

## Requirements for Weddings

### Notice of Marriage

Church Law requires at least 3 months' notice of marriage. Most couples give much more because of the reception.

### Pastoral Preparation

This involves attendance at one of the Marriage Preparation Courses run by the Archdiocese; this is for all parties regardless of their different religious beliefs. Generally these are one day courses, very comprehensive and helpful to all long term relationships.

### Dispensation for Marriage

In case of a mixed marriage of religions, a dispensation from the local ordinary is required. Making this application the non-Catholic party must consent to have children from this marriage baptized and brought up as Catholics.

### **ANNULMENT IS REQUIRED FOR DIVORCEES TO GET MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

### Documents Required

1. If born in Australia, a Birth Certificate not an extract must be produced.
2. The Catholic party is required to produce a Copy of Baptism Certificate.

**For Costs and Bookings**, please enquire with the church office 9444 9624, from 9 am to 1 pm Monday to Friday.

#### 1. Use of St Mary's Church

This includes: Professionally prepared flowers, Bows for