

Some interesting facts about The Geraldton Bells Carillon

- First 2 octave carillon with 3 slow swinging bells in the world.
- The carillon is tuned to Modern Concert Pitch.
- Only carillon and operating system of its type in the Southern Hemisphere.
- The largest bell of the carillon, weighing in at 1059kg, and donated by Mr Laith Reynolds, will be named “Big” Peter, in remembrance of the original “Big” Peter bell that was obtained by Monsignor Hawes and installed in the Cathedral on 23 August 1923.
- Will be a unique mix of ancient and modern:
 - 12th century and new bells
 - Full IT control
 - Can be played through the internet
 - Will have a wifi keyboard capable of being played from Cathedral Forecourt
 - Will link to organ keyboard
- It is planned to ring the bells daily at Midday and 6pm, as well striking daily the hours between 8am and 6pm.
- The bells will be available for people, groups and organisations for hire to commemorate significant and appropriate events, e.g., such as baptisms, weddings, funerals, anniversaries,



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THE GERALDTON BELLS



The *Geraldton Bells* are an automatic carillon of twenty-seven bells.

The carillon has at its heart eight ancient bells from the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Godalming, Surrey, England. These bells were sourced by Mr Laith Reynolds to whom the Diocese of Geraldton is forever indebted for his generosity and patronage.

The eight Godalming bells have been tuned down to form the lower tones and semi-tones of the carillon. Nineteen new bells have been cast to complete the carillon. This work was carried out by *John Taylor Bell & Co - The Loughborough Bell Foundry* in England.

Electro-magnetic hammers will sound the bells, activated by a programmable Apollo Unit. Once the system is fitted it can be pre-programmed for up to a whole year if required.

Tunes, both secular and sacred can be programmed, together with single bells to mark the hours or Angelus, or English change ringing. .

Three of the largest bells (bells 1, 3 & 5) will be also hung for slow swinging to complete the project.

Each Bell's Musical Note, Origin, Weight and Dedication

| Bell # | Bell Tones | Bell Alignment | Weight | Dedication |
|--------|------------|----------------|----------|--|
| 1 | D#/Eb | Godalming 8 | 1059 kg | Monsignor J C Hawes |
| 2 | F | Godalming 7 | 770 kg | Greg Fleming |
| 3 | G | Godalming 6 | 565 kg | Keith James O'Brien |
| 4 | G#Ab | Godalming 5 | 510.5 kg | R & M Ramage |
| 5 | A | Godalming 4 | 420.5 kg | T & M Freeman Families |
| 6 | A#/Bb | New | 420.5 kg | Siemiginowski Family |
| 7 | B | Godalming 3 | 364.5 kg | R & J Tindal |
| 8 | C | Godalming 2 | 287 kg | Carmelo & Grace Grima |
| 9 | C#/Db | Godalming 1 | 229.5 kg | Menezes Family |
| 10 | D | New | 213 kg | Noongall Morrissey Family |
| 11 | D#/Eb | New | 175.5 kg | Fr P Bianchini |
| 12 | E | New | 172.5 kg | Presentation Sisters WA |
| 13 | F | New | 137 kg | Groessler Cunningham & Williamson Families |
| 14 | F#/Gb | New | 128.5 kg | John Taylor Architect |
| 15 | G | New | 106 kg | A & A Armanasco & Family |
| 16 | G#/Ab | New | 96 kg | D & R Parker Family |
| 17 | A | New | 79.5 kg | M & R Bianchini |
| 18 | A#/Bb | New | 81.5 kg | M & C Doherty & Family |
| 19 | B | New | 65.5 kg | Cross Family |
| 20 | C | New | 65.5 kg | Leonard, Ursula & Michael Keating |
| 21 | C#/Db | New | 56 kg | Frank & Ida Cream & Family |
| 22 | D | New | 51.5 kg | Evelyn Hovell |
| 23 | D#/Eb | New | 54 kg | Natasha Glynn |
| 24 | E | New | 42 kg | L & M Armanasco |
| 25 | F | New | 37.5 kg | Mayor S Van Styn |
| 26 | F#/Gb | New | 36 kg | J S & M Cream & Family |
| 27 | G | New | 37 kg | Divine Mercy |