



Contacts for some Liturgical Musicians & Singers

Music played in the church should be **RELIGIOUS MUSIC ONLY** reflecting the sacredness of the building. If you wish to have a 'favourite song' played during the funeral rites, it could be played in the home before the coffin leaves for the church – this is often more practical and more personal. If there is a cremation a 'favourite song' can be played at the crematorium.

Below is a list of some liturgical musicians who regularly sing in churches. This is only for guidance and you are not bound by this list. You should contact the musician yourself and discuss their musical repertoire and expenses.

MUSICIANS AVAILABLE FOR CHURCH CEREMONIES

Beth McNally (vocals & piano)	07523856948
Paul McCusker (vocals, piano, organ & violin)	07703682664
Mark Laverty (organ, piano & vocals)	07958 120750
Cara McCann (guitar, vocals & harp)	07743075453
Liza Trainor (piano, Irish whistle, guitar & vocals)	07788146944
Catherine Hamilton (soprano & harp)	07874953089
Louise Irvine (vocals, organ & harp)	07708222520
Loreto McAuley (piano, organ, harp, tin whistle & vocals)	07979 868152
Olive Kayes (guitar & vocals)	07891139197
Marion Jordan (vocals)	07809591730

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MUSIC FOR FUNERALS

Music is an important part of Catholic funeral rites. Music allows convictions and feelings to be expressed that words alone may fail to convey. Music has the power to strengthen the faith and hope of those present. The hymns chosen should express the mystery of our salvation in Christ, namely, the saving power of the Lord's suffering, death and resurrection. Funeral music should support, console, and uplift those present and help create in them a spirit of hope in Christ's victory over death and in the Christian's share in that victory.

A selection of hymns is offered below as suggestions. Many of these hymns are suitable for more than one part of the Mass, so it is possible to choose two hymns for the same section, if desired.

ENTRANCE HYMNS

Be not afraid

Be thou my vision

Christ be beside me

Do not be afraid

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord

I will come to you in the silence

I will never forget you, my people

Keep in Mind

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall

When I survey the wondrous cross

DURING THE PREPARATIONS OF THE GIFTS

Ag Críost an síol

Be still and know that I am God

Beatitudes

Dona Nobis Pacem

God be in my head

From heaven you came

I watch the sunrise

Jesus heal us

O the love of my Lord is the essence

COMMUNION HYMNS

Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Bread for the world

Christ is alive, with joy we sing

Eat this bread, drink this cup

Holy gifts for holy people

How great thou art

I am the bread of life

I have loved you

Jesus remember me

One bread we break

O God you search me

Shepherd me O God

The Clouds' Veil

The Lord's my shepherd

The Servant Song

We have been told

POST COMMUNION (OR INSTRUMENTALS)

Irish Blessing

In Paradisum

Pie Jesu

The Deer's Cry

The Clouds' Veil

St. Patrick's Prayer

FINAL HYMNS

Abide with me

Be not afraid

Christ be our Light

Day is done, but Love unfailing

In Paradisum

Make me a Channel of your Peace

May the choirs of angels come to greet you

May God the father look on you with love

May flights of angles lead you on your way

O Lord, my God (How great thou art)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord

(On eagle's wings)