

ST FRANCIS' CHOIR

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MUSIC PROGRAM**June – December 2009**

The choir sings regularly at the 11.00am Sunday solemn Eucharist unless otherwise indicated.

Occasionally, due to unforeseen circumstances, this program may be subject to change.

June 21 Ordinary 12	<i>The St Francis' Youth Choir directed by Shanti Michael will sing at this Eucharist.</i>	
June 28 Ordinary 13	R. Proulx G. P. da Palestrina	<i>Mass for the City Tu es Petrus</i>
June 30 at 7.30pm Vespers of St Paul	T. L. da Victoria C. Willcock <i>(Special liturgy for the conclusion of the Year of Paul, Archbishop Denis Hart presiding) *First performance</i>	<i>Magnificat octavi toni We know the grace*</i>
July 5 Ordinary 14	R. R. Terry Chant, arr. Proulx W. Byrd	<i>Mass in C Gloria VIII Ave verum corpus</i>
July 12 Ordinary 15	C. Willcock C. Willcock C. Willcock <i>(Mass for the conclusion of NAIDOC Week)</i>	<i>Trocaire Come to me Who did you see?</i>
July 19 Ordinary 16	W. Byrd H. Goodall	<i>Mass for four voices Psalm 23</i>
July 26 Ordinary 17	R. Heagney M. Dupré	<i>Missa Castanea Ave verum corpus</i>
August 2 St Peter Julian	J. Haydn W. A. Mozart	<i>Theresienmesse Ave verum corpus</i>

(Annual Schools' Mass. St Francis' Choir is joined by the choirs of Whitefriars College, Bulleen; Our Lady of Sion College, Box Hill and the Symphonia of Melbourne.)

August 9 Ordinary 19	J. Byrne F. Peeters	<i>Mass for New Norcia</i> <i>Ego sum panis vivus</i>
August 16 Ordinary 20	T. L. da Victoria G. P. da Palestrina	<i>Missa O quam gloriosum</i> <i>Sicut cervus</i>
August 23 Ordinary 21	A. Gabrieli P. Phillips	<i>Missa brevis</i> <i>Ave verum corpus</i>
August 30 Ordinary 22	W. Byrd C. V. Stanford	<i>Mass for four voices</i> <i>Beati quorum via</i>
September 6 Ordinary 23	J. Händl (Gallus) J. Rutter	<i>Missa super 'Ich stund an einem Morgen'</i> <i>The Lord bless you and keep you</i>
September 13 Ordinary 24	L. Vierne L. Vierne	<i>Messe solennelle</i> <i>Tantum ergo</i>
September 20 Ordinary 25	C. Mawby C. Mawby	<i>Messe solennelle</i> <i>Ave verum corpus</i>
September 27 Ordinary 26	<i>The Athesinus Consort, Berlin will sing at this Eucharist.*</i> <i>(*To be confirmed)</i>	
October 4 St Francis	J. Haydn	<i>Nelson Mass</i>
<i>(The St Francis' Choir is joined by the choir of Australian Catholic University and the Symphonia of Melbourne directed by Frà Richard Divall, OBE, AO, Patron of St Francis' Choir.)</i>		
October 11 Ordinary 28	<i>The Melbourne Grammar School Chapel Choir directed by Philip Carmody will sing at this Eucharist.</i>	
October 18 Ordinary 29	R. Heagney G. Fauré	<i>A Festival Mass</i> <i>Cantique de Jean Racine</i>
October 25 Ordinary 30	A. Gretchaninov W. Lloyd Webber	<i>Missa festiva</i> <i>Love divine</i>
November 1 All Saints	T. L. da Victoria T. L. da Victoria	<i>Missa O quam gloriosum</i> <i>O quam gloriosum</i>
<i>(Annual Commemoration of the deceased members and benefactors of St Francis' Choir)</i>		

November 8 Ordinary 32	A. Gabrieli W. Lloyd Webber	<i>Missa brevis</i> <i>Love divine</i>
November 15 Ordinary 33	C. Willcock J. Haydn	<i>Missa Messina</i> <i>Insane et vanae curae</i>
November 22 Christ the King	J. Haydn M. Dupré	<i>Missa in tempore belli</i> <i>Ave verum corpus</i>

(St Francis' Choir, former choristers and the Symphonia of Melbourne, conducted by the Director of Music Emeritus, Roger Heagney, KCSG, OAM)

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

November 29 Advent 1	D. Bartolucci F. Mendelssohn	<i>Missa de Angelis</i> <i>Grant us thy peace</i>
December 6 Advent 2	O. de Lassus G. F. Handel	<i>Missa de feria</i> <i>And the glory of the Lord</i>
December 13 Advent 3	C. Willcock Anon.	<i>Trocaire</i> <i>Rejoice in the Lord alway</i>
<i>The annual Carol Festival will take place at 7.30pm.</i>		
December 20 Advent 4	J. Haydn R. Twynham	<i>Missa Rorate Coeli</i> <i>Drop down, you heavens (Rorate coeli)</i>
December 24 Christmas Midnight	J. Haydn G. F. Handel	<i>Missa Sancti Nicolai</i> <i>Glory to God</i>
	<i>(With the Symphonia of Melbourne)</i>	
December 25 Christmas Day	<i>The National Boys' Choir directed by Philip Carmody will sing at the 11.00am solemn Eucharist.</i>	

St Francis' Choir will resume its ministry at the 11.00am Eucharist on Sunday 7 February 2010. During the summer the music will be led by organist and cantor.

ST FRANCIS' CHOIR
(founded 1845)

St Francis' Choir gave its first performance on 23 October 1845 at the official opening of St Francis' Church, the first Catholic church of the infant colony and today, Melbourne's oldest building. The erection of the church, designed by Samuel Jackson, had been an ecumenical project that took six years to complete. St Francis' became the cathedral of Melbourne in 1848 and remained so until the new St Patrick's Cathedral was ready in 1869.

At the height of the Victorian era the choir was at the forefront of musical excellence in Melbourne with its own orchestra frequently combining with visiting opera companies and welcoming such famous artists as Anna Bishop, Amy Castles and Nellie Melba.

In 1961 the choir was reformed as a mixed voice group by Rev. Ernest Rayson, SSS. He was succeeded as Director in 1967 by Roger Heagney and in 1998 by Tony Way. Orchestral Masses by Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Gounod, Fauré and many others remain an important aspect of the choir's work. The choir has premiered works by many Australian composers and has undertaken two highly successful tours of Europe.

THE ST FRANCIS' CHOIR FOUNDATION

The St Francis' Choir Foundation needs your ongoing support.

Primarily established as a capital fund, the Foundation aims to support the ongoing work of the choir through the investment of a considerable capital sum.

Brochures detailing the work of the Foundation are available in the porch of the church or by contacting the Music Office.

FRIENDS OF ST FRANCIS' CHOIR

One way to support St Francis' Choir is to become a friend of the choir. The Friends form a large and diverse group of people who give financial and practical support to the choir. To join the friends write to: The Secretary, St Francis' Choir, 326 Lonsdale St. MELBOURNE. 3000

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