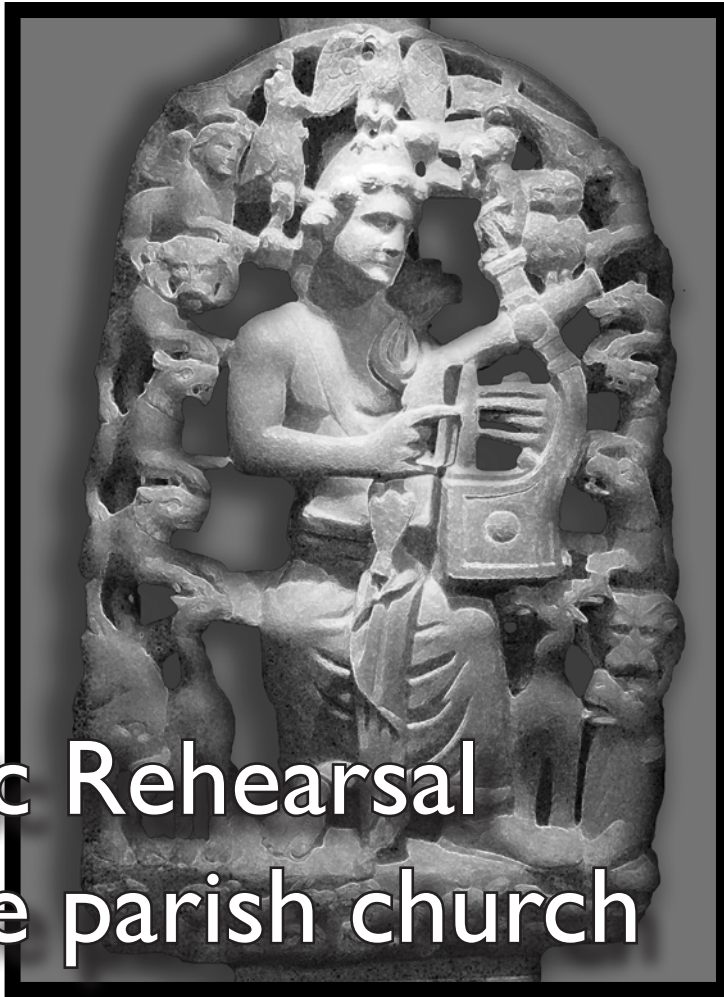


# Music Rehearsal in the parish church



*Jesus as Orpheus, Byzantine and Christian Museum, Athens.*

*Society needs artists*, just as it needs scientists, technicians, workers, professional people, witnesses of the faith, teachers, fathers and mothers, who ensure the growth of the person and the development of the community by means of that supreme art form which is “the art of education”. Within the vast cultural panorama of each nation, artists have their unique place. Obedient to their inspiration in creating works both worthwhile and beautiful, they not only enrich the cultural heritage of each nation and of all humanity, but they also render an exceptional social service in favour of the common good.

*Letter of Pope John Paul II to Artists (4)*

## The purpose of the church

The primary function of our parish church is as a place of worship and private prayer.

The church is open for these purposes from 0730 to 1830 Monday to Friday, and longer on Saturdays and Sundays.

## Availability as rehearsal space

However – subject to its availability - we are happy to make the church available for musicians looking for rehearsal space between 1830 and 2030 Monday to Thursday.

There are various conditions of use:

- The sacred nature of the church building must at all times be respected
- The church must be left clean and tidy after use
- There should be no eating and drinking in the church (except for water only)

## Booking the church

Sometimes the church is needed for parish use outside of regular opening times and there is not always much notice of such need.

Because of this bookings for music rehearsal time may only be made one week at a time. However once a musician has started to use the church for rehearsal at a particular time, they will have priority for that time slot – except when it is needed for parish use.

## Waiting List

We are happy to maintain a list of those waiting for a time-slot to become available.

## No-shows

Unless we have been advised in advance that a musician is not using a regular time slot, then a ‘no-show’ will indicate that that time-slot is now available for allocating to others in further weeks.