



## *Wedding Music at* **ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA**

St Mary's Sacred Music Centre provides professional musicians for weddings, funerals and other liturgies as well as information on what type of music is suitable for use at St Mary Star of the Sea, West Melbourne. Our services accord with the mind of the Catholic Church, and with the special acoustics of St Mary's church.

A Catholic wedding takes place within a formal ceremony governed by the laws of the Church and is considered a prayer from start to finish. The following requirements regarding music are taken from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC): *"Music in the Church during liturgies is simply another form of prayer giving praise and worship to God. The music used before or during the liturgy should be clearly identifiable as prayer by all present"*

*Secular love songs and ballads that have personal meaning to the couple are not appropriate in the Church and would be more suitable for the reception.*"<sup>1</sup> Moreover, the ACBC have approved a list of hymns/songs<sup>2</sup> as well for use in Australia. Therefore, at St. Mary's any specifically written instrumental only music must be sacred/religious music or classical music that has become part of the church's tradition (e.g. Bridal March).

Besides, any hymns/songs played (instrumental or sung) must be on the approved list by the ACBC, in Catholic Worship Book II (which has been approved also by the ACBC) or the Church's traditional Latin based hymns.<sup>3</sup> **It should be noted that no exceptions to this will be allowed under any circumstances.**

**All music is to be arranged through the Sacred Music Centre.** Wedding couples are to meet with the Director of Sacred Music to discuss their wedding music before the first meeting with the priest (usually at least 6 months prior to the wedding). **It should be noted that your wedding booking will not be confirmed until your music has been approved by the Director of Sacred Music.**

Live music is only to be used at St. Mary's. **Recorded music (e.g. CDs, backing tracks) is not permitted.** The Sacred Music Centre has devised a list of recommended pieces/songs for the various parts of the wedding ceremony.

*If you choose to have a vocalist at your wedding the Gospel Acclamation will be sung. Other Mass parts may be sung by the vocalist, as well as the psalm. Any music played during communion, must be Eucharistic*

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1. <http://www.acmfc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Catholic-Weddings-Q-A-on-Getting-Married-in-the-Catholic-Church.pdf> (pg 28)

2. <https://www.catholic.org.au/nlmc/recommended-hymns-and-songs-approved-by-the-acbc>

3. Hymns in other languages will be considered on a case-by-case basis

4. Wedding couples who would like to print the words to the hymns in their wedding booklet should discuss with the Director of Sacred Music first, who will advise whether or not a music license is required

## SELECTING YOUR MUSIC

Select your music from the list on this page. Due to time constraints, only one ceremony. *If you are booking a vocalist, you must also book an organist to provide the accompaniment.*



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### Entrance

*Bridal March (Wagner)<sup>a</sup>*  
*Canon in D (Pachelbel)<sup>a</sup>*  
*Prelude from Te Deum (Charpentier)<sup>a</sup>*  
*Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke)<sup>a</sup>*  
*Trumpet Tune (Purcell)<sup>a</sup>*  
God, who created hearts to love  
Hear us now, our God and Father<sup>c</sup>

### Offertory

A New Commandment  
Ave Maria (Schubert)<sup>b</sup>  
Ave Maria (Arcadelt)<sup>b</sup>  
Ave Verum (Mozart)<sup>b</sup>  
For the beauty of the Earth  
Gift of finest wheat  
Here I am Lord  
Jesu, Joy of man's desiring (Bach)<sup>b</sup>  
May God's light of joyous blessing  
Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation  
See us Lord, about your altar  
Where there is charity and love  
Wherever you go (Norbet)<sup>c</sup>

### Communion

Ave Verum (Mozart)<sup>b</sup>  
Bread of life, hope for the world  
Christians let us love one another  
*Communion in G (Guilmant)<sup>a</sup>*  
Eat this bread  
Godhead here in hiding  
I am the bread of life  
Jesus my Lord, my God, my all  
Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
O Lord, at your first Eucharist you prayed  
One bread, One Body  
*Panis Angelicus (Franck)<sup>b</sup>*  
Take and Eat  
Soul of my saviour  
Sweet sacrament divine<sup>c</sup>

### Signing of the register

*Air from Orchestral*  
Alleluia (Mozart)  
*Ave Maria (Bach/Gounod)<sup>b</sup>*  
*Ave Maria (Caccini)<sup>b</sup>*  
*Ave Maria (Schubert)<sup>b</sup>*  
I have loved you  
God is love, the source of goodness<sup>c</sup>  
God who blesses new beginnings  
*Jesu, Joy of man's desiring (Bach)<sup>b</sup>*  
Laudate dominum (Mozart)  
Love divine, all loves excelling  
O perfect love

### Recessional (all organ only):

*Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (Handel)<sup>a</sup>*  
*Hornpipe from Water Music (Handel)<sup>a</sup>*  
*Minuet from fireworks music (Handel)<sup>a</sup>*  
*Now thank we all our God (Karg-Elert)<sup>a</sup>*  
*Prelude from Te Deum (Charpentier)<sup>a</sup>*  
*Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke)<sup>a</sup>*  
*Trumpet Tune (Purcell)<sup>a</sup>*  
*Wedding March (Mendelssohn)<sup>a</sup>*

### Notes:

*Unless otherwise stated, the hymns are sourced from the CWBII*

- a. Organ only pieces
- b. Can be sung or organ only
- c. Hymns from other sources

**Which Sacred Music Centre musicians will you require?**

- ☐ Organist                      ☐ Male vocalist                      ☐ Female vocalist  
☐ Choir                      ☐ String Quartet                      ☐ String Trio

☐ Other (please specify): .....

**Details of Guest Musician (if applicable) – [Discuss with Director of Music First]**

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**List the names of each music piece you would like**

- a. Processional music: .....
- b. Offertory music: .....
- c. Communion music: .....
- d. Music while signing the register: .....
- e. Recessional music: .....

*Note that (b) and (c) are only required in a Nuptial Mass. If you are planning to marry within a wedding ceremony, please ignore these options.*

**WEDDING & CONTACT DETAILS**

Wedding day & date: ..... Wedding time: .....

Receipt No: ..... Type: ☐ Wedding Ceremony                      ☐ Nuptial Mass

Wedding celebrant: .....

Bride: ..... Phone: .....

E-mail: .....

Groom: ..... Phone: .....

E-mail: .....

Contact address: .....

**FEES& PAYMENT**

Please contact the Director of Sacred Music for all details relating to fees and methods of payment.

*It should be noted that the music fee is **additional to the church fee**, paid directly to the musicians and **not** through the church account. Furthermore, in some cases a deposit may be required to secure the booking of the musicians after submitting this form.*