



Singing for God: *Work of Human Hands* composer Anne Michelle Thistleton (fourth from left) with backing singers (from left) Steve Stiller, Peita Richards-Jeffery, Lauren Mackay, Rebecca O'Connor and Nathan Howard

Sacred songs for today

BRISBANE composer, Anne Michelle Thistleton launched her first album of sacred songs during a Mass at St Maximilian Kolbe Church, Kingston-Marsden on October 22.

Ms Thistleton and a number of her backing singers performed some of the songs from her double CD, *Work of Human Hands*, during the Mass.

Ms Thistleton, who has been writing sacred music for more than 20 years, said the CD provided a contemporary music resource for use in a wide range of

liturgical celebrations and would be suitable for use in prayer and worship contexts.

Since completing a master of religious education, Ms Thistleton said she had concentrated on composing and releasing her debut album.

She said she recognised the need for liturgical music to flow and change with the culture of the people, without losing its liturgical appropriateness.

Her intentions for *Work of Human Hands* were three-fold:

- The creation of a variety of musical forms reflecting the different parts and rhythms of the Mass.

- The provision of a contemporary and liturgically appropriate collection of sung acclamations, responses and hymns to assist people to be more active in singing the Mass.

- The expression of her own creative spirit through music, thus assisting others to enter into a deeper prayer relationship with their God, through this richly powerful medium.

The first CD was an original recorded version featuring Ms Thistleton and backing singers Lauren Mackay, Rebecca O'Connor, Peita Richards-Jeffery, Nathan Howard and Steve Stiller.

The second CD featured a

Brisbane based children's choir, Centenary Voices, as backing voices.

Music and resource books containing full piano scores, guitar/vocal lead sheets; overhead transparency masters for all songs; and background information for each sung part of the Mass are also included on both CDs.

Work of Human Hands is available for \$59.95.

For further information visit www.creatinginthespirit.com or write to PO Box 627, Mt Ommaney, Qld 4074.