



LITURGY NOTES

for the Masses of the First Assembly
of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia

3-10 October 2021

The daily liturgies and prayer resources for the First Assembly of the Plenary Council have been prepared by the Plenary Council Liturgy Committee with the strong intent of uniting the Catholics of Australia as they pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the success of the Plenary Council.

Sunday 3rd October 2021

Opening Mass of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia

In the *Ordo*, this Sunday is listed as the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B. However, on the occasion of a Plenary Council, it would be appropriate for all local Ordinaries to celebrate this day's Mass using the Readings from the Mass for a Council or Synod (*Lectioary for Mass III, pp.430-434*) and the Prayers either from the Mass for a Council or Synod (*RM 1310 ff*) or those from the Mass of the Holy Spirit (*RM 1407 ff*) and the Preface of the Holy Spirit (*RM 1408*).

The Ceremonial of Bishops (Ch. 1. #1170) permits the Mass for a Council or Synod on days other than those listed in the *Ordo* in 1-4 of the Table of Liturgical Days. Such a Mass may replace, with the local Bishop's authority, the Mass of the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, either at the physical hub where the Plenary Council Members are gathered with their Bishop or indeed, for all of the Masses celebrated in the Diocese on that day. Red Vestments are used at the Mass for a Council or Synod.

Archbishop Tim Costelloe SDB, President of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, will officiate at the Opening Mass of the Plenary Council to be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral, Perth. This Mass will be livestreamed for the Plenary Council Members and all the faithful at 11.00 am (WA), 12.30 pm (NT), 1.00 pm (QLD), 1.30 pm (SA) and 2.00 pm (NSW, VIC, TAS). Access to the livestream is via the Plenary Council YouTube channel or the Plenary Council website <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>.

Weekday Masses 4-9th October 2021

The Memorials of St Francis of Assisi and Our Lady of the Rosary are celebrated on 4th October and 7th October respectively.

Archbishop Tim Costelloe SDB has recommended a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary to be celebrated on Saturday 9th October.

The other days of the week on which the Plenary Council is meeting are listed as *ad libitum* Masses. The Plenary Council Liturgy Committee have taken advantage of these days to vary the readings of the day to better reflect the event of the Australian Church in council, rather than use the options provided in the *Ordo*. This is in accord with the provisions laid out in *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (352; 355c; 358.3; 359.3).

For their local celebrations on these days, Priests have the option of celebrating

- Mass of the day
- Mass of an optional Memorial which occurs on that day
- Mass of any Saint listed in the Martyrology for that day
- Mass for Various Needs
- Votive Mass

Sunday 10th October 2021

Closing Mass of the First Assembly of the Plenary Council.

Today Mass texts and readings are from the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, as listed in the *Ordo*.

It is hoped that the liturgy and prayer resources provided for the Plenary Council might be used around Australia to encourage prayer and solidarity with those that are meeting and discerning in this First Assembly.

