



Catholic Diocese of Auckland
Liturgy Centre – Te Kawe Ritenga Tapu
Music Suggestions for 7th – 28th December 2025

Priority for Singing:

Singing at Mass is not an optional extra, but is an integral part of the Mass. It is, however, more important to sing some parts of the Mass than others. The list below indicates the priority attributed to singing each part.

Priority 1: Gospel Acclamation, Holy Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Amen

Priority 2: Entrance or Gathering Hymn, Gloria, Psalm, Hymn/Song During Communion

Priority 3: Penitential Rite, Preparation of Altar and Gifts, Lamb of God, Dismissal

Opening or Gathering hymn:

The purpose of the hymn at the beginning of Mass is to foster unity and open our minds to the wonder of the season of the Paschal Mystery, liturgical time, and readings of the day.

Communion hymn:

Singing a hymn during the procession to communion reminds us of our call to unity, to oneness in Christ, whose we become as we eat and drink the body and blood of the Lord.

The Psalmist: “The psalmist, or cantor of the psalm, proclaims the Responsorial Psalm after the first reading and leads the gathered assembly in singing the refrain. The psalmist may also, when necessary, intone the Gospel Acclamation and verse.” *Sing to The Lord; Music in Divine Worship: para-34.*

Suggested Mass Settings: In principle, select **one** mass setting and use it consistently for the parts of the Mass throughout a Liturgical Season. As the season of Ordinary time is very long, you might find it appropriate to use a different mass setting at times, though still important to use the mass setting in its entirety (i.e., the Gloria, Holy Holy, Memorial Acclamation etc. should be from the same musical setting).

Trilingual chants of the Roman Missal - ICEL

Mass of St Therese – Douglas Mews

Te Miha Māori

Mary Queen of Peace – Maria Guzzo

Hopetoun Mass – Chris Skinner

Abbreviations - Copyright licensing groups: OL – One Licence, CCLI Christian Copyright Licensing Inc. PD – Public Domain

Publications: (SP) Sing Praise, (AOV) As One Voice, (STTL) Sing to The Lord, (GA) Gather Australia, (AA) Alleluia Aotearoa, (KKM) Ko Ngā Karakia o Te Miha me (COC) Carol our Christmas NZ, (CWC2) Catholic Worship Book 2, (NH) Ngā Hīmene, (JS) Journeysongs, (GC) Gather Comprehensive, (GP) Glory & Praise, (SS) Spirit & Song

Advent – Christmas

1st Sunday of Advent – The Holy Family

Kaupapa Māori – Māori Dimension: Included in the terms of reference for the National Liturgy Office is “ensure the distinctive identity of the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand with its Māori dimension is present in the liturgy.” (NZCBC’s Terms of Reference for NLO 2015 1.2b.) Kaupapa Māori has been written to support this initiative. The 4th dimension of Kaupapa Māori, is Māori music, and the first priority it lists is to promote the use of Māori music where appropriate.

Consider using a waiata (Māori song) listed below, in your parish over the next few weeks. Remember to give your people support to learn it.

He Hōnore by Nape Waaka

Ka Waiata by Richard Puanaki, Ngā Hīmene 158

Ko Hehu Tōku Hēpara, tune J Irvine, SP 57, Ngā Hīmene 77, KKM 21,

Mā te Mārie a te Atua -Ngā Hīmene 71, SP 225 – tune: Old One Hundredth

Mo Maria by Bishop Pompallier, tune D.H Doane, Ngā Hīmene 151, SP 228

Tama Ngākau Mārie - Ngā Hīmene 92, SP 285, KKM

Te Aroha

Wairua Tapu by Wiremu Ready and Keith Southern © 2002 Ngā Hīmene 95151, SP 228

Marian hymns can be used appropriately at the end of Mass, but not during Mass unless the day is a Marian feast Day.

Mass of St Francis – Paul Taylor (Australia)

Mass of Creation – Marty Haugen (USA)

Mass of Joy and Peace – Tony Alonso (USA)

Mass of Christ the Saviour – Dan Schutte (USA)

Heritage Mass – Owen Alstott (England)



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Te Taumata o te Hahi Katorika

2nd Sunday of Advent

7th December

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power...

Psalm 71(72)

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God...

Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: "A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight."

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Hymn Spotlight: [Hopeful Longing \(Ricky Manalo\) OCP, OL 30135381](#)

A New Heart for A New World (Trisha Watts) AOV1 158, OL 5901930f67594

A Voice Cries Out (Michael Joncas) GA 278, OL 80632

A Voice in The Wilderness (Chris Robinson) AOV1 62, OL 592e04d254226

Advent Alleluia (Michael Mangan) OL 14672

Advent Litany / Litany of the Word (Bernadette Farrell) GA 279, OL 80563

Christ Be Our Light (Bernadette Farrell) AOV2 3, OL 80229

City of God (Dan Schutte) AOV1 57, GC 678, OCP, GP3 538, JS 813, OL 80676

Come, Lord Jesus (Chris de Silva) GIA, OL 91242

Come, Lord Jesus (Dan Schutte) OCP, OL 86961

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Charles Wesley) SP 153, OCP, GP2 309, JS 296, OL 83979

