one in heart and voice
- Preparing to listen

## The Word

*Recalling God's great works for us*

- Opening our hearts
- Remembering our story
- Feeling our heart burn within us
- Breaking and sharing the word
- Praying for all humanity

# The Eucharist

*From word to thanksgiving*

- Fulfilling the Lord's command to 'Do this in memory of me'
- Recalling his death, his resurrection, his coming again
- Becoming one with his sacrifice
- Receiving God's gifts

## Concluding Rite

*Going in peace to love  
and serve the Lord*

	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Opening Procession</b>	All sing while ministers process or gather				
<b>Greeting</b>	Priest & people dialogue				
<b>Penitential Rite</b>	Priest [& Cantor] and people dialogue				
<b>[Gloria]</b>	Whole assembly participates				
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Priest leads prayer; all assent with 'Amen'				
<b>First Reading</b>	Reader proclaims; all listen				
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalmist sings; all respond				
<b>[Second Reading]</b>	Reader proclaims; all listen				
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	All sing [C. may lead] while ministers process				
<b>THE GOSPEL</b>	Deacon or Priest proclaims and all listen				
<b>Homily</b>	Priest/Deacon 'breaks the word' and all listen				
<b>[Profession of Faith]</b>	All recite [or sing]				
<b>General Intercessions</b> (Prayer of the Faithful, Bidding Prayer)	{ Reader announces intentions; all pray in silence and then respond Priest concludes and all assent with 'Amen'				
<b>Preparation of Altar &amp; Gifts</b>	People bring gifts while all sing or listen <i>[If no song, P. may say prayers, all respond]</i>				
<b>Prayer over the Gifts</b>	Priest leads prayer; all assent with 'Amen'				
<b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b>					
<b>Proclamation:</b> <i>dialogue &amp; preface, thanksgiving, institution, intercessions, doxology</i>	The priest proclaims the prayer on behalf of the whole assembly, which shows its assent by singing the acclamations				
<b>Assent:</b> <i>preface dialogue responses Sanctus, Mem. Acc, Amen</i>					
<b>Lord's Prayer</b>	All pray together				
<b>Peace</b>	Priest/deacon invites and all exchange peace				
<b>Breaking of Bread</b>	During the breaking the 'Agnus Dei' is sung				
<b>COMMUNION</b>	All process to communion; a song is sung				
<b>Silence after communion</b> (Or: Thanksgiving hymn)	No music or speaking! <i>All sing</i>				
<b>Prayer after Communion</b>	Priest leads prayer; all assent with 'Amen'				
<b>Blessing and Dismissal</b>	Priest [& deacon] and people dialogue				
<b>Exit Procession</b>	All sing [or listen] while ministers depart				

**... and after:** being Christ for others until the next gathering

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