



The Choir of Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick plays a central role in the weekly choral services in the Cathedral as well as civic, Christmas and other occasional services that the Cathedral hosts.

The Cathedral choir is mixed and multi-denominational, and is made up of student-age singers from secondary schools and third level colleges, together with voluntary adult singers and four Vicars Choral. The music performed ranges from medieval to modern, and includes mass settings, anthems, hymns and traditional canticles. The choir has a substantial online presence via the cathedral's livestream (hosted by Church Services TV), and has frequently broadcast services on RTÉ One.

The choir is conducted by Peter Barley, a musician of wide experience particularly in the fields of choral and church music. He is well known in Limerick as a piano accompanist for exams and concerts. Peter is also a piano and organ teacher. In addition to his role at Saint Mary's, Peter is also a part-time member of staff at Limerick School of Music. The Organ Scholar, Ms Irina Dernova, is an accompanist at Limerick Opera Workshop, and teaches at the Mid-West Vocal Academy and the Clare Music Makers.

Whilst Saint Mary's Cathedral is a church in the full tradition of the Church of Ireland, membership of that church, or any, is not a pre-requisite for joining the cathedral choir.

If you would like to sing in this historic building, then why not get in touch with us? We would be pleased to hear from you. What we are looking for are singers with a pleasant singing voice, who are able to sing in tune and have an interest in choral and church music, perhaps with some previous experience of choir singing.

Potential choir members should please contact the Organist and Choirmaster to arrange an informal meeting at the cathedral. Please email <u>organist@limerick.anglican.org</u> (or ring 061 310293).