



Centre for Liturgy

Archdiocese of Perth

REVISED LIST OF SCRIPTURE TRANSLATIONS APPROVED FOR LITURGICAL USE

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At a recent Plenary meeting the Bishops of Australia approved a revised list of scripture translations approved for liturgical use. It is an updated version of the list approved some years ago. The list as contained in the Motion the Bishops approved is as follows:

- **Jerusalem Bible** (as in the current Australian Lectionary)
- **Revised New Jerusalem Bible**
- **New Revised Standard Version**
- **Contemporary English Version** (when the Lectionary for Masses with Children is used)
- Scripture texts set to music, by long custom in Australia, may be drawn from a wider selection of available Lectionary translations to enable use of the worldwide array of quality musical settings, especially of the Psalms and Canticles.

These alternative translations are not meant to replace the officially approved Australian Lectionary, but rather they provide options when matters of inclusive language arise, or, in the case of the Contemporary English Version, when the Lectionary for Masses with Children is used.

The guidance around musical settings of biblical texts is meant to allow for the use of the global breadth of quality liturgical music. While the advice mainly pertains to the Responsorial Psalms and Canticles, it also means, for example, that collections like *By Flowing Waters* (an English-language version of the Simple Gradual) can be used.