

## Music Recommendations

### Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 18 February 2026

The following reading references, psalm responses, antiphons and music recommendations are provided to assist music coordinators in preparing for their particular parish community Mass.

#### Readings

##### 1st Reading

**Jl 2:12-18**

*Let your hearts be broken, and not your garments torn.*

##### Responsorial Psalm (PAT1-51a)

**Ps 50 (51):3-6. 12-14. 17. R. Cf. v.3**

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

##### 2nd Reading

**2 Cor 5:20-6:2**

*Be reconciled to God, now is the acceptable time.*

##### Gospel Acclamation (GA-vL1)

**Cf. Ps 94 (95):8**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

##### Gospel

**Mt 6:1-6, 16-18**

*Your Father, who sees all that is done in secret, will reward you.*

#### Antiphons

##### Entrance Antiphon

**Wis 11:24,25,27**

You are merciful to all, O Lord,  
and despise nothing that you have made.  
You overlook people's sins, to bring them to repentance,  
and you spare them, for you are the Lord our God.

##### Ashes Processional Antiphons

1.

Let us change our garments to sackcloth and ashes,  
let us fast and weep before the Lord,  
that our God, rich in mercy, might forgive us our sins.

2.

**Cf. Jl 2:17; Est 4:17**

Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord,  
stand between the porch and the altar and weep  
and cry out:  
Spare, O Lord, spare your people;  
do not close the mouths of those who sing your praise, O Lord.

3.

**Ps 50 (51):3**

Blot out my transgressions, O Lord.

##### Communion Antiphon

**Cf. Ps 1:2-3**

He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night  
will yield fruit in due season.

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## Song

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L GA-2

                **O Lord, hear my prayer**

AOV1-017 GA431 TiS 741 TS-394

               **\* O Sun of justice (Jesu dulcis memoria)**

2 L CWBII-178 CWBII-179 RS-544

               **Our Father / The Lord's Prayer (Chant)**

P CWBII-14a GA-7 CHANT-8

               **Our Father / The Lord's Prayer (Mass of Glory and Praise)**

L MGP-10 MPS-18

               **\* Parce Domine (Spare your people Lord)**

1 L CWBII-299 RS-549

               **Penitential Act (Mass of Glory and Praise)**

L CWBII-25a MGP-1 MPS-5

               **Penitential Act (Mass Shalom)**

L CWBII-27b AOV1-195 MSH-2 MPS-24

               **Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour**

L CWBII-587 AOV1-028 GA-407 TiS-258 LC-102

                **\* Psalm 51: Be merciful, O Lord (C.Smith)**

R L RPY-A-19

                **\* Psalm 51: Be merciful, O Lord (D.Mews)**

R CWB-202

                **\* Psalm 51: Be merciful, O Lord (J.Gelineau/P.Craig)**

R L LPG-791

                **\* Psalm 51: Be merciful, O Lord (J.O'Brien)**

R PSY-A-20

                **Reshape my heart**

L HSS-11

                **\* Return to God**

1 2 L CWBII-298 GA-304 LC-106

                 **Sanctus (Mass VIII - de Angelis)**

P CWBII-70a CHANT-7 GM-105

                **Save us, Saviour of the world (Chant)**

P CWBII-12c CHANT-7

                **Save us, Saviour of the world (Glendalough Mass)**

L GLEN-7

                **Save us, Saviour of the world (Mass of Glory and Praise)**

L CWBII-25h MGP-8 MPS-15

                **Save us, Saviour of the world (Mass Shalom)**

L CWBII-27i AOV1-195 MSH-9 MPS-31

                **\* Seasonal Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord (C.Willcock)**

R L GA-41 PFS-14

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<b>Sending Forth</b>	
<b>Song of Praise</b>	
<b>Communion</b>	
<b>Lamb of God</b>	
<b>Our Father</b>	
<b>Amen</b>	
<b>Memorial Acclamation</b>	
<b>Holy</b>	
<b>Holy</b>	
<b>Holy</b>	
<b>Offertory</b>	
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	
<b>Glory to God</b>	
<b>Sprinkling Rite</b>	
<b>Penitential Act</b>	
<b>Entrance</b>	

