

ST FRANCIS' CHOIR
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MUSIC PROGRAM
June – December 2011

*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.*

July 3 Ordinary 14	R. Terry Chant arr. Proulx C. Willcock	<i>Mass in C</i> <i>Gloria VIII</i> <i>Come to me</i>
July 10 Ordinary 15	C. Willcock N. Buc <i>(Mass for the conclusion of NAIDOC Week)</i>	<i>Trocaire</i> <i>The Josephites' Credo</i>
July 17 Ordinary 16	R. Heagney F. Liszt	<i>Eymard Mass*</i> <i>Qui seminant in lacrimis</i>
<i>(*First performance of the Mass commissioned by the Leadership Team of the Australian Province of the Blessed Sacrament Congregation in commemoration of the bi-centenary of the birth of St Peter Julian Eymard, 4 February 2011.)</i>		
July 24 Ordinary 17	G. P. da Palestrina P. Philips	<i>Missa brevis</i> <i>Ave verum corpus</i>
July 31 Ordinary 18	R. Heagney W. Lloyd Webber	<i>Eymard Mass</i> <i>Love divine</i>
August 7 St Peter Julian	W. A. Mozart W. A. Mozart	<i>Coronation Mass, K. 317</i> <i>Ave verum corpus</i>
<i>(St Francis' Choir is joined by the choirs of Genazzano FCJ College, Balwyn and Xavier College, Kew and the Symphonia of Melbourne)</i>		
August 14 Ordinary 20	L. Refice S. Rachmaninov	<i>Missa in Assumptionis BMV</i> <i>Ave Maria</i>

August 21 Ordinary 21	G. P. da Palestrina G. P. da Palestrina	<i>Missa brevis</i> <i>Tu es Petrus</i>
August 28 Ordinary 22	T. Dubois J. Ireland	<i>Messe de la délivrance</i> <i>Greater love</i>
September 4 Ordinary 23	C. Willcock J. Algra H. Howells	<i>Missa Magis</i> <i>Jubilate Deo</i> <i>Like as the hart</i>
September 11 Ordinary 24	N. Buc L. King	<i>Mary MacKillop Mass</i> <i>Let us love</i>
September 18 Ordinary 25	P. Taylor L. O'Neill <i>(St Francis' Choir is joined by the St Francis' Youth Choir)</i>	<i>Mass of St Francis</i> <i>Song of the Word of the Lord</i>
September 25 Ordinary 26	A. Gretachaninov F. Anerio	<i>Missa festiva</i> <i>Christus factus est</i>
October 2 St Francis	E. Paladilhe C. Willcock E. Paladilhe <i>(With the Symphonia of Melbourne)</i>	<i>Messe de St François d'Assise</i> <i>Come to me</i> <i>Laudate Dominum</i>
October 9 Ordinary 28	R. Proulx V. Thompson	<i>Mass for the City</i> <i>The best of rooms</i>
October 16 Ordinary 29	T. Dubois E. Bainton	<i>Messe de la délivrance</i> <i>And I saw a new heaven</i>
October 23 Ordinary 30	L. Vierne J. Rutter	<i>Messe solennelle</i> <i>Thy perfect love</i>
October 30 Ordinary 31	Visiting choir – Capella Quirina, Neuss, Germany Music by Lassus, Rutter and Miskinis	
November 6 Ordinary 32	G. O. Rutter W. Harris <i>(Annual Commemoration of the deceased members and benefactors of St Francis' Choir)</i>	<i>Mass in D</i> <i>Bring us, O Lord God</i>

November 13	J. Leavitt	<i>Missa festiva</i>
Ordinary 33	J. Brahms	<i>How lovely are thy dwellings</i>

November 20	Annual St Francis' Choir Reunion Mass	
Christ the King	Check the website for music details.	
	<i>(St Francis' Choir, former choristers conducted by the Director of Music Emeritus, Roger Heagney, KCSG, OAM)</i>	

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS		
November 27	H. Schroeder	<i>Missa Gregoriana</i>
Advent 1	M. Lauridsen	<i>O nata lux</i>
December 4	O. de Lassus	<i>Missa de feria</i>
Advent 2	M. Lauridsen	<i>Sure on this shining night</i>
December 11	W. Byrd	<i>Mass for five voices</i>
Advent 3	Anon.	<i>Rejoice in the Lord alway</i>
December 16	<i>The annual Carol Festival will take place at 7.00pm.</i>	
December 18	J. Haydn	<i>Missa Rorate Coeli</i>
Advent 4	S. Rachmaninov	<i>Ave Maria</i>
December 24	G. Malcolm	<i>Missa ad praesepe</i>
Christmas Midnight	O. Gjeilo	<i>O magnum mysterium</i>
	<i>(With the Symphonia of Melbourne)</i>	
December 25	<i>The National Boys' Choir directed by Philip Carmody will sing at the 11.00am solemn Eucharist.</i>	
Christmas Day		

St Francis' Choir will resume its ministry at the 11.00am Eucharist on Sunday 12 February 2012. 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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