

Agreed Fee Guidelines for Church Musicians (2019) revision

In 1996, Church Music Dublin, with the support of the Church of Ireland Dublin & Glendalough diocesan councils, issued a scale of guidelines and recommendations in connection with the remuneration of parish musicians and other matters. It was agreed that the recommended rates should increase from time to time in line with increases in the minimum stipend of clergy in the dioceses.

In 2002, the Advisory Committee on Church Music of the Episcopal Commission for Liturgy issued almost identical guidelines. Following consultation, from 2005 Agreed Fee Guidelines (AFG) were issued each year under the joint aegis of Church Music Dublin and the Advisory Committee.

The recommended remuneration rates remained unchanged from 2009 to 2015, inclusive.

The rates were increased in 2016, and in 2017. The following increase is proposed for 2019, reflecting increases in the minimum stipend.

The revised annual rates are as follows, with existing (2017) rates shown for comparison:

		w.e.f. Jan 2017	w.e.f. 2019
Band A:	One Mass / Service, no choir	€3,369	€3,436
Band B:	One Mass / Service, choir with Sunday rehearsal	€4,491	€4,580
Band C:	One Mass /Service, choir with a weekday rehearsal	€5,616	€5,728
Band D:	Two Masses / Services, no choir	€5,616	€5,728
Band E:	Two Masses / Services, choir with Sunday rehearsal	€7,243	€7,388
Band F:	Two Masses/Services, choir with weekday rehearsal	€8,760	€8,935

The rate for deputy organists increases to €78 for the first service on any day; and if the same person deputises, €52 for each subsequent service.

Funerals: Minimum €130. **Weddings:** Minimum €235

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