**Resource List**

<b>Abbrev.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Composer (s)</b>	<b>Availability</b>
AHB	Australian Hymn Book	Collins	Various	Out Of Print
AOV1	As One Voice vol. 1	Willow Publishing	Various	<a href="http://asonevoice.com.au">asonevoice.com.au</a>
AOV2	As One Voice vol. 2	Willow Publishing	Various	<a href="http://asonevoice.com.au">asonevoice.com.au</a>
AOVNG	As One Voice Next Generation	Willow Publishing	Various	<a href="http://asonevoice.com.au">asonevoice.com.au</a>
CHANT	Missa Cantata	CTS	arr. G Cox	<a href="http://ctsbooks.org">ctsbooks.org</a>
CWB	Catholic Worship Book	Collins / E.J.Dwyer	Various	Out Of Print
CWBII	Catholic Worship Book II	Morning Star	Various	<a href="http://morningstarpublishing.net.au">morningstarpublishing.net.au</a>
GA	Gather Australia	NLMC Publications	Various	Out Of Print
GLEN	Glendalough Mass	GIA	Liam Lawton	<a href="http://giamusic.com">giamusic.com</a>
GOS	Gospel Acclamations	Liturgical Song	Various	<a href="http://liturgicalsong.com">liturgicalsong.com</a>
HSS	Hymns & Spiritual Songs	Liturgical Song	Various	<a href="http://liturgicalsong.com">liturgicalsong.com</a>
LITMUS	Various Compilations	Litmus Productions	Michael Mangan	<a href="http://litmusproductions.com">litmusproductions.com</a>
LP	Lyric Psalter	GIA	Alonso, Haugen	<a href="http://giamusic.com">giamusic.com</a>
LPGG	Psalms: Revised Grail / Gelieau	GIA	J Gelineau sj	<a href="http://giamusic.com">giamusic.com</a>
MCH	Mass of Christ the Redeemer	OCP	B Kirkpatrick	<a href="http://ocp.org">ocp.org</a>
MCY	Masses for the Church's Year	Liturgical Song	Roger Heagney	<a href="http://liturgicalsong.com">liturgicalsong.com</a>
MGP	Mass of Glory and Praise	Liturgical Song	Paul Mason	<a href="http://liturgicalsong.com">liturgicalsong.com</a>
MiM	Missa Magis	OCP	C Willcock sj	<a href="http://ocp.org">ocp.org</a>
MOLHC	Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians	Cantica Nova	R Connolly	<a href="http://asonevoice.com.au">asonevoice.com.au</a>
MPS	Masses for Parish & School	Liturgical Song	Mason & Smith	<a href="http://liturgicalsong.com">liturgicalsong.com</a>
MSF	Mass of St Francis	Willow Publishing	Paul Taylor	<a href="http://asonevoice.com.au">asonevoice.com.au</a>
MSH	Mass Shalom	Liturgical Song	Smith & Mason	<a href="http://liturgicalsong.com">liturgicalsong.com</a>
NLP	New Living Parish Hymnal	E.J. Dwyer	Various	Out Of Print
PAT	Psalms for All Time	Liturgical Song	Paul Mason	<a href="http://liturgicalsong.com">liturgicalsong.com</a>
PCY	Psalms for the Church's Year	Liturgical Song	Roger Heagney	<a href="http://liturgicalsong.com">liturgicalsong.com</a>
PFS	Psalms for Feasts and Seasons	OCP	C Willcock sj	Out Of Print
PSY	Psalms for Sundays of the Year	Jenny O'Brien	Jenny O'Brien	Out Of Print
RPY	Responsorial Psalms for the Year	Willow Publishing	Colin Smith cfc	<a href="http://asonevoice.com.au">asonevoice.com.au</a>
SSP	Simply Singable Psalms	Liturgical Song	Anne Millard	<a href="http://liturgicalsong.com">liturgicalsong.com</a>
SS	Spirit & Song	OCP	Various	<a href="http://ocp.org">ocp.org</a>
TiS	Together in Song	Harper Collins	Various	Out Of Print
TS	The Source Volume 1	Kevin Mayhew	Various	<a href="http://amazon.com.au">amazon.com.au</a>