

Very Rev Peter G. Williams



Peter Williams has been lecturing in liturgical studies at the Catholic Institute of Sydney, Strathfield for over ten years. He has also taught at the Australian Catholic University, the Seminary of the Good Shepherd and Holy Spirit Seminary. He has been involved in liturgical formation in Australian dioceses and overseas. He studied liturgy at the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, and in 2014 was awarded the degree of Doctor of the University of the Australian Catholic University for his contribution to liturgy both nationally and internationally. Fr Williams served as Executive Secretary of the Bishops Commission for Liturgy from 2000 – 2011, and also the National Liturgical Music Board and is currently a member of the National Liturgical Art and Architecture Board.



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WORSHIP AND LITURGY



E X T E N S I V E
L8596:

Studies in Worship
and Liturgy:
Liturgical Sources

with Very Rev Peter G. Williams

Semester 2, 2018

UNIT OBJECTIVES

This graduate unit explores the ancient liturgical sources that have served as the foundations for the history and development of the Roman Rite.

The study of liturgical sources will provide students with an understanding that the Roman Rite we celebrate today did not emerge from one single source, but a compendium of liturgical uses in the early Church. Students will feel more competent and confident in their understanding and practice of Catholic liturgy.

***Please note: this is a Masters-level unit (8500 level). Subject to degree requirements, it may be counted towards a Grad Cert., Grad Dip., MA, or MTh. In certain conditions BTh students may also take the unit.**

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Form a critical understanding of the complex nature of liturgical texts and their origins.
2. Comprehend the nexus between the development of theological doctrine and its expression in liturgy – both in text and ritual.
3. Develop and apply critical tools and methods to appraise the historical liturgical sources that underpin the Roman Rite.
4. Analyse the diversity of liturgical usage of sources in the various churches (including the Church of Rome) that was constitutive of the early Church.
5. Demonstrate a nuanced appreciation of the fact that current liturgical traditions have emerged organically over the centuries from multiple sources / various local churches.

CONTENT

1. Beginning with the New Testament data explore the way in which early Christians used prayer and hymn texts as expressions of worship.
2. Examine ancient liturgical Church documents emanating from the East and explore how theological developments informed the praxis of worship.
3. Explore the early development of the Roman Rite and in particular the *Ordines* and the early Sacramentaries that formed the basis of the Rite.
4. A critical evaluation of the history of the Roman Rite from its earliest source to the form that emerged in the time of Pope Gregory I.

SESSION TIMES

Sessions will be held:

10:30am - 4.00pm

On the following days:

4th August
18th August
1st September
8th September
6th October

COST & REGISTRATION

Unit Costs: Degree Students **\$1980**
Non-Degree Students **\$1980**
Audit Students **\$550**
CISSA Fee **\$10**

Registration closes:

14th June, 2018

If you are a continuing Catholic Institute of Sydney student, simply register for the course in person as per usual during Registration Week (Week 13). Information regarding Registration Week is posted on the Registry Noticeboard and the CIS website.

All other students interested in registering in this unit should contact:

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