

MUSIC MINISTRY

*'O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.'* Psalm 96:1

Reflection



O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Psalm 96: 1-4

- The lack of opportunity to sing during the pandemic has been sorely missed by many.
What does it mean to you to be able to sing to the Lord?
- St. Augustine' is said to have proclaimed that to sing is to pray twice.
What does music at Mass mean to you? Does it enable you to 'pray twice'?
- What is your favourite memory of music at Mass?

Action Points

1. Musicians

Organise a music gathering for all your musicians, and invite newcomers. Play through some favourite and maybe some new music too. What have you discovered during lockdown?

2. Prior to the pandemic, what was the parish music like? Could it be improved upon? Do you have a good range of different styles and kinds of music?

3. Are young people involved in the music ministry of the parish? Are you open to bringing on 'beginner' musicians? They soon get really good.

4. Congregation

Think about your parish community - did the music enable people to fully participate in the liturgy?

5. If choosing to introduce new music - how might people be enabled to join in?

6. If there has been no recent investment in the music resources, take this opportunity to consider how this could change?