

Music at St Joseph's



I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.

Psalm 69:30

The Choir & The Music Group



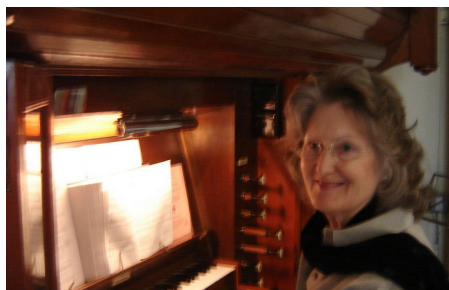
Music in the Liturgy goes back some 3,000 years from the Psalms (derived from **tehillim** a Hebrew word meaning Praises) to classical composers such as Mozart, Vivaldi, Bach and Haydn. Music has been composed to offer prayer and worship to God. Before the advent of the pipe-organ, members of town and village parishes would bring such instruments as were available: strings, woodwind, brass, and various types of percussion. In time the pipe organ became the instrument most closely associated with church music.

Music enhances our Liturgy and as we have experienced over the recent Lenten and Easter Seasons, it has the ability to move the human soul even more effectively than the spoken word.

We at St Joseph's are blessed with a dedicated group of singers and musicians who generously give their time to help develop our parish liturgy. The music repertoire is rich and varied and includes a fine selection of the traditional and the modern. Moreover our musicians are very conscious that Mother Church encourages us to sing the mass rather than to simply sing at mass. Our parish enjoys a rich variety of mass settings. All of our liturgical celebrations at St Joseph's are graced with an input of Sacred Music. It would be true to say that our parishioners always respond in an enthusiastic and prayerful fashion. Every effort is made to grace the liturgical year with music appropriate to the Seasons and the Feast Days. Come and join us.



Practice Sessions



Parish choir meets every Thursday at 8.00 pm. The parish music group rehearses on the Wednesdays before the Saturdays and Sundays when they are due to play and sing.



'Singing is praying twice'

Saint Augustine

Feel the call to Praise God in Song

The choir and the Music Group are always ready to welcome new members to their ranks. You don't need to be of operatic standard! Lively, enthusiastic people of all ages are invited to come and join the choir and music group and give their talent to worshipping Almighty God with joy. Feel free to contact a member of the Choir or Music Group you will be most welcome.



Songs of Praise followed by BBQ
Friday 6th July 2007
7.00 pm



'Let everything that has breath praise the Lord'

Psalm 150:6