

### Singing and Meeting in Lockdown

The Perth Catholic and Anglican Diocese have Youtube channels where you can watch services

Catholic - <http://tiny.cc/oiafoz>

Anglican - <http://tiny.cc/3tafoz>

Despite being stuck inside, there are still opportunities to meet and sing online. For those of us who have been involved in the inter-varsity choral community, there was a recent initiative to contribute to a shared performance of Tye's Laudate Nomen Domini by submitting a video. The aim is to raise money for FoodBank for those still suffering from the effects of the fires earlier this year, who now have the added stress of business shutdowns and lockdowns. Please enjoy the video and contribute if you can at

<https://laudate.com.au>



## 2020 so far...

We find ourselves in an unusual set of circumstances for 2020.

For a group that works hard to provide opportunities to meet in person and share our music, it's particularly tricky to navigate in this current locked down environment

As communicated back in March, we've been left no choice but to cancel a number of key events this year. I met via teleconference with part of the national council and we collectively decided to postpone our national winter school originally scheduled for July 2020 to the same time in 2021, which in turn means that the Perth winter school will also be pushed back to 2022.

Around the same time, we decided to take the same approach with our WA choir camps, and Great Southern Grammar graciously allowed us to push back our booking for Albany until next year, as well as offering to return our deposit.

As such, we've cancelled all our larger events for 2020, and put the small events "on hold" pending rescheduling once we get some guidelines from the WA government about when it would be prudent to restart them.

Please keep in touch, and keep singing!

*Ken Taylor - Chair*



## Dates for your Diary

**At time of printing, all events are subject to advisory on COVID-19**

**The following events will be scheduled for later in the year - stay tuned:**

*Gospel Workshop* - St Barnabas, Leederville

*Parish Musicians Meetup* - St Mary's Cathedral

*Easy Choral Music*

"Ancient and Modern" Hymns

RSCM WA Dinner

**These events have been cancelled for 2020**

*Choir Camp Fundraising Concert* - St Michael's Mount Pleasant

Choir Camp at Great Southern Grammar, Albany

*Choral Festival* at St Mary's Cathedral. September 10th

**November 14th - At this time, we expect this event to run as scheduled**

"Come and Sing" event at All Saints Chapel, Bullcreek

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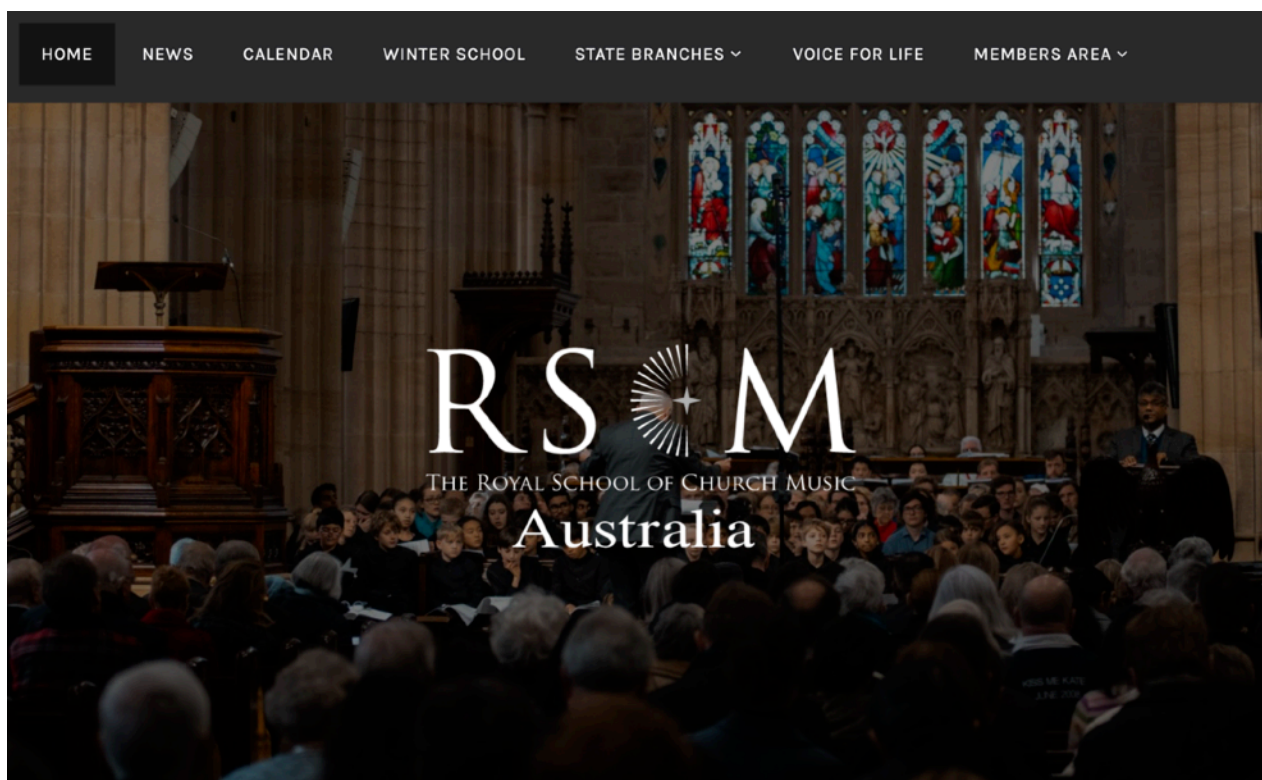
**WestNews needs your events to publicise - please forward these to**

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## New RSCM Australia Website - [rscmaustralia.org.au](http://rscmaustralia.org.au)

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Thanks again to Nigel Poole for his ongoing work on the RSCM website. Please go take a look at our newly updated site. We're still adding content back in (such as our back issues of WestNews), but it's great to have a site that's easier to navigate and to publicise our upcoming events.

If you have any feedback - please feel free to contact me at [wa.chair@rscmaustralia.org.au](mailto:wa.chair@rscmaustralia.org.au) and I'll pass it along.

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## Notes from St Mary's

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Well I think to say that the past few weeks have been difficult would almost be an understatement – really hope everyone is going ok.

Here at St Mary's, we have moved a lot of our work online – our Masses also. Holy Week was live-streamed from the Cathedral with no congregation which was SUCH a different experience (maybe 'surreal' may be a good word to describe it?) – no servers, no readers (we had to do all the readings ourselves) no choir – just me and a cantor. And our Chancel Organ played a starring role, musically speaking! It was good that we were able to still celebrate and mark those important days even in a simpler form - I was very glad that we were able to at least share those experiences with everyone, albeit in a virtual format.

And moving through this particular Holy Week which was so different for everyone, it really brought home to me how much we normally glean from these ceremonies and grow spiritually – they are so rich in meaning and symbolism helping us to really move into another spiritual dimension – perhaps we don't appreciate these experiences enough when we do actually have them...

But it seems all these necessary sacrifices as a community are certainly paying off – things are looking much more positive overall which is great.

As mentioned, our live-stream Masses on Sundays are available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/PerthCatholicChurch/>

Also, the floor is being refurbished in the Cathedral at the moment – so when we open to the public it should look great (it's a bit of a building site at the moment, though)

Stay safe, everyone, and we look forward to meeting everyone again in person as soon as our services start up again.

Jacinta