
Music Ministry Committee Meeting Minutes

A meeting of **Music Ministry Committee** was held at **St Agatha's Church** on **8th February, 2023**.

Attendees included	Members not in attendance included
Peter Bowron	Fr Raphael Kimano (away)
Tim Chan (via phone call)	
Ray Fehon	
Lucy Roh	
Beverley de Rosario	

Opening hymn

Lucy played 2 verses of What Wondrous Love is This. The words of this hymn make it suitable for use throughout Lent and the Easter season till Pentecost. There are 4 copies of lead sheets (melody and chords) in a purple folder on the organ seat for anyone to have a look. As this is in the Public Domain, SATB versions or lead sheets can be sent out to anyone who wishes them. The lyrics PowerPoint file will be uploaded soon.

Opening Prayer (Music Ministry prayer)

Lord God, gracious and merciful, we pray for the members of our music ministry. We pray for their strength, and the strength of their families and loved ones. We ask that you continue to cause them to create and share the gift of music through instrument and voice. May they find joy in their work and may it fill them with peace, comfort and purpose.

Easter

a. Roster for Triduum and Easter Sunday

Tim to ensure that Passion Sunday (02.04), Easter Sunday (09.04), Pentecost (28.05) and Corpus Christi (11.06), especially, do not have quiet masses, where possible.

Base groups for the Triduum are as follows, with any others welcomed to join in:

- Bev's group for Holy Thursday
- Ray and singer for the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday
- Lucy's group for Good Friday 3 pm liturgy
- Christian and Bev pop up choir for Easter Vigil

Tim to also request musicians for Ash Wednesday (22.02) masses at 9:30 am and 7 (or 7:30) pm so that people are in place, should they be needed.

b. Music for the Easter Season

Peter played his Easter Carol which is a poem he wrote, set to the tune of GABRIEL'S MESSAGE. He is happy to share the sheet music to anyone who requests it but would like to be kept apprised of the number of copies printed; also, he would like to be asked before sharing outside of our music ministry. The lyrics PowerPoint file will be uploaded soon.

Ray also suggested Christ is Alive! With Joy We Sing as a very joyful Easter hymn to those who are no familiar with it. It can be found in the Gather Australia, #365 or Catholic

Worship Book 2 #353, however, the lyrics are not covered by our licence so cannot be projected and will need to be sung from the pew books.

c. **Sing Sequence? (Easter Sunday, Pentecost)**

Since Fr Raphael was not present we could not confirm whether they needed to be sung.

Parish Family Masses

a. **How is the music ministry to be involved?**

An email conversation between St Agatha's School RE coordinator and Bev has produced a list of songs they would like to use for the first mass of the year on 26th March, 5th Sunday of Lent. Jean Voon-Obern, who plays for the 9 am mass on the 4th Sunday of the month, would prefer not to play if the music involved is not in the Gather Australia. The committee agreed that, since all the Parish Family masses include parishioners as the wider congregation, music choices need to also reflect music the parishioners are familiar with. As an example, Shine, Jesus, Shine is kid-friendly, and also popular with the congregation. The RE coordinator, Carolyn, will confirm if the school choir will take part and whether St Agatha's parish musicians need to be involved in the music.

b. **Is there any music that needs to be purchased?**

Bev has volunteered to buy and learn any required music, should a musician be required to play for the mass.

c. **Roster for the year**

Tim will indicate the Family Mass slots in the coming rosters when we get confirmation of the remaining 3 dates for the year and Fr Raphael's approval.

Other items

a. **Music for sacramental masses**

Fr Raphael, Kerri or Tina will need to inform us of additional masses that need musicians.

b. **Progress on repairs in music storeroom**

We await feedback from Fr Raphael.

c. **Progress on Communications/Media ministry**

Andrew Kennaugh confirmed that Richard Houwing will be setting up this new ministry via email but was unable to confirm any progress. He did say that the people who were working the PowerPoint file for Fr Vincent are a separate group. The committee encourages groups who have their own composite PowerPoint file set up for masses celebrated by Fr Stephen or Fr Raphael, to request that any of Fr Vincent's helpers present, work their PowerPoint file, since they are familiar with the process.

d. Confirmation on which groups are still working off photocopied/out-of-date mass settings

Peter and Bev will try to confirm which groups need legal copies of Mass of St Francis and any other mass settings so that we weed out remaining illegal photocopies or out-of-date copies.

e. Parishioner complaints; complicated psalms

Ray brought up the issue of parishioners at the 6 pm Vigil mass complaining of psalm responses being too difficult to sing along with. Tim reminded the group the Fr Raphael has mentioned that we do not change things just because some parishioners do not like something but Peter pointed out that the psalm response is something that the congregation are supposed to sing and thus should be able to sing. Lucy suggested that all who sing the psalm make an assessment of the general “singability” of the psalm response to ensure that the melody is accessible to non musicians.

Additional items

a. Updated lyrics for Ashes

Sheet music with updated lyrics for Ashes (Gather Australia #209, As One Voice 2 #16) have been purchased and 4 copies are also in the purple folder in the organ seat. The PowerPoint file has been updated with these lyrics as well, so while it is still possible to accompany from the books, singers or singer/musicians will need to use the music in the purple folder.

b. World Youth Day 2023

The subject of the World Youth Day song was brought up as something that we should encourage singing when the readings match the theme of the song. Bev to source the English version of the song and share with whoever is interested.

c. Expanding repertoire

It was agreed to offer up to 6 more hymns to the ministry to expand our collective repertoire. This has been tabled for discussion in our next meeting.

Adjournment

Time: 8:15 pm

Next meeting: To be confirm via email for an agreed upon date in May with sacramental masses needing musicians and expanding repertoire to be included on the agenda.

Secretary