



ARRANGEMENTS
for
MARRIAGE CEREMONIES
at

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Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations on your approaching Marriage. St. Andrew's Parish is glad to celebrate the important moments in the life of its members – Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, and to help them prepare for these great experiences.

This leaflet is to help you make arrangements that suit you, your families and your friends.

PREPARATION:

As with all its sacraments, the Parish wants to prepare people both to celebrate well and to live out in their lives what that sacrament means. So preparation is for the ceremony itself, and for the married life that flows from it.

A number of options are offered. One highly recommended is the FOCCUS Program, which is available through CatholicCare Family Services.

The date of your wedding will be confirmed when the preparation is done. It is therefore advised to complete it as soon as possible. When the preparation is completed, you are asked to contact the Celebrant to discuss the format of the service, and to complete the necessary papers.

FORMS OF SERVICE

As a Sacrament, the service begins with the Word of God. The vows are then exchanged and the ring or rings blessed and given. The service concludes with prayers for the couple, the signing of the register and the blessing.

Where appropriate, practicing Catholics may wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage within a Mass. This is possible even if one party is not Catholic. However, sensitivity should be shown to the different points of view of the parties and their families and friends, so that the ceremony does not seem to exclude its main participants from some part of the celebration. Anyone who has not received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and anyone who is not Catholic may approach the Priest for a blessing but may not receive the Eucharist.

It is desirable for the couple to shape the service according to their own wishes on consultation with the celebrant and to involve family and friends, e.g. in reading and in prayer. Books are made available by the Parish for this purpose.

MUSIC

Couples are welcome to bring their own CD's or their own musicians. The choice of music needs to be discussed with the celebrant for his approval.

FLOWERS

Couples have to organise their own flowers. A big bouquet of flowers need to place in front of the altar table. If the couple desires to do more decoration in the church, this must be discuss with the celebrant.

PAPERS

Parties must furnish the Celebrant with copies of their Birth Certificate and Baptism Certificate (unless baptised in the Parish of St. Andrew's).

Notice of Intention to Marry must be signed before the Celebrant at least 30 clear days before the Wedding Date.

VISITING CELEBRANT

The completion of all forms and documents, required by Church and State, is the responsibility of the officiating Priest. All Church documents remain at St. Andrew's Parish.

From 1st September 2005, in view of the new Government regulations concerning Form 15 marriage certificates, St. Andrew's Parish will not be providing these certificates of marriage. Visiting Celebrants are advised to bring their own certificates.

The couple is advised that a separate offering has to be paid to the visiting celebrant, in addition to the St. Andrew's Church fee. Please discuss this with your celebrant.

COST

An Administration fee reflects the need for the Parish to maintain the Church and its surrounds, and the cost of secretarial support in the running of a large and complex Parish.

- **\$600 – if one of the couple is a registered parishioner and financially supporting the church**
- **\$800 – if one or both couple is registered parishioner but not financially supporting the church**
- **\$800 – if one or both couple are parishioner of St. Andrews but not registered and not financially supporting the church**
- **\$800 – if the couple are not parishioners of St. Andrews Parish. Couple need to organise their own priest and you must offer him your personal offering.**

A deposit of \$500 is to be paid at the time of booking, accompanied by the details form. The balance of \$300 is to be paid three months before the Wedding at the Parish Office. A receipt will be issued upon payment.

TIMES: SATURDAY 10.30am
 12.00pm
 2.00pm

Exceptions apply – please confirm the availability of specific dates with the Parish Office.

Dates and times for Weekday Weddings by arrangement with the Priest.

OTHER MATTERS

Videos and Photos:

The desire of couples for a record of the ceremony is appreciated by the Celebrant. This should be done in a way that does not make it difficult for guests to see the ceremony or participate in it, e.g. no extra lights.

Confetti:

The use of confetti or rice is not allowed. It is impossible to clean up before the weekend Masses, or before another wedding. Would you kindly inform your guests of this on your Wedding invitations.

PLEASE NOTE: NO ALCOHOL and NO SMOKING permitted on Church grounds as this is a holy place.

Further Assistance:

If you require further assistance, please call the Parish Office on 9741 4144 during office hours Tuesday to Friday 9am – 4pm.

On your Wedding Day:

Your wedding ceremony is special to you, your family and guests, so please arrive on time. Consider that there may be other wedding ceremonies after your wedding.

We suggest that you nominate either a family member or a reliable friend to collect any items left in the church after your wedding ceremony, i.e. booklets, pew decorations (if you have brought your own), baskets etc. This will save a lot of inconvenience for you and for the Parish Office Staff.

Most importantly - enjoy your day.

CONFIRMATION OF DATE

ON _____

BY _____

MARRIAGE HAS BEEN ARRANGED

For.....am/pm

On.....
(day of the week)

Date.....

Celebrant.....

Deposit Paid – Yes / No

Receipt Number Issued _____