

Prospective or presently serving readers who plan to attend one of the formation & training sessions are requested to register in advance with the Liturgy Office:

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or tear off this page and post it NO LATER THAN MONDAY 30 JULY 2007 to:

Liturgy Office / Level 12, 133 Liverpool St / Sydney 2000

FORMATION & TRAINING PROGRAM
FOR READERS OF THE WORD - 2007

REGISTRATION FORM

Please PRINT all information in BLOCK LETTERS

Name

first name

surname

Postal Address

Telephone

Email

I am presently serving as a reader in the Parish of

Formation and
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for
Readers
of the
Word
2007



The Ministry of Reader

*The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue,
that I may know how to speak to the weary
a word that will rouse them.* Isaiah 50:4

The ministry of Reader is a charism for the building up of the community, and it does require some natural abilities such as confidence, poise and sensitivity to the listeners. Reading skills, the ability to develop proclamation techniques and a clear and steady voice are attributes of a good Reader.

But comfort with public speaking, while an important gift, does not in itself render a person capable of effective liturgical proclamation, for our purpose is to celebrate the faith shared by the worshippers

You are invited to this program of training and formation, which will provide guidelines for the ministry and practical training in the following areas:

- reading different genres of Sacred Scripture
- dramatisation *versus* proclamation
- voice projection
- proper use of the microphone
- eye contact
- posture
- reading General Intercessions (the Prayer of the Faithful)
- update on the ministry of Reader from the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal -- 2003 edition*

The Reader will learn to proclaim the Word transparently so that the Word itself, not the proclaimer, is placed in the foreground.

Those who take on the responsibility of the ministry of Reader are presumed to be of good faith, eager to serve their fellow Christians, and willing to engage in ongoing formation to improve the effectiveness of their service.

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Participants will receive a certificate from Cardinal Pell, making them eligible for commissioning or renewal in their commission as Readers in their parishes.

All **presently-serving** Readers of the Word are asked to make every effort to attend **one** of these sessions as part of their continuing education and spiritual formation in this ministry.

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COURSE VENUES, DATES & TIMES

Location: **Sacred Heart Parish**
23 Cardinal Street, Mosman

Saturday 4 August 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

Location: **Our Lady of the Sea Parish Hall**
50 Kiora Road, Miranda

Saturday 11 August 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

Location: **The Catholic Centre**
3 Keating Street, Lidcombe

Thursday 23 August 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm

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Fr Timothy Deeter, Liturgy Office Director, will be joined in presenting the formation & training program by **Colin Lee**.

Colin Lee, a director of Shift International, delivers educational programs and speeches. He is a Reader at St Mary's Cathedral, St Michael's Baulkham Hills and St Bernadettes, Castle Hill. He will be concentrating his sessions on a effective delivery for this very important ministry.

