

ST FRANCIS' CHOIR
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MUSIC PROGRAM
June – December 2023

*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 25 Ordinary 12	G. P. da Palestrina J. Rutter	<i>Missa Aeterna Christi munera</i> <i>Thy perfect love</i>
July 2 Ordinary 13	R. Proulx W. A. Mozart	<i>Mass for the City</i> <i>Ave verum corpus</i>
July 9 Ordinary 14	C. Willcock C. Willcock <i>(Mass for the conclusion of NAIDOC Week)</i>	<i>Trocaire</i> <i>Come to me</i>
July 16 Ordinary 15	W. Byrd W. Byrd	<i>Mass for four voices</i> <i>Ave verum corpus</i>
July 23 Ordinary 16	A. Gretchaninov F. Liszt	<i>Missa festiva</i> <i>Qui seminant in lacrimis</i>
July 30 St Peter Julian	C. Bowman C. Mawby <i>(With the Symphonia of Melbourne and the St Francis' Young Adult Choir)</i>	<i>Missa Bachiensis</i> <i>Ave verum corpus</i>
August 6 Transfiguration	A. Gabrieli (arr. Heagney) T. L. da Victoria	<i>Missa brevis</i> <i>Resplenduit facies</i>
August 13 Ordinary 19	C. Willcock P. Stopford	<i>Missa Magis</i> <i>Ave Maria</i>
August 20 Ordinary 20	R. R. Terry E. Elgar	<i>Mass in C (St Dominic)</i> <i>Intende voci orationis meae</i>

August 27 Ordinary 21	G. P. da Palestrina G. P. da Palestrina	<i>Missa brevis</i> <i>Tu es Petrus</i>
September 3 Ordinary 22	A. Dvořák J. Ireland	<i>Mass in D</i> <i>Greater love</i>
September 10 Ordinary 23	W. Byrd W. Lloyd Webber	<i>Mass for four voices</i> <i>Love divine</i>
September 17 Ordinary 24	R. Heagney L. King	<i>Eymard Mass</i> <i>Let us love in deed and truth</i>
September 24 Ordinary 25	G. P. da Palestrina G. P. da Palestrina	<i>Missa brevis</i> <i>Sicut cervus</i>
October 1 St Francis	H. L. Hassler C. Willcock <i>(With Canzona Brass)</i>	<i>Missa octo voci</i> <i>Prayer of St Francis</i>
October 8 Ordinary 27	R. Proulx H. Howells	<i>Mass for the City</i> <i>O pray for the peace of Jerusalem</i>
October 15 Ordinary 28	R. Heagney R. Thompson	<i>Missa Castanea</i> <i>The best of rooms</i>
October 22 Ordinary 29	G. P. da Palestrina P. Phillips	<i>Missa brevis</i> <i>Ave verum corpus</i>
October 29 Ordinary 30	A. Gabrieli M. Duruflé	<i>Missa brevis</i> <i>Ubi caritas</i>
November 5 Ordinary 31	W. Byrd W. Byrd <i>(Annual commemoration of the deceased members and benefactors of St Francis' Choir)</i>	<i>Missa for four voices</i> <i>Iustorum animae</i>
November 12 Ordinary 32	C. Willcock J. S. Bach	<i>Trocaire</i> <i>Zion hears the watchmen's voices</i>
November 19 Ordinary 33	L. Vierne M. Dupré	<i>Messe solennelle</i> <i>Ave verum corpus</i>

November 26	J. Haydn	<i>Theresienmesse</i>
Christ the King	J. Haydn	<i>The heavens are telling</i>
<i>(With present and former members of St Francis' Choir and the Symphonia of Melbourne)</i>		

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

December 3	J. Haydn	<i>Missa Rorate coeli</i>
Advent 1	R. Twynham	<i>Rorate coeli (Drop down, dew)</i>
December 10	Chant	<i>Mass XVII</i>
Advent 2	E. Bainton	<i>And I saw a new heaven</i>
December 15	<i>The annual Carol Festival will take place at 7.00pm.</i>	
December 17	H. Schroeder	<i>Missa Gregoriana</i>
Advent 3	E. Elgar	<i>The Spirit of the Lord</i>
December 24	J. Langlais	<i>Missa in simplicitate</i>
Advent 4	J. Langlais	<i>Ave maris stella</i>
	<i>(Merlyn Quaiife AM, soloist)</i>	
December 24	J. Haydn	<i>Jugendmesse</i>
Christmas Midnight	J. Schnabel	<i>Transeamus usque ad Bethlehem</i>
	<i>(With the Symphonia of Melbourne)</i>	
December 25	<i>The music at the 11.0am solemn Eucharist will be led by</i>	
Christmas Day	<i>organ and cantor.</i>	

St Francis' Choir will resume its ministry at the 11.00am Eucharist on Sunday, 11 February 2024. 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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