



Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament



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St Mary's Pro-Cathedral

# Messiah

Handel's **Messiah** will be presented by CBS Music in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Manchester St., on Sunday, December 10, 2017, at 2 pm.

Soloists will be Elizabeth Emeleus, Louisa Pilkington, Theo Moolenaar, Wally Enright, Ken Joblin and Chris Whelan. The Cathedral Orchestra will be led by Natalia Lomeiko, with continuo accompaniment by Ellen Doyle and Barry Brinson. Don Whelan will direct. Admission is by programme donation of \$20 and \$15, available at the door.

This annual Christmas performance has continued to attract a substantial audience. **Messiah** proved a popular choice on the group's first four European tours, and its concerts throughout the Americas. While the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is being rebuilt, the spacious and resonant St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Manchester St, is proving an excellent concert venue and temporary home for the regular cathedral music programme. A new CBS Music Centre, alongside the Pro-Cathedral, now provides a substantial second auditorium, with very good acoustics and dedicated lighting, used for rehearsals and chamber music concerts.

Next year, CBS Music continues its popular **Lunch Plus Wednesday At One** recital series, the Bach **St John Passion at 8 pm** on Good Friday, and another Christmas **Messiah** at 2 pm on Sunday, 9 December. Musical activity will focus attention on the rebuilding of our damaged Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Haydn's **Vespers of the Blessed Sacrament** will be given its NZ premiere on Sunday, 24 June, (the Diocesan Feast Day) as part of a **Cathedral Music Festival**. A Lenten concert, featuring Pergolesi's **Stabat Mater** and Bach **Cantata 23**, will be presented on Sunday, March 18, and on 30 September, their Haydn concert will include his **Symphony 102** and **Theresienmesse**. The annual **Christchurch Choral Festival** is planned for 7 pm, Saturday, 25 August.

New members are welcome to join the cathedral choir, which rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm in the CBS Music Centre. Scholarships are available to students, together with leader/soloist positions. Sight reading ability is expected. Those interested should contact the musical director, Don Whelan, *ph.* 358 5873.