

**St Augustine’s Church**

100 Harrick Road, Keilor Park 3042

**St Christopher’s Church**

34 Roberts Road, Airport West 3042

**Congratulations**

The community of St Christopher’s Parish congratulates you on your engagement and prays that God will bless you in your growth in love at this stage of your life.

**ST. CHRISTOPHER’S PARISH**

**34 Roberts Rd**

**Airport West 3042**

Tel: 9338 3793

**Email:** [airportwest@cam.org.au](mailto:airportwest@cam.org.au)

**Website:** http://pol.org.au/airportwest

**Forms / required documentation**

Total Fee: $1500 *(Church, Government & Archdiocese paperwork, Preparations, Wedding Practice and Wedding Nuptial Mass/Ceremony)*

If using church only: $800 *(The fee for your own priest should be discussed with him)*

**The fee must be paid at time of booking wedding with our Parish.** Wedding preparations will not be started until total fee has been paid in full. Payments can be made directly at our Parish Office in person or over the telephone. Alternatively, fee can be transferred to the following account:

Church Account: BSB 083 347 Account 716 209 715

*(If transferring funds please put surname in description and email deposit receipt to* [*airportwest@cam.org.au*](mailto:airportwest@cam.org.au) *)*

Please note that in the event of cancelling the booking there will be a $150 cancellation fee. Cancellations MUST be made in writing.

**Wedding Fee**

When marrying in the Church, your wedding is recognised by both the Government and the Church. Consequently, although there is only one ceremony, there are two lots of forms to be filled in. All these forms are at the Church, but there are certain certificates that you must produce.

1. **Birth Certificate:** either an extract or the full certificate (if you do not have one, they are available from the Office of Births, Deaths & Marriages).
2. **Baptism Certificate:** If you do not have one, contact the Church which you were baptised at to obtain a copy.
3. **Current Drivers Licence** or **Current Australian or Foreign Passport**
4. If neither the bride nor groom comes from this Parish, permission is required from the Parish Priest of the parish where you live.

If you have your own celebrant, you should contact him to discuss the whole ceremony of your wedding and the documentation.

If you have asked for our Parish Priest, he will contact you to arrange a meeting and fill in Government and Church documents. You should bring all required documents at this meeting. The celebrant will inform you further details of documents required.

**Preparation of Wedding Ceremony**

As your marriage approaches, there are many things happening. However, you are planning for the rest of your life and we ask you to prepare for that.

Marriage Preparation Courses are held to provide you with the opportunity of really getting to know one another and the meaning of love and marriage.

Please find below the current available courses:

**Smart Loving**

(Online Catholic Marriage Preparation)

[www.SmartLoving.org/Melbourne](http://www.SmartLoving.org/Melbourne)

**CatholicCare Australia**

East Melbourne

[www.catholiccarevic.org.au/mre](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/mre)

**Relate Well (Family Relationships Institute)**

Coburg

Phone: 9354 8854

Email: [relate@relatewell.org.au](mailto:relate@relatewell.org.au)

www.relatewell.org.au

**Preparation for married life**

Confetti, Rice and Petals etc., which can be thrown or otherwise are forbidden in the church and inside the church grounds. Couples are requested to advise their guests to refrain from throwing them inside the Church or on the steps and pathways in front of the Church.

Please do not use ‘blu-tack’ or any other sticky material on any of the walls or furniture as it lifts paint off and marks the varnish on any wood surfaces. If you wish to provide pew ribbons of your own choice, please make them the type that are tied to the seats and do not require thumb tacks or any adhesives.

Please remember this is a Church. In the past some couples marrying at St Augustine’s have tried to change the ambience of the Church by the use of pagan images, an excessive number of flowers and attempts to over decorate the Church. We do not permit this. Please do not move any furniture without asking permission prior to your wedding by telephoning the number on the front of this brochure. If you move any furniture, etc. within the Church and cause any damage to furniture, walls, etc. you will be liable for costs.

**Photographers**

Photographers are welcome, but they should not disrupt the flow of ceremony.

**Please note that:**

You may arrange your own flowers or employ a professional florist.

We recommend Carmel, Frank’s Supermarket, 5 Fosters Road, Keilor Park

Phone 9331 7171.

**Flowers**

You will need to talk with the celebrant about the list of music whether those are appropriate in the church.

**Music**