



Music Policy for Weddings St Patrick's Church and St John Vianney's Church Catholic Parish of Mentone-Parkdale

You are encouraged to contact the parish Director of Music, Mr Alan Cook (0434 350 749) at the earliest possible opportunity to discuss music at your ceremony. The following requirements regarding music in the Catholic Church 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 and 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'.¹ The ACBC also have a list of approved hymns/songs for use in the Catholic Church in Australia.² It should be noted that there will be no exceptions.

In addition, please note the following:

- All music must be performed **LIVE** (no pre-recorded music)
- St Patrick's has an historical pipe organ. The use of amplifiers is **not** permitted in the Church
- The parish boasts numerous competent, qualified musicians who will be happy to provide the music for your wedding. If you wish to have external musicians – musicians not associated with the parish, you are encouraged to discuss this with the Director of Music.
- Fees for musicians are not included in the general fee charged by the Church and can be obtained from the Director of Music.
- Where the Director of Music is not required, the fee of \$275 will be incurred.

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

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

Repertoire for Weddings

Processional (organ music)

The Prince of Denmark's March – Jeremiah Clarke
Trumpet Tune – Henry Purcell
Trumpet Voluntary – John Stanley
Bridal March from Lohengrin – Richard Wagner
Prélude from Te Deum in D Major – Marc-Antoine Charpentier
Grand Chœur pour Entrée – Marcel Courtonne

Offertory (Nuptial Mass only)

138 May God's light of joyous blessing
443 A new commandment I give unto you
555 Amazing grace
586 Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation
651 Gift of finest wheat
593 See us Lord, about your altar
163 Soul of my Saviour

Communion (Nuptial Mass only)

459 Bread of life, hope of the world
469 Christians let us love one another
484 Eat this bread
162 Godhead here is hiding
509 I am the bread of life
163 Jesus my Lord, my God, my all
533 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Ave Maria – Bach/Gounod (sung or organ only)
Ave Maria – Caccini (sung or organ only)
Ave Maria – Schubert (sung or organ only)
Panis Angelicus – Cesar Franck (sung or organ only)
Ave Verum – Mozart (sung or organ only)

Signing of the Registry (organ music)

Air from Orchestral suite no. 3 in D Major BWV 1068 – J.S. Bach
Jesus bleibet meine Freude from Cantata BWV 147 – J.S. Bach
Canon in D – Johann Pachelbel
Adagio from Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C Major BWV 564 – J. S. Bach
Sarabande from Suite no. 4 in d minor HWV 437 – G. F. Handel
Prière – Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

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Ave Maria – Schubert (sung or organ only)
Panis angelicus – Cesar Franck (sung or organ only)
Ave Maria – Mozart (sung or organ only)

Recessional (organ music)

Hornpipe from Water Music – G.F. Handel
Wedding March from a Midsummer's Night's Dream – Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
Toccatà from Symphony no. 5 – Charles-Marie Widor
J.S. Bach - Meine Seele erhebet den Herrn (Fuga super il Magnificat) BWV 733
J.S. Bach – Cantata BWV 29 - Sinfonia 'Wir danken dir' / We thank you (transcribed by Alexandre Guilmant)

Other appropriate Catholic Hymns for Weddings

Processional

135 As man and woman we were made
136 God who created hearts to love
137 God, who blesses new beginnings
381 Come down, O love Divine
448 All people that on earth do dwell
499 God is love, let heaven adore him

Signing of the Registry

461 Brother, sister, let me serve (Servant Song)
487 For the beauty of the earth
541 Lord of all hopefulness
543 Lord of creation, to you be all praise
552 Love Divine, all loves excelling
561 Now thank we all our God
639 Ubi caritas est vera