



Newsletter

March 2016

Patron: Sir Trevor Garland

Past Patron: Dr I G Dicker

From the Director

We are now well in to Lent due to an early Easter. I read recently that there is talk of fixing Easter to be the same weekend every year. Having a variable feast dependent on when the first full moon is after 21st March does sometimes have complications. And of course, some Eastern European churches have a different day anyway! So we had our first service after one week of rehearsals and were already in Lent. This year we have sung a plainsong mass setting during Lent, the *Missa de Angelis*. A unison setting has been useful as 50% of our bass section are out of Sydney for some services.

We will sing the Crucifixion on Good Friday at St John's, Gordon as usual. We are fortunate to have the same soloists as last year, Craig Everingham (Baritone) and Damian Arnold (Tenor) and are looking forward to working with them again. After that we have our annual trip to Bowral. We will be singing Vigil Mass twice at St Mary's Cathedral in 2016, so it is a busy year, as usual.

We have a few new singers which is encouraging and they are getting used to the quirks of the choir and the large turnover of music. As always, we are keen to sign up new singers as regulars or deputies.

I was given a book on hymn tunes for Christmas. It was very interesting to see that places where some hymn tunes are named. For instance, did you know that the tune Crimond (The Lord's my shepherd) comes from a village in Scotland where the church clock has 61 minutes on the face?

I hope you will be able to join us at some services and especially on Good Friday.

Best wishes,
Jim Abraham
Director

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Check out our website and then tell your friends!

Would you like to consider joining us?

Contact Jan Kneeshaw on 9144 4915 or the Director,
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From the Chair

Greetings All

This year is flying by even more quickly than usual as Easter is so early.

We have now decided to produce an abridged version of the Newsletter so that you know our dates for the year and particularly for Easter Services.



We have already started our program, with our annual re-dedication at St John's Gordon during their morning service early in February.

After that we visited Holy Spirit North Ryde Catholic Church to lead their service of Stations of the Cross held on Friday evenings in Lent. We were all impressed with what a thought provoking service that was. Of course, we had to take to the opportunity to have dinner again afterwards – a rare pleasure in our crazy lives.

We have been busy lately and returned to St Martin's Killara in February to sing a Lenten Evensong to an appreciative congregation in a lovely setting. Dave and Emma enjoyed the afternoon tea afterwards too!



The next week we sang during mass at St John's Balmain where we always get a warm welcome.

Today we sang at Christ Church St Laurence to give their choir an opportunity to take breath before their Annual Lenten Concert. We sang Missa di Angelus and the motet "Drop, drop, slow tears" by Orlando Gibbons – not the more usual version this time. This too was a beautiful service and we were thrilled to be in the company of members of the Order of Australia as part of their National Conference. We were also privileged to hear their Act of Commitment, which was very moving. This was led by our own Professor David Barker AM, a member of our ROCO committee.



We will as usual be singing Stainer's Crucifixion on Good Friday. This has become a tradition that we really look forward to. More details elsewhere. After Easter, we have a lull until Anzac week, when we take part in 2 ceremonies.

We have been invited by West Pymble Chamber of Commerce to sing WW1 soldiers songs before joining in their ceremony at 11am, remembering the Centenary of the Anzac landing, when we will change to songs and hymns of a more solemn nature. We are looking forward to this interesting event.

We really enjoyed singing carols there before Christmas last year.

I will leave you to note events coming up later in the year.

Thank you for your support

Jan Kneeshaw

Secretary /Chair



The Cathedral Singers

EASTER SERVICES



Passion Sunday – Sunday 20 March 2015

7.00pm

Festival of Lessons and Music for Passiontide

St John's Parish Choirs The Jacobean Singers The Cathedral Singers

Stainer's Crucifixion

Good Friday

25 March 2016

2.30pm

St John's Church
Cnr Pacific Hwy/St John's Ave
Gordon

The Cathedral Singers

Damian Arnold – Tenor
Craig Everingham – Baritone
Brett McKern – Organist
Jim Abraham – Director

Free entry

Retiring collection

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TCS Program for 2016

Come and join us for one of these events
Other activities will be announced as they arise.

Month	Day	Date	Time	Event	Venue
MARCH	Sunday	20	7.0pm	Palm Sunday Service	St John's Gordon
	Friday	25	2.30pm	Stainer's Crucifixion	St John's Gordon
APRIL	Saturday	23	10.0am	Anzac day Remembrance	West Pymble Shops
MAY	Sunday	1	11.30am	Anzac Day Service	St John's Gordon
	Sunday	8	9.30am	St John's Day Eucharist	St John's Gordon
	Sunday	29	2.30pm	Concert	St Jude's Bowral
	"	"	3.15pm	Evensong	"
JUNE	Sunday	12	4.0pm	Queen's Birthday Evensong	St John's Gordon
	Sunday	19	9.30am	Mass	St John's Balmain
JULY	Saturday	16	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	St Mary's Cathedral
AUGUST	Sunday	2	10am	Mass	
SEPTEMBER	Sunday	11	10.30am	Mass	Christ Church St Laurence
	Sunday	25	9.0am	Divine Service	Scots' Kirk Mosman
OCTOBER	Saturday	1	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	St Mary's Cathedral
	Sunday	2	3.30pm	Evensong	Holy Trinity Terrigal
	Sunday	30	9.30am	Mass	St John's Balmain
NOVEMBER	Monday	7	7.30pm	Faure Requiem	St John's Dee Why - TBC
	Sunday	13	4.0pm	Evensong	St John's Gordon
	Sunday	27	7.0pm	Advent Carol Service	St Alban's Leura
DECEMBER	Sunday	11	6.0pm	Lessons & Carols	St John's Balmain
	Friday	16	7.30pm	Lessons & Carols	St Peter's Cremorne
	Sunday	18	7.30pm	Lessons & Carols	St John's Gordon
	Thursday	24	11.0pm	Midnight Mass	St John's Gordon

