

Ecclesiastical Latin Pronunciation

Vowels

*Vowels are constant in pronunciation; they are **always** pronounced as below, without exception!*

A	ah	<i>as in father</i>	example: Amen
E	eh	<i>as in bet</i>	example: ventris
I	ee	<i>as in machine</i>	example: sicut
O	oh	<i>as in order</i> [or <i>as in flow</i> without the final "w" sound]	example: non
U	oo	<i>as in tulip</i>	example: tua
Y	ee	<i>pronounced exactly like Latin I sound</i>	example: hymnus
Æ	eh	<i>pronounced exactly like Latin E sound</i>	example: æterna
Œ	eh	<i>pronounced exactly like Latin E sound</i>	example: cœli
AI AU EI EU	ah-ee ah-oo eh-ee eh-oo	<i>pronounce both vowels, elongating the first</i>	examples: ait laudamus Dei meus
UA UE UI UO	oo-ah oo-eh oo-ee oo-oh	<i>after Q, pronounce QU like KW, then pronounce the 2nd vowel</i>	examples: qua quem quid quoniam
AA EE II OO UU	ah-ah eh-eh ee-ee oh-oh oo-oo	<i>Doubled vowels are each pronounced.</i>	example: Filii [All three Is are pronounced.]

Consonants

B	b	<i>as in bat</i>	example: bonæ
C	k	<i>as in cut before consonants; before A, O, U; or at the end of a word</i>	examples: sacris cantate con sicut huic
	ch	<i>as in child before E, I, Y, Æ, Œ</i>	examples: parce dulcis cymbalum cælestis cœli
CC	tch	<i>as in catch before E, I, Y, Æ, Œ</i>	examples: ecce accipite
	k	<i>as in cut before A, O, U</i>	example: peccata
CH	k	<i>as in cut</i>	example: Christus
D	d	<i>as in down</i>	example: dona
F	f	<i>as in feet</i>	example: filio
G	g	<i>as in gold before consonants (except N) or before A, O, U</i>	examples: gratias gaude virgo singulis
	j	<i>as in gem before E, I, Y, Æ, Œ</i>	examples: genuit fregit
GN	ny	<i>as in canyon</i>	examples: magnam agnus
H	k	<i>as in key</i>	in mihi and nihil ; otherwise <i>SILENT!</i>
J	y	<i>as in yet</i>	examples: ejus Jesu <i>[now often written as I]</i>
K	k	<i>as in key</i>	example: kalendæ
L	l	<i>as in light</i>	example: liber

M	m	<i>as in moon</i>	example: meum
N	n	<i>as in nice</i>	example: donec
P	p	<i>as in pan</i>	example: Petrus
PH	f	<i>as in phone</i>	example: propheta
Q	k	<i>as in key [always followed by UA, UE, UI, or UA]</i>	examples: quando atque quid quoque
R	<i>rolled slightly</i>	<i>as d in teddy; never as American R</i>	examples: regina terra
S	s	<i>as in sing; never Z as in rise</i>	examples: semper miserere
SC	sk	<i>as in scale before A, O, U</i>	examples: requiescat cognosco obscura
	sh	<i>as in shine before E, I, Y, Æ, Œ</i>	examples: descendit suscitans
SCH	sk	<i>as in school</i>	examples: schola paschali
T	t	<i>as in time before all letters except i + vowel; and at ends of words</i>	examples: sanctum timeas erat
TH	t	<i>as in thyme</i>	example: catholicam
TI	tsee	<i>as in tse-tse fly before a vowel and preceded by any letter except S, T, X</i>	examples: gratia sitio
	tee	<i>as in tea before a vowel and after S, T, X</i>	example: modestia
V	v	<i>as in vine</i>	example: virgine
X	gs	<i>as in exam after E, at the beginning of a word, followed by a vowel</i>	example: exaudi
	ks	<i>as in tax followed by a consonant or at the end of a word</i>	examples: excelsis lux

Z	dz	<i>as in seeds</i>	example: Lazarus
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