Carmelite Sisters are a contemplative community who host prayers and responses at Mass, for example, the Confiteor, the Gloria and the Creed. These texts will be in missals and on congregational cards when people come to Mass. From the First Sunday of Advent the new translations of the prayers of the Mass that are led by the priest will come into use, for example, the Collect or opening prayer and the Eucharistic Prayers. A third edition of the Roman Missal will be fully implemented on the First Sunday of Advent.

WHAT DIFFERENCES CAN WE EXPECT AT MASS IN SEPTEMBER?

During September, congregations may begin to pray the new translations of the people’s prayers at Mass. These new texts will be on missals and on congregational cards. In some places people will, by then, already be familiar with this congregational card through using it at weekday Mass or at Holy Hour.

WHAT DIFFERENCES CAN WE EXPECT IN NOVEMBER?

From the First Sunday of Advent congregations and priests will use the texts of the new edition of the Roman Missal for the celebration of Mass. While the structure, actions and pattern of the Mass will remain the same and the readings will be unchanged, the texts of recited prayers will sound different on our ears. Overtime, as the new style of language becomes familiar to us it is hoped that we will come to appreciate both the richness and depth of our prayer at Mass.