Comfort, Comfort (Robin Mann) AOV2 12, OL 117650

Comfort, Comfort ye my People (Johann Olearius) PD

Draw Near (Michael Joncas) OCP, OL 30130953

Drawn to You (Sarah Hart) OCP, OL 30145854

Every Valley (Bob Dufford) GP3 221, OCP, JS 289, OL 81011

Eye Has Not Seen (Marty Haugen) AOV1 146, GC 638, OL 00596

Grant to Us, O Lord (Charles Wesley, Lucien Deiss) SP 103, OL 50103

I Thank My God (Frank Andersen) OL 125615

O Come O Come Emmanuel (Thomas Helmore) SP 238, AOV1 174, OL 592e04d38b704

O Emmanuel (Michael Mangan) OL 14663

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (Charles Coffin) PD

Prepare the Way (Charlie Hall) WorshipNOW 143, CCLI 3441008

Prepare the Way O Zion (Frans Mikael Franzen) CCLI 2675064

The Fullness of God (Frank Andersen) AOV2 62, OL 121923



3rd Sunday of Advent

14th December

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy...

Psalms 145(146)

Lord, come and save us.

James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains...

Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk...'

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Christ Be Our Light (Bernadette Farrell) AOV2 3, OL 80229

City of God (Dan Schutte) AOV1 57, GC 678, OCP, GP3 538, JS 813, OL 80676

Come to Set Us Free (Bernadette Farrell) AOV1 39, OCP, GA 277, GP2 298, OL 81520

Come, Lord Jesus (Chris de Silva) GIA, OL 91242

Come, Lord Jesus (Dan Schutte) OCP, OL 86961

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Charles Wesley) SP 153, OCP, GP2 309, JS 296, OL 83979

Comfort, Comfort (Robin Mann) AOV2 12, OL 117650

Comfort, Comfort ye my People (Johann Olearius) PD

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In (Louise Ruspini) STTL 62, OL 35966

Eye Has Not Seen (Marty Haugen) AOV1 146, GC 638, OL 00596

Grant to Us, O Lord (Charles Wesley, Lucien Deiss) SP 103, OL 50103

Help Me Know Your Ways (Michael Mangan) OL 126447

I Have Loved You (Michael Joncas) GA 402, AOV1 126, GC 504, OCP, JS 623, OL 80636

I Shall Dwell in The Lord's House (Hillary Raimondo) AOV2 69, OL 59408ad9bf947

Magnificat (Bernadette Farrell) OCP, JS 11, OL 81100

My Soul Rejoices (Michael Mangan)

O Emmanuel (Michael Mangan) OL 14663

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (Charles Coffin) PD

Prepare the Way (Charlie Hall) WorshipNOW 143, CCLI 3441008

Prepare the Way O Zion (Frans Mikael Franzen) CCLI 2675064

Sing A New Song (Dan Schutte) AOV1 80, OCP, JS 598, GP2 670, OL 80487



4th Sunday of Advent

21st December

Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above...'

Psalm 23(24)

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures...

Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity...

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Abide With Us, Emmanuel (Marty Haugen) GIA, OL 99686

Advent Litany / Litany of the Word (Bernadette Farrell) GA 279, OL 80563

Bring Forth the Kingdom (Marty Haugen) AOV2 4, OL 00026

City of God (Dan Schutte) AOV1 57, GC 678, OCP, GP3 538, JS 813, OL 80676

Come, Lord Jesus (Chris de Silva) GIA, OL 91242

Come, Lord Jesus (Dan Schutte) OCP, OL 86961

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Charles Wesley) SP 153, OCP, GP2 309, JS 296, OL 83979

How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place (Michael Joncas) AOV1 41, OCP, JS 61, GP2 222, OL 80635

I Have Loved You (Michael Joncas) GA 402, AOV1 126, GC 504, OCP, JS 623, OL 80636

Immaculate Mary - Thy Praises We Sing (Jeremiah Cummings) SP 199, PD

Magnificat (Bernadette Farrell) OCP, JS 11, OL 81100

Maranatha (Marty Haugen) GIA, OL 00958

O Come O Come Emmanuel (Thomas Helmore) SP 238, AOV1 174, OL 592e04d38b704

O Emmanuel (Michael Mangan) OL 14663

Sing A New Song (Dan Schutte) AOV1 80, OCP, JS 598, GP2 670, OL 80487

Who is the child that is to be born? (Colin Gibson, Shirley Erena Murray) OL 391



The Holy Family

28th December

Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Communion Antiphon

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respect

Psalm 127(128)

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Colossians 3:12-21

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as quarrel begins...

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him...'

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Angels We Have Heard on high!

Away in a Manger (William James Kirkpatrick) SP 138, PD

E Hoa Mā Tēnā – O Come All Ye Faithful Maori – SP 159 PD

God Is love, His the Care (Percy Dearmer) SP 175, PD

How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place (Michael Joncas) AOV1 41, OCP, JS 61, GP2 222, OL 80635

Kauri flax and Rata Tree – N Brookes CCLI

Lady Mary (Sandra Sears) AOV1 117, OL 41206

Love Is The Greatest Gift of All (Erica Marshall) AOV2 86, OL 72834

O Come All Ye Faithful (John Wade) SP 236, AOV1 167, OL 592e04d371906

Once in Royal David's City (Henry Gauntlett, Cecil Alexander) SP 246, OL 84482

Te Harinui

What Child is This (William Dix) AOV1 165, OL 592e04d4531c9

Where Is the Room (Shirley Erena Murray) OL 80656

You Are Born In Us Again (Shirley Murray) Carol our Christmas, OL 436

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