

**ST FRANCIS' CHOIR**

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**MUSIC PROGRAM****June – December 2024**

*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 30 <b>Ordinary 13</b>	G. P. da Palestrina W. Byrd	<i>Missa Aeterna Christi munera</i> <i>Ave verum corpus</i>
July 7 <b>Ordinary 14</b>	A. Gabrieli W. A. Mozart	<i>Missa brevis</i> <i>Ave verum corpus</i>
July 14 <b>Ordinary 15</b>	C. Willcock C. Willcock <i>(Mass for the conclusion of NAIDOC Week)</i>	<i>Trocaire</i> <i>Come to me</i>
July 21 <b>Ordinary 16</b>	J. Haydn J. Rutter	<i>Missa brevis S. Joannis de Deo</i> <i>Psalm 23</i>
July 28 <b>Ordinary 17</b>	T. L. de Victoria E. Elgar	<i>Missa O quam gloriosum</i> <i>Ave verum corpus</i>
August 4 <b>St Peter Julian</b>	O. de Lassus T. L. de Victoria <i>(With Canzona Brass)</i>	<i>Missa Vinum bonum et suave</i> <i>Lauda Sion</i>
August 11 <b>Ordinary 19</b>	J. Byrne F. Peeters	<i>Mass in honour of Mary MacKillop</i> <i>Ego sum panis vivus</i>
August 18 <b>Ordinary 20</b>	A. Dvořák P. Phillips	<i>Mass in D</i> <i>Ave verum corpus</i>
August 25 <b>Ordinary 21</b>	R. Heagney W. McKie	<i>Missa Castanea</i> <i>We wait for thy loving kindness</i>

September 1 <b>Ordinary 22</b>	W. Byrd C. V. Stanford	<i>Mass for four voices</i> <i>Beati quorum via</i>
September 8 <b>Ordinary 23</b>	R. Terry J. Rutter	<i>Mass in C (Mass of St Dominic)</i> <i>The Lord bless you and keep you</i>
September 15 <b>Ordinary 24</b>	C. Willcock L. Hoiby	<i>Mass: Our Common Home</i> <i>Let this mind be in you</i>
September 22 <b>Ordinary 25</b>	A. Gretchaninov F. Mendelssohn	<i>Missa festiva</i> <i>Grant us thy peace</i>
September 29 <b>Ordinary 26</b>	R. Proulx W. Byrd	<i>Mass for the City</i> <i>Teach me, O Lord</i>
October 6 <b>St Francis</b>	J. Haydn J. Haydn <i>(with the Symphonia of Melbourne)</i>	<i>Missa in tempore belli</i> <i>The heavens are telling</i>
October 13 <b>Ordinary 28</b>	C. Willcock W. Lloyd Webber	<i>Missa Magis</i> <i>Love divine</i>
October 20 Ordinary 29	R. Terry G. F. Handel	<i>Mass in C (Mass of St Dominic)</i> <i>Surely he hath borne our griefs</i>
October 27 <b>Ordinary 30</b>	W. Byrd W. Byrd	<i>Mass for four voices</i> <i>Sacerdotes Domini</i>
November 3 <b>Ordinary 31</b>	C. Willcock C. Willcock <i>(Annual Commemoration of the deceased members and benefactors of St Francis' Choir with St Francis' Choir, the St Francis' Young Adult Choir and the Symphonia of Melbourne)</i>	<i>Mass for the Fallen</i> <i>We will remember them</i>
November 10 <b>Ordinary 32</b>	R. Heagney R. Goodall	<i>Eymard Mass</i> <i>Love divine</i>
November 17 <b>Ordinary 33</b>	L. Vierne R. Dering	<i>Messe solonnelle</i> <i>Factum est silentium</i>

November 24	L. van Beethoven	<i>Mass in C</i>
<b>Christ the King</b>	L. van Beethoven	<i>Hallelujah Chorus</i>
<i>(with present and former members of St Francis' Choir and the Symphonia of Melbourne)</i>		

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

December 1	Chant	<i>Missa XVII 'Kyrie Salve'</i>
<b>Advent 1</b>	M. Praetorius	<i>Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen</i>
December 8	T. L. de Victoria	<i>Missa O quam gloriosum</i>
<b>Advent 2</b>	M. How	<i>Arise, shine</i>
December 13	<i>The annual Carol Festival will take place at 7.00pm.</i>	
December 15	J. Haydn	<i>Missa Rorate coeli</i>
<b>Advent 3</b>	G. F. Handel	<i>O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion</i>
December 22	A. Halliday	<i>Missa Camino de Santiago</i>
<b>Advent 4</b>	A. Halliday	<i>Ave Maria</i>
	<i>(Merlyn Quaiße AM, soloist)</i>	
December 24	J. Haydn	<i>Missa Sancti Nicolai</i>
<b>Christmas Midnight</b>	G. F. Handel	<i>Glory to God</i>
	<i>(With the Symphonia of Melbourne)</i>	
December 25	<i>Organist and cantor will lead the music at</i>	
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<i>the 11.00am solemn Eucharist.</i>	

St Francis' Choir will resume its music ministry at the 11.00am Eucharist on Sunday, 9 February 2025. 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*

**ST FRANCIS' ONLINE**

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