

## MUSIC MINISTRY REPORT PARISH AGM December 2011

The two churches within our Parish continue to be well-served by several groups of talented and hard-working musicians and singers. As always, new recruits are most welcome, and although we have had a few new faces come along to sing and play instruments at mass, there is room for many more who are willing to join in or lead a group at mass.

At OLV, Rita Gibbney and her singers have been able to cope with the lack of an overhead projector by using 3 hymn books (As One Voice Volumes 1 and 2, and the Catholic Worship book). Whilst a couple of long-serving stalwarts, namely Peter Ranasingh and Jim Rule have had to retire, there have been some fresh new young faces come along and join in early on Sunday mornings. It would be wonderful if another organist/pianist would come forward to share the load with Rita Gibbney.

At St Cecilia's, the sound system is performing very well indeed, as are the 4 different groups who lead the singing at mass. We welcome Alexander Circosta as the relatively new coordinator of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday singers, who bring a lovely youthful sound to the 9:30 Sunday mass. Not that the other Sunday singers are not young at heart- they are just slightly less youthful than Alex and his band! We have had some new faces come and share their talents in each of our groups, and that is a wonderful thing.

Towards the end of the year the new translation of the mass has been implemented both in song and in the spoken responses. Each group has been asked to learn new mass parts and to incorporate the template for the new responses into their powerpoint display. I thank the leaders/powerpoint organisers for their time and efforts in doing this.

In the past 15 months we have had an African guest choir, a guest choir from Holy Spirit School, and our parish children's choir lead the singing at some of the masses. On occasion, the "Invisible Choir" under the baton of CD artist Paul Pupazzoni has sung for us.

So the Music Ministry at the Floreat/Wembley parish continues to deliver a wide range of music styles within the liturgy. may it continue to flourish!

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