

Information regarding weddings held at St Dominic's

Please find below the information required to hold a wedding St Dominic's Catholic Church, Camberwell.

The Bluestone Gothic exterior and long central aisle make St Dominic's a beautiful and popular church to hold a wedding. Consequently, we suggest to couples that they book at least six to twelve months prior to the date of their wedding to ensure availability.

WEDDING FEES

Ceremony or Nuptial Mass

The cost for non-parishioners is \$1,200 and this includes:

- the ringing of the bell (if requested)
- bows on pews (if requested)
- use of silk flowers to right and left of altar (except during Lent and Advent)
- use of organ and/or piano (arrangement with a musician would have to be made by you at your own cost)

BOOKINGS

The church can be booked personally or by telephoning the Parish Office on 9912 6870 Monday to Thursday 9.00am – 12.00pm, 1.00pm – 4.00pm and on Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm or via email, to secretary@stdominics.org.au.

The general procedure for booking a wedding at St Dominic's is as follows:

- ❖ Make a tentative booking at which time we require the names, addresses and all phone numbers of both parties.
- ❖ Find a Priest or a Deacon to celebrate your wedding.
- ❖ Obtain a "Permission to Marry outside the Parish" letter from your current Parish Priest (or priest of previous parish if you have just recently moved to your current address) for the Catholic parties. If the Parish Priest is your celebrant, there is no need of a "Permission to Marry outside the Parish" letter.
- ❖ Upon receipt of the above information we will send you our Wedding Booklet which includes a booking form together with details of marriage preparation courses available in Melbourne
- ❖ Please then complete our Booking Form and return the Form to us together with the full amount payable.
- ❖ Methods of payment include cash, cheque or EFT (please contact the Parish Office for Bank Account details). We are unable to accept credit cards.
- ❖ We will send a receipt for all monies received
- ❖ Telephone the Parish Office to book a rehearsal time, if required. This is usually held the week prior to the wedding but can be held earlier. Rehearsals should be held during Parish Office Hours (as mentioned above) to ensure access to the Church.
- ❖ No confetti, rice or petals are permitted to be thrown at weddings. Bubbles outside the Church at the conclusion of the ceremony are permitted.
- ❖ Advise whether you would like the bell rung at the conclusion of your ceremony, silk flowers beside the altar and bows placed at the end of the pews (This is detailed in our Booking Form sent to you.)
- ❖ The donation to the Priest is entirely up to you. We suggest in our wedding booklet to keep in mind that a civil wedding celebrant charges around \$300. The Priest would normally meet with you at least twice, and come to a rehearsal, as well as officiate on the wedding day.
- ❖ We will hold a tentative booking for you for a month while you obtain necessary documentation.
- ❖ Subject to availability of the church, a wedding can be transferred to another date and time. If you wish to cancel your booking your booking fee will be returned, less \$200.

WEDDING TIMES

Saturday

- 11.00am
- 1:00 pm
- 3:00 pm

Sunday

- 3.00pm

Weddings can also be celebrated during the week, subject to availability of the church.

If there are no other weddings scheduled for your date approximately 5 months prior to your wedding it is possible to alter the above times to personally suit the wedding party.

The allocation of our wedding times (as mentioned above) on Saturdays and Sunday, allow couples and their families approximately one and a half hours use of the Church for their wedding

This includes the internal preparation of the church (organized by the allocated wedding helper), time for the Nuptial Mass or Ceremony and provision for photos after the ceremony in front of the Church. If the wedding is held on a week day it may be difficult to have a wedding helper able to assist. Please speak with the Parish Office if this is relevant to you.

CONDITIONS

As the basis of acceptance of your booking at St Dominic's Church for your wedding we ask that you note and agree to the following conditions:

- Couples are normally expected to be married in their own parish;
- St Dominic's Church is here, first and foremost, for the use of the parishioners of St Dominic's for Parish worship. In accepting your booking, our expectation is that you will respect the usual procedures and practices of the Church and parish life;
- Seasonal parish decorations in the Church relating to the time or celebration of the liturgical year (including Sacraments) must not be changed or removed for weddings;
- After your wedding, the Church is to be left as it was found

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

It will be necessary to complete the bridegroom/bride forms provided to you by your Celebrant which include the following:

- a full birth certificate, not an extract (passport is acceptable if born overseas);
- if Catholic, a certificate of baptism; showing "freedom to marry",
- if previously married, evidence of dissolution/nullity.

All documentation will need to be returned to your celebrant.

These documents are not required by St Dominic's Church but are dealt with between the wedding couple and their celebrant.

If you have any further queries regarding Weddings held at St Dominic's please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office during the week on 9912 6870, Ext 310.