



Forth in Praise



Liturgy Commission Music Newsletter

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Changes are afoot!

This will be the last Music Newsletter. Instead, a newsletter/bulletin for the Liturgy Commission as a whole will start in 2012, probably around February. This will have a prominent Music News section, and a wider circulation. But we'll keep our email updates going in one form or another.

The new bulletin will be designed for email distribution, but we will continue to send by post to people who do not have an email address. If you receive the newsletter by post, but have an email address, we would be grateful if you would transfer to our email mailing list. It is easier and less costly for us and the printable newsletter will be faster and clearer for you. Just email evelyn.stell@forthinpraise.co.uk with your email address to change over.

More changes!

People, this time. We are sorry to announce that Katherine Cameron is going to stand down at the end of the year. Katherine first volunteered to help in 2005, and has been a positive power-house ever since. Amongst other things, she set up and has administered the Forth in Praise website, she has organised events and she proved to be a complete miracle-worker in the run-up to the Papal visit – all the while doing a full-time job and caring for a young family. We are deeply grateful to Katherine for all she has done, and wish her well.

One of Katherine's jobs is to be taken by THREE people! Kathleen Pinas from Falkirk, and George and Margaret McLafferty from Edinburgh, are all to represent our Archdiocese on the National Music Advisory Committee. We are very grateful to Kathleen, George and Margaret for their interest and commitment.

We are delighted to announce that Colette Pye will take on the new job of Secretary in 2012. Evelyn will keep the IT side of things going, and will handle enquiries in the meantime.

The new liturgy

- Most parishes appear to have found music which suits them. There is much to choose from. The **Forth in Praise website** (www.forthinpraise.co.uk) gives a selection, with links to many more, including a Mass setting based on Christmas carols.
- **The ICEL chant** is also available on the Forth in Praise website, both in its original form, and in modern staff notation. Forth in Praise has also devised accompaniments – both chords and easy organ – to the main parts of the Mass chants, and these can be found on the Forth in Praise website. Audio files of the ICEL chant are on the internet at the **Roman Missal Scotland website** (www.romanmissalscotland.org.uk).

The new liturgy (continued)

- There is a rumour that **refrain Glorias** are now forbidden. This is not true. Refrain Glorias are perfectly acceptable. Here is what is given on page 19 of the *Guide for Composers* on the Roman Missal Scotland website:

‘The Gloria may be sung *in directum* (straight through) or with a refrain for the people. Though the refrain form is popular and allows easy participation it is recommended that communities have in their repertoire a mixture of both through settings and those with refrains and that this includes settings where the assembly sings the whole text.’

This seems to mean that *in directum* Glorias are preferred but not mandatory, and that refrain Glorias, if desired, are just fine. They do take the pressure off a bit when everything else is so new.

- We understand that an **approval committee** is in operation, dealing with new Mass music intended for publication in Scotland. There hasn't been any official announcement about this, so far as we know, but details can be found on the Roman Missal Scotland website.

Forth in Praise does not plan to publish any music for the new liturgy.

Help for organists

Forth in Praise is considering holding short organist training sessions on a Saturday morning in Linlithgow, perhaps once a month, but would like to gauge support for this idea before going ahead. If you think you might be interested, please contact Evelyn Stell (see below).

Archdiocesan Choir

The choir will start again on 10 January 2012 under its new Director, James Donlan, and will be practising for the Rite of Election and Chrism Mass. The choir meets every Tuesday from 7.30 until 9.00 pm in St John's, 37 St Ninian's Road, Corstorphine, EH12 8AL. New members will be very welcome. Enquiries to Jeffrey Gibbons, jeffrey-gibbons@talktalk.net 01383 432797.

Enquiries

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Good Wishes for Christmas from all at Forth in Praise!