



Marriages

St. Mary's Church, Williamstown

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We welcome your enquiry about celebrating your marriage in the Parish Church of St. Mary's, Williamstown.

The Parish Priest of St. Mary's, (Fr) Greg Trythall, is willing to celebrate the marriage of any couple where either of the Catholic bride or Catholic groom is a parishioner, that is, a resident in the parish.

Where neither bride nor groom is a parishioner, the couple can speak to (Fr.) Greg Trythall about performing the marriage or you may engage another priest who will prepare you for marriage, complete the documentation and celebrate the marriage on the day.

Fees / Deposit

A fee of \$800.00 applies for the use of the church, unless a parent of the bride or groom is a regular contributor to our parish finances. This amount includes the provision of flowers and pew bows should you wish to avail of them.

To secure your booking, the attached "Request for Marriage at St. Mary's Williamstown" form is to be returned with a \$400.00 deposit. The balance of the fee needs to be paid no later than a month before the wedding.

You should also provide the priest with the usual amount of \$200.00.

Date and Time of Marriage

You are welcome to contact the Presbytery office and make a tentative booking for your wedding date, however, the booking will only be secured once the "Request for Marriage at St. Mary's Williamstown" form has been returned and the deposit of \$400 has been received.

Flowers

The colour scheme of the flowers in the church is white and cream (neutral colours). It is normal for there to be more than one wedding each weekend and as such, it is not possible to provide colours which suit every individual wedding party.

Music

There is a pipe organ and an electric organ in the church, both of which are fantastic for a wedding.

There is also the option of bringing your own CD or iPod with your choice of music.

The following are musicians who are available to play at weddings:

- Angela Zangari Organist/Vocalist 0414 532 201
- Jan Maine Vocalist 9397 5168
- Rosanna Camenzuli Organist/Vocalist 9390 8618/0425 751 230

You are more than welcome to have any other musicians of your choice.

It is the responsibility of the couple to contact and provide payment to their musician directly.

Photography

Photographs and video are permitted in the church during the ceremony. However, during the bible readings and sermon, the photographer and video recorder should remain seated.

Confetti

There is to be no confetti, rice or flower petals thrown **inside or outside** the church. (You will find this is normal at all churches these days).

Please advise your guests accordingly. Should they wish, bubbles are acceptable.

Wedding Booklets

The wedding booklets can be prepared by the bride and groom in consultation with the priest. St. Mary's also offers the service of the preparation and printing of a wedding booklet at a cost of \$2.00 per book.

Wedding Rehearsal

A wedding rehearsal is normally arranged a few days prior to the wedding. The bride and groom need to firstly arrange this with the presiding priest of the ceremony and then with either Kylie Skinner or Heidi Zahra of the St. Mary's Presbytery office.

Cancellation

Should you wish to cancel your booking this will need to be in writing via email (williamstown@cam.org.au). Cancellations will not be taken via telephone.

Any money you have paid will be refunded, apart from an administration cost of \$50.00.

Documentation

You are required to provide the following documents to the priest who is performing your wedding ceremony:-

- **Baptism certificates:** These can be obtained from the church where you were baptised. A self stamped, addressed envelope along with your personal details need to be sent to the Parish Priest.

- **Birth certificates:** An extract of your birth certificate is sufficient as the priest will only need to sight it, he will not retain it.

- **If either party been married before?:** If either party has been married before **-ANYWHERE -** the Catholic Marriage Tribunal (ph 9639 4211) alone can declare them free to marry in the Catholic Church.

Please speak with (Fr.) Greg in relation to this.

Should you have any further queries in relation to having your wedding ceremony at St. Mary's Williamstown, please contact either Kylie Skinner or Heidi Zahra at the Presbytery office on 9397 6066.

We look forward to assisting you in this very exciting time.

Bank Account Details

National Australia Bank

BSB: 083-347

Account No.: 65-836-5815

Ref: Last name of the bride and date of wedding.



Request for Marriage at St. Mary's Church Williamstown

Please use block letters

Proposed wedding date: _____ Time: _____

Bride's name: _____

Bride's address: _____

Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Phone numbers: (H) _____ (M) _____ (W) _____

Email: _____

Is the Bride Catholic? Yes No Parish _____

Groom's name: _____

Groom's address: _____

Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Phone numbers: (H) _____ (M) _____ (W) _____

Email: _____

Is the Groom Catholic? Yes No Parish _____

Particulars of the Priest who will be presiding over the marriage:

Priest's name: _____

Priest's address: _____

Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Priest's contact numbers: _____

Are you planning a ceremony only or Nuptial Mass? Ceremony Nuptial Mass

(Please Note: your choice will need to be discussed with your Priest)

Please complete and return this form, including your deposit within 14 days. Your booking will be confirmed and you will receive acknowledgement of your deposit.

Bank Account Details: BSB:- 083 347 Account No.: 65 836 5815 Ref: Last name of Bride/

Wedding date

Bride's signature _____ Groom's signature _____

Office Use only

Date form received _____ Amount paid _____ Date deposit _____ Receipt sent _____