

ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP



St John's Wood/The Gap Parish

INTRODUCTION

The Parish of St John's Wood/The Gap is pleased to invite applications for a scholarship payment of \$2,000 towards the formal tuition costs of a person undertaking a course of study in classical organ playing.

Applicants must be either currently undertaking organ studies, or be competent in reading and playing music on the piano. Previous formal piano performance tuition would be an advantage where there is no prior organ experience.

EXPECTATIONS

1. The successful applicant will be expected to play the organ for at least 2 masses or other services at Mater Dei Catholic Church West Ashgrove each month during the term of the scholarship, subject (if required) to a graduated transition as specified in item 4 in the GENERAL section below.
2. Applicants must be able to work ecumenically with all Christian faiths.
3. The successful applicant must apply him/herself diligently to their organ studies.
4. Every 3 months the person providing the tuition should provide a brief report to the Parish covering matters such as diligence, attendance at lessons and progress in ability.

SELECTION

1. Applications will be assessed by a committee comprising representatives of the Parish and an expert appointed by the Organ Society of Queensland, and may involve practical skill demonstrations.
2. References regarding ability and good character may be required.
3. Applicants must agree to the Archdiocese's volunteering policy and may be required to hold a "Blue Card" for working with children or be eligible to apply for one.
4. The committee will propose the successful applicant but final approval will rest with the Parish Priest/Pastoral Director.

GENERAL

1. The tenure of the scholarship will be for 1 calendar year from the date of conferral.
2. The teacher or tutor used must be approved by the selection committee.
3. Payments will be made as follows: \$200 at the time of conferral to assist in purchase of relevant books and materials (these must be approved by the selection committee before purchase); followed by a payment of \$450 at the end of each of the following quarters conditional upon the receipt of the report from the tutor indicating satisfactory performance in matters mentioned in item 4 in EXPECTATIONS above; and satisfactory playing as required in item 1 in EXPECTATIONS above.
4. Should the successful applicant be junior or inexperienced in playing for services, gradual partial performance such as playing a prelude or 1 or 2 hymns only at a service may be approved during the first quarter of tenure.
5. The organ at Mater Dei Church is a digital Allen Model L-5. The church is air-conditioned.
6. The usual services requiring music are Masses at 5.30pm on Saturdays & 9.30am on Sundays, and Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm on Fridays during Lent. Funerals and major feast days on weekdays may also involve music.
7. The usual Mass settings used are:
Mass of Glory and Praise or Mass of St Francis, both by Paul Mason, though other settings are occasionally sung. Psalm settings by C.D. Smith are used. A Cantor is rostered for all weekend Masses with a small choir on Sunday mornings.

See next page for application form. Applications should be received before 10th December 2017.

ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
St John's Wood /The Gap Parish



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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No(s): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

AMEB Grade (if applicable): _____

Musical Experience: (attach additional pages if desired) _____

Organ Experience if any: (attach additional pages if desired) _____

If already studying Piano or Organ -

Name of teacher/institution/school: _____

Vision for future organ studies following Scholarship term:

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature indicating consent

if applicant is under 18 years: _____

Attach any relevant supporting documents.

Send to:

Parish Secretary

St John's Wood/The Gap Parish

PO Box 408

The Gap Qld 4061