

Marriage in St Vincent de Paul Church Strathmore



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Congratulations

You have asked to celebrate your marriage within our Parish community.

As a Parish we congratulate you and pray for you during your time of preparation.

It is important that you understand what marriage means before you ask us to accept your commitment. For this reason we need at least six months notice of your intended marriage.

Who can celebrate your marriage?

A Catholic priest or deacon registered as a Marriage Celebrant in Australia and not clergy of any other religious denomination can only celebrate marriages at St Vincent de Paul Church. The Parish Priest of St Vincent de Paul Church, Strathmore is responsible for marriages of parishioners only.

Documents required:

A birth certificate - not extract of entry.

Baptism certificate - from Parish of Baptism, and must be no more than six months old.

Permission to Marry or Testimony of Freedom to Marry - this is obtainable from your Parish Priest

Marriage Preparation:

Marriage preparation is available in the Parish and through other organizations offering programs. Please make inquiries with the Parish Priest or the priest celebrating your marriage. It is the responsibility of the couples to ensure they arrange for marriage preparation at least 6 months prior to the wedding and to contact their priest for the necessary papers.

Witnesses:

Legal requirements state two witnesses, at least eighteen years of age be present at the marriage celebration and to sign the register.

Fees:

If you are not contributing to the St Vincent de Paul Parish Thanksgiving program the fee for use of the Church is \$500. A non refundable deposit of \$200.00 is to be paid at time of booking and the balance to be paid 3 months prior to wedding date for your booking to be confirmed.

If one of your parents is contributing to the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Thanksgiving Program, there is a concession given and the fee is \$150.

If you have been contributing to the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Thanksgiving Program there is no charge for the use of the Church.

Stole Fee:

It is customary for couples to make a donation according to their means. (As guide, most couples give from \$150). Whilst there is no charge for the priest celebrating a sacrament, it is customary to show your appreciation for his time and consideration. This money (stole fee) should be given to the priest celebrating your marriage - for the support of the clergy of the diocese.

Confetti:

No confetti, flower petals or rice may be thrown in the Church or in the Church grounds.

Please advise your guests accordingly or a fee for cleaning may apply.

Flowers:

Please contact the person rostered for your day, to arrange the flowers in the Church for you, at least 3 weeks prior to the wedding.

The cost of flowers will depend upon your requirements.

Should there be more than one wedding on the day you may wish to share the cost of flowers.

Music:

The following are available to play for a wedding ceremony:-

Paul Green Organist 9379 7645
Suzanne McNulty Pianist & Singer 9382 0961
Margaret Cronin Pianist & Singer 0411 469 534

Payment is made directly to the musician.

Photography:

It is requested that the photographer or video camera man introduce him/herself to the celebrant prior to the commencement of the ceremony. The photographer is not to walk on the Sanctuary (raised area) within the Church.

