



ST CANICE'S
PARISH

Celebrating Your
Wedding

Wedding Information Booklet



Your _____ Wedding

At St Canice's Parish

Thank you for your wedding enquiry. We are committed to making your celebration at St Canice's truly special and memorable.

We ask that you take the time to review the information in this booklet on how to proceed with your wedding plans. We are happy to assist you with any further enquiries you may have.



Booking the Church and Celebrant

DATES

Weddings may be held on Monday through Saturday except on special Church Holy Days and provided the date does not conflict with regularly scheduled parish services. **It is advisable to book early.**

Wedding ceremonies may be scheduled on Saturdays between 10.30am and 3.00pm and on weekdays dependent on the celebrant's availability. **We don't hold wedding ceremonies on Sundays due to Mass commitments.**

CELEBRANTS

Ideally, your wedding and ceremony preparation should take place in your home parish or the parish at which you worship on a regular basis.

If you have an association with St Canice's or live within the parish boundaries, depending on availability, one of our Parish Priests can officiate at your ceremony. We ask that you speak with them directly to discuss further.

If you live outside St Canice's parish boundaries, consider approaching the Parish Priest in your home parish. We do, however, understand this may not always be possible for various reasons. You can still have your ceremony at St Canice's if your local parish church isn't an option, but we ask that you arrange your own priest to assist you with your marriage and preparation. If this isn't possible, we will gladly discuss your needs and our availability.

VIEWING OF THE CHURCH

You are welcome to come in at a time that suits you. Services are held most days and we would be delighted for you attend a service to experience worship here.

BOOKING PROCESS

1. Contact the Parish Office to discuss availability of the church. If it is available, we will send you the required paperwork to complete.
2. Confirm your celebrant's availability.
3. Complete the required paperwork and make payment of the hire fee.
4. Once the paperwork and fee are received, your booking is confirmed.

Confirming your booking should be done well ahead of the wedding – you have a better chance of securing your preferred date and time if you make your booking early.

MEETING WITH YOUR CELEBRANT

Once your celebrant and church booking are confirmed, the process will be well underway. In the months before your wedding, you will meet with your celebrant to complete legal requirements and begin marriage and ceremony preparations.

It is appropriate to make an offering to your celebrant for time spent completing the official documentation and preparing you for your ceremony.



Fees

The fees for church and venue hire are provided below.



Church Hire

\$1000.00



Rooftop Hire

\$1000.00



Hall Hire Not available 2025-26



Priest Fee

\$1000.00

**Depending on requirements (e.g. set up costs)*

Church Requirements

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

It is important that you undertake suitable preparation before marriage. Your celebrant may do this or they may recommend that you attend a program through CatholicCare, the social services agency of the Catholic Church.

DISPENSATION APPLICATION

A dispensation is required when one of the marriage partners is not a Catholic (as well as in some other circumstances). Your celebrant will discuss this further if required and handle all the paperwork.

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

If both parties are baptised, you will both be required to provide a baptism certificate. Catholics must apply for a newly-issued baptism certification from their parish of baptism. For a marriage to proceed in a Catholic Church, at least party must be a baptised (Roman) Catholic.

PRE-NUPTIAL INQUIRY FORM

This form is completed with the celebrant who is preparing you for marriage.

Government Requirements

NOTICE OF INTENDED MARRIAGE FORM

Both parties must sign this at least one month before the wedding. It remains valid for 18 months.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR PASSPORT

Both parties require an official certificate (with a registration number) showing their date and place of birth.

DECLARATION OF FREEDOM TO MARRY

This must be signed in the presence of your celebrant, usually a few days before the wedding ceremony.

General Information

MUSIC

You can provide your own musicians or arrange for one of the church organists to play at your wedding. The Parish Office can give you contact details. Payments should be made directly to the musician/s. Other music arrangements can be discussed with your celebrant.

FLOWERS

Flower arrangements are your responsibility. Flowers are permitted in the sanctuary area of the church and simple bows can be placed on the pews. At the conclusion of the ceremony, it is your responsibility to ensure these are removed.

CONFETTI

We regret that confetti, rice or rose petals are not allowed in the street in front of the church, in the church, or in the church courtyard. This is due to both council regulations as well as cleaning considerations.

PHOTOS & FILMING

Photographers and videographers are welcome. Please have them arrive early and be introduced to the celebrant. Photographs should be discreet during the ceremony, with the celebrant able to advise on how to get the best results while still respecting the worshipful nature of the ceremony.

PARKING

Unfortunately parking in the local area is very limited, so we can only provide parking on parish grounds for the bridal cars. St Canice's is only a 10-minute walk from Kings Cross Station and there are several commercial parking complexes nearby.



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