

LATIN PRONUNCIATION

We will use standard ecclesiastical Latin pronunciation as used in Rome.

Vowels

Written:	Pronounced:
A	[a] as in F ather
E	[ɛ] as in G et – never [e] as in “ L ane”
I	[i] as in L ean – never [I] as in “ I n”
O	[ɔ] as in D oor
U	[u] as in M oon
Æ or æ	[ɛ] as in G et (same as E)
Œ or œ	[ɛ] as in G et (same as E)
Y	[i] as in L ean

Vowels when combined are diphthongs. Sing one at a time. Keep each pure and distinct.

Consonants

Generally as in English... however:

S	[s] <u>always</u> unvoiced as in S nake. Never [z]
Z	[z] as in Z ebra
R	[r] flipped or rolled, never an “American” R
Qu	[kw] as in Q ueen
J	[j] as in Y outh
H	Not pronounced. No aspiration whatsoever
Th	[t] as in N ote

Consonants that change according to context:

G + A,O,U	[g] as in G et
G + E,I, æ, œ	[dʒ] as in J ello
G+N+any vowel	[ŋ] as in C anyon
C + A,O, U	[k] as in C at
C + E,I, æ, œ	[tʃ] as in C hill
SC + A,O,U	[sk] as in S corn
SC + E,I, æ, œ	[ʃ] as in S hell
T+I+any vowel	[ts] as in I tsy-Bitsy

W, K, Y, Z are borrowed letters and are not part of Latin proper.
These are dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Kyrie	[kiriɛ]
Lazaro	[lazarɔ]
Excelsis	[ɛkʰɛlsis] as in “eck”+“shell”+“cease”