



Radio Community Chest Incorporated

CHURCH AND GOSPEL CHOIRS

Sydney hosts a diverse array of exceptional church choirs, ranging from prestigious, fully auditioned cathedral ensembles to welcoming, non-auditioned community church choirs. Whether you are looking to attend a beautifully sung choral service or seeking a group to join as a singer, there are options tailored to varying skill levels, musical styles and time commitment across the city.

Church choirs are usually free to join, but gospel and community choirs often have an annual membership fee to cover rehearsal and administration costs.

Traditional & Cathedral Choirs

These ensembles specialise in sacred classical music, liturgical settings, and traditional hymns.

Gospel & Non-Traditional Choirs

If you prefer energetic, harmony-rich styles like African-American gospel or contemporary community singing hosted in church spaces, seek out a gospel choir.

St Mary's Cathedral Choir (Catholic)

Level: Audition required

Style: Traditional Catholic liturgical music.

Location: St Mary's Road, Sydney (near Hyde Park).

Details: Located at St Mary's Road in the CBD, it is one of the oldest and most respected cathedral choirs in Australia, maintaining a rigorous schedule of choral services.

Contact: <https://stmaryscathedral.org.au/explore/music/cathedral-choir/>

St Mary's Singers (Catholic)

Level: No Audition

Style: Traditional Catholic liturgical music.

Location: St Mary's Road, Sydney (near Hyde Park).

Details: The group is open to anyone in the Sydney area with a passion for choral singing, and they are actively seeking younger singers to join their ranks.

Contact: <https://stmaryscathedral.org.au/explore/music/the-st-marys-singers/become-a-member/>

The Choir of St James' King Street (Anglican)

Level: Audition required

Style: High-level Anglican choral tradition.

Location: 173 King Street, Sydney (near Hyde Park).

Details: This prominent choir performs at weekly Choral Matins and Choral Eucharists. They also support the **St James' Singers**, an SATB group that requires **no audition** and **no cost to join**, performing monthly.

Contact: <https://sjks.org.au/music/>

St James' Singers (Anglican)

Level: No Audition

Style: Anglican choral tradition.

Location: 173 King Street, Sydney (near Hyde Park).

Details: This is an SATB group that requires no audition and no cost to join, performing monthly.

Contact: <https://sjks.org.au/music/>

Christ Church St Laurence Choir (Anglican)

Level: Audition required

Style: Anglo-Catholic liturgical music and classical sacred works.

Location: 812 George Street, Haymarket (near Central Station).

Details: This choir is known for exceptional performances of Bach, Charpentier, and Renaissance motets, frequently collaborating with classical instrumental ensembles.

Contact: <https://ccsl.org.au/music>

St Stephen's Church Choir (Uniting Church)

Level: No Audition

Style: Traditional Protestant choral repertoire.

Location: 197 Macquarie Street, Sydney (near Martin Place).

Details: This SATB choir rehearses weekly on Sundays before the morning service.

Contact: <https://www.ssms.org.au/choir.html>

St Paul's Burwood Choir (Anglican)

Level: Audition required

Style: Anglo-Catholic liturgical music and classical sacred works.

Location: 205 Burwood Road, Burwood.

Details: Performs an expansive range of music, spanning from 10th-century Gregorian chants to contemporary 21st-century choral pieces.

Contact: <https://stpaulsburwood.org.au/music/>

The Choir of St Swithun's Pymble (Anglican)

Level: No Audition

Style: Anglo-Catholic liturgical music and classical sacred works.

Location: 2A Telegraph Road, Pymble

Details: Rehearses Thursdays from 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM. They perform weekly for the 9:30 AM traditional service and for special services. No audition.

Contact: <https://www.swiz.org.au/choir>

St Mark's Darling Point (Anglican)

Level: Audition required

Style: Anglo-Catholic liturgical music and classical sacred works.

Location: 1 Greenoaks Ave, Darling Point

Details: The choir leads the 8:00 AM Choral Communion each Sunday and performs at special services throughout the year, including Choral Evensong and Lessons and Carols.

Contact: <https://stmarksdp.org/ministries/st-marks-music/>

The St. Francis Choir, Paddington (Catholic)

Level: Audition required

Style: Catholic liturgical music and classical sacred works.

Location: 459 Oxford St, Paddington

Details: One of the most famous church choirs in the area, they frequently sing for engagements outside the parish. The choir sings at the 10:00 am Solemn Mass on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month. The Director of Music is Noel Debien. You can reach out to find audition or volunteer information on The St. Francis Choir website.

Contact: <https://stfrancischoir.com/>

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Parramatta (Catholic)

Level: Audition required

Style: Catholic liturgical music and classical sacred works.

Location: 1 Marist Place, Parramatta

Details: The choir is open to both volunteer and paid singers (specifically tenors and basses).

Members are expected to commit to: a 90-minute weekly rehearsal on Wednesday evenings and rehearsals and liturgy on Sunday mornings.

Contact: <https://stpatscathedral.com.au/music/choir/>

St Alban's Church Choir, Epping (Anglican)

Level: No Audition

Style: Liturgical and traditional hymns.

Location: 3 Pembroke Street, Epping

Details: An active, non-auditioned SATB amateur choir. Singers should be capable of reading music and appreciating traditional Anglican choral repertoire. They lead worship at the 10:00 am service on the first and third Sundays of the month, as well as on major church festivals.

Contact: <https://www.eppinganglicans.org.au/choir>

Cafe of the Gate of Salvation (Gospel)

Level: Audition Required

Style: High-energy contemporary and traditional African-American gospel.

Location: 23 Swanson Street, Erskineville

Details: Auditioned community gospel choir known for its powerful sound and charity work.

Contact: <https://www.cafeofthegateofsalvation.com.au/>

Australian Christian Choir (Non-denominational)

Level: No Audition

Style: Classical sacred works, contemporary worship, and gospel.

Location: 3 York Street, Sydney

Details: Originally launched at St Philip's York Street, this booming group welcomes adults of all heritages and denominations. They require a good vocal ability (the capability to blend, harmonise, and follow sheet music) and rehearse fortnightly on Thursdays.

Contact: <https://www.australianchristianarts.com/choir>

Sydney Christian Male Voice Choir (Gospel)

Level: No Audition

Style: Traditional male-voice gospel music.

Location: 181 Park Road, Dundas.

Details: Established in 1952, this ensemble rehearses on Friday evenings. They share the gospel through choral music across churches, nursing homes, and community venues. A typical program consists of choral items interspersed with solos, quartets and musical items, and a gospel message.

Contact: <https://www.sydneycmvc.org.au/>

Jonah & The Wailers (Gospel)

Level: No Audition

Style: Vibrant a cappella gospel.

Location (Inner West): 3 Wetherill Street, Leichhardt (Leichhardt Uniting Church)

Location (North Sydney):

Details: A community-focused choir influenced by African-American gospel. They rehearse across two different venues in Sydney, including Leichhardt on Tuesdays and North Sydney on Wednesdays, welcoming singers from all backgrounds without strict barriers.

Contact: <https://www.jonahandthewailerschoir.com.au/>



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Radio Community Chest Incorporated (ABN 80 990 419 897) is a registered charity. Through our annual presentations of Handel's *Messiah* we are committed to encouraging a love for choral music; and surpluses are used to assist those in need in our city.

Our choir rehearses and performs on the traditional land of the Gadi people, a clan of the Eora Nation