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If you go to tradcap.com you will if you follow the links three pages some are shorter than others.

The first one says:

At the Virtual Oratory you can associate with other catholics to say an Office of the Divine Office

All you need to do to find out more is to click the button below

To take part you need a laptop or tablet and mobile phone

There is another page that is there to give some protection to the Room Name and Password

The next says

Welcome to the Virtual Oratory

Before you begin:

In order to take part there are some there are some things to do that will help make the experience go more smoothly and be a prayerful experience

As preparation you need to read **HowItWillWork** to find out how this will work.

To take part in Mid-day Prayer on Monday 22nd June not before but after 11.55am you need to type <https://meet.jit.si/thevirtualoratory> (**Please note FULLSTOPS**) into your laptop or tablet according to type of device you will be using to go straight in to the chatroom.

When you when asked for a password type **maranatha** There are three icons at the bottom left-hand corner click the inside one. In the middle there are three icons:- a microphone, telephone and camera the microphone and camera need to be clicked clear if necessary.

If you have a copy of **Universalis** on your mobile then have it opened at Mid-day Prayer (Sext) but if not there will be the necessary text on the screen.

We need to divide ourselves in two for the psalms

We need someone to volunteer to lead the office or read the portion of scripture.

The Officiant is to lead the office, to set periods of silence duration about 10 mins

And finally:

The Virtual Oratory

The Virtual Oratory needs to be prepared before each celebration.

Morning Prayer

At the appropriate time people need to have signed into the Room and have the text of the Office open on your phone.

When all are ready the Officiant begins with the opening Versicle to which everyone returns the Response.

The Leader speaks the Antiphon to the Invitatory then the Leader and Even Choir say the first verse taking care to listen to the rest of the participants and being careful to be aware that there are in actual fact two parts to the verse.

The second verse is spoken by the even choir and this goes on until the Glory Be that is split into two parts the second part said by the other choir As it was---. Everyone repeats the Antiphon

After a short period of silence the Leader starts of the Hymn with everybody joining in.

After a period of silence. The Officiant starts the Antiphon before the first Psalm and everyone responds in the manner described above. There are three elements here usually two portions of a psalm or palms and sometimes a canticle A short period of silence is observed between each.

The Reader reads the scripture without any introduction or ending.

Then follows the Responsory and then the Prayers and Intercessions Our Father and Closing Prayer.

Mid-Day Prayer

This office has a slightly different form the Invitatory Psalm is omitted. The Antiphon comes only at the beginning of the sections of psalms and is repeated after the final portion. There is a short portion of scripture Closing Prayer and Blessing.

Evening Prayer is recited in the same manner as Morning Prayer but without the Invitatory.

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