Obsidian Latin ‘Dipthongs’ – Sounds Formed From English Words (British Educated West London Accent)

# **æ** – Word Beginning : (s)ee – Middle : e(lf) – End : (s)ay

# **au** – Word Beginning : (b)a(ll) – Middle : (c)a(t) – End : (f)a(ther)

# **ei** – Word Beginning : (s)ee-(s)igh – Middle : i(f) – End : (s)ay-(s)igh

# **eu** – Word Beginning : (s)ee-(s)ue – Middle : u(nder) – End : (s)ay-(s)ue

# **œ** – Word Beginning : we(dding) – Middle : (sl)ow – End : (s)oy

# **ui** – Word Beginning : whi(p) – Middle (s)ur(ge): – End : (s)ou(p)

# **oo** – Always pronounced as : (ch)o(p)-(ch)o(p)

Nota Bene 0001: Let’s all spend the next 3 to 6 months (starting today, on 01/03/04NC), learning these pronunciations every day, for around 5 minutes.

Nota Bene 0002: Let’s all start spending around a quarter of an hour every day, communicating with an online chat engine of one’s own choice, asking for, and taking part in basic lessons to learn Latin.

Nota Bene 0003: Let’s all spend around three quarters of an hour every day, listening to Latin audio recordings (e\_g\_ podcasts, Gregorian Chant, etc\_)

Nota Bene 0004: Some time around the back end of summer 04NC, we will hopefully be very familiar with the basics of the Latin language, at which point, we can move on to more intermediate efforts to bring about a linguistic ‘**Re-Empowerment**’ in the Catholic Church… Afterall, Jesus is ‘**The Word**’… words are typically communicated via a linguistic framework… the official Catholic Church language is Latin… so it just seems reasonable that most Catholics should be able to converse in proficient Latin, by the time they are mature adults!

Nota Bene 0005: The ‘**End-Game**’ here, is not simply to become proficient in a language, but rather to come to know ourselves better, to love others better, and eventually to serve Jesus better… (It goes without saying that Latin is probably going to be one of the main communication languages in Heaven.)