



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL, BENDIGO CHORAL BURSARIES (2025)

The Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir in Bendigo is currently working to recruit new members. The mixed-voice ensemble of sopranos, altos, tenors and basses currently comprises 28 members, approximately one third of whom are on student scholarships at local primary schools and secondary colleges.

In addition, **four adult choral bursaries are available** (valued at \$2,400 per year) for a soprano, alto, tenor and bass who can help serve as a leader within their vocal part. These bursaries offer a wonderful opportunity for interested adult singers to contribute towards the liturgy at Sacred Heart Cathedral, and to further their musical formation and appreciation. Payments are paid towards the end of each semester in half-yearly instalments.

The Cathedral Choir sings music from the Church's rich tradition of Gregorian chant and choral works in Latin and English, plus traditional and contemporary hymnody and psalmody from Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran and other church sources.

Rehearsals are held in the Cathedral Choir Room and Cathedral, off Short Street, Bendigo, on Thursdays during school terms from 6-8pm (in School Terms 1 and 4 due to extended preparations for Holy Week and Christmas) and from 6:30-8pm (in School Terms 2 and 3), and on Sundays during School Term from 9:45-10:40am in the Cathedral Choir Room, prior to the 11am Mass.

The Choir also sings at Christmas services and Easter ceremonies, and annual Diocesan celebrations (e.g. Christ Mass on Tuesday of Holy Week and Ordination liturgies when scheduled).

Auditions are normally held at the Cathedral Choir Room on Sundays from November - February, after the 11am Mass which interested singers are encouraged to attend. Audition bookings are required. Applicants are required to sing a number of items to illustrate existing skill levels, including a familiar Christmas Carol (e.g. Silent Night) or Advance Australia Fair in addition to completing ear tests and a passage of sight-singing.

A documentary style video of the history and ministry of the Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir is available on the Diocese of Sandhurst YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/57V7C0YNp5Y>

Sight-singing ability is a distinct advantage. Interested applicants are invited to complete the audition form that follows:

**SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL BENDIGO
CHORAL BURSARIES
AUDITION APPLICATION/BOOKING FORM (2025)**

NAME: _____

AGE: _____

HOME ADDRESS:

PHONE/MOBILE NUMBERS:

EMAIL/S: _____

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD NUMBER DETAILS

CHURCH/DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION (e.g. Catholic, Anglican, etc.)

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS PLAYED?

AMEB MUSIC GRADES COMPLETED?

Please return this form by Thursday 20 February 2025 to:

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