

**THE LATIN MASS SOCIETY**



**Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle**

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**SUNDAY MASSES**

**St Mary's, Barnard Castle every Sunday at 9 a.m.**

**The Sacred Heart & English Martyrs, Thornley every Sunday at 9.30 a.m.**

**St Dominic's, Newcastle every Sunday at 11.30 a.m. (Sung Mass)**

**St Joseph's, Gateshead every Sunday at Noon (Sung Mass every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)**

**SS Peter & Paul, Longbenton every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday (Sung Mass) 7<sup>th</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> March, et seq**

**OTHER REGULAR MASSES**

**SS Joseph, Patrick & Cuthbert, Coxhoe every Thursday at Noon**

**St Mary, Forest Hall Monday to Friday at 7.30 a.m. Saturday at 10 a.m.**

**SS Mary & Thomas, Stella every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday **No Mass until further notice at Stella****

**St Mary, Barnard Castle every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. (Sung on 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of month)**

**St Patrick, Ryhope every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. (Sung) 17<sup>th</sup> February, 17<sup>th</sup> March, et seq**

**St Robert, Morpeth every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7.15 p.m. 24<sup>th</sup> February, 24<sup>th</sup> March, et seq**

**All advertised Masses are celebrated according to the provisions of the Motu Proprio**

**Summorum Pontificum** of Pope Benedict XVI to whom we offer grateful thanks

**There is to be a High Mass at St Mary and St Thomas, Stella (Blaydon) on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March at Noon.**

**Also, there is to be a Sung Mass on College Green in Durham in either February or March at a date and time to be announced later (phone me!)**

Details of Easter ceremonies in the traditional rite have yet to be given to me but Easter Day will no doubt have the usual Masses at the usual times.

**Please note the daily traditional Mass at St Mary's, Forest Hall at 7.30 a.m. Monday- Friday and support it when you can. (No Mass 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> February)**

**Contributions to the Newsletter are always welcome.**

Please continue to pray for those who are presently sick or otherwise in need of our prayers: **Sheila Webster, Maria Scott, Jim Rowley, Dorothy O'Connor, Dorothy Allen, Maria Fanning, Veronica Mechin, Bessie Murphy, Richard Hornby, Peter Love, Vera Coyne, Jayne McAllister, Elizabeth Yapp, Mrs Pat Healey, Margaret Healey, Marguerite Anderson, James Langan, Kathleen Colledge and Veronica Bone** and for the repose of the souls of all LMS members whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**There is still a shortage** of servers for Mass (and it seems that there will always be). If you are interested (few seem to be) in helping out, please contact the Editor. There are also on-going requests for lifts to Mass on either a regular or occasional basis.

Another urgent appeal is for singers for Sung Masses 'anyone who can sing in tune' I have been asked to say!

We are fortunate in having a number of weekday Masses in this diocese and I am myself most grateful to those priests who provide them. However, certain Masses are in danger of being discontinued because of a lack of support. Certainly at risk are Morpeth and Ryhope. (Future Masses at Stella are under review; meanwhile they are postponed.) The very small numbers of those attending those Masses may be because of the times (each is an evening Mass) or the winter or transport problems. It may simply be due to a lack of communication. Please let me know if you want them to continue and any reasons you may feel are relevant to the very small numbers going to them.

In response to a letter from a layman the Congregation for Divine Worship has made it clear beyond doubt – in a letter now to be seen on the Internet – that no bishop has the authority to forbid the reception of Holy Communion on the tongue. In this context it is necessary to emphasise that Bishop Cunningham did not forbid the practice but merely *requested* priests to give the Host only in the hand. Apparently there is now no 'banning' in force in Hexham and Newcastle, although the

**'withdrawal of the request' does not seem to have been widely reported. Please let me know if there are any problems in receiving in the traditional way. There should not be any!**

We are delighted to hear that Sheila Webster is making good progress (but continue the prayers!). In her enforced absence we have been most fortunate to have Veronica Wilson looking after the music both at St Patrick's, Ryhope and St Mary's, Barnard Castle. Veronica's interventions must have eased Sheila's mind and be helpful to her recovery. Thank you, Veronica.

**I regret that I am still unable to give an answer to a previous correspondent who asked 'how many priests who have trained at these events now celebrate Mass in the Extraordinary Form on a regular basis (or at all)?' I did hope to have the answer from the LMS office by now but maybe it is not to be forthcoming after all. We should be told!**

Hopefully, someone to take over from me as LMS Representative will be appointed in March; meanwhile, I am 'Acting Diocesan Representative' That means I shall be able to give more time to business and travel and that this newsletter will become less regular. It will become a periodical in the true sense of the word: it will be issued periodically as and when there is enough news to justify an issue. The incoming representative may, of course, decide otherwise!

**Many thanks are due to Fr David Phillips for persevering with the traditional Mass at Stella for so long; very sad that it received so little support. Suggestions for a more popular time are welcome but we have to be realistic as to when Fr Phillips is available.**

I have now discovered what my (new) mobile phone number is. If you get my answer machine you can, if you really need to speak to me, then try the mobile which is: **07 50 31 82 051**

**Fr Elkin at Barnard Castle has set up an internet Blog which is well worth reading. It is most informative about matters relating to the Tridentine Mass and tradition and happenings in Hexham and Newcastle during the last 40 years. Using Google, type in 'Let The Welkin Ring' (without the inverted commas) and you should be able to read it – and be rewarded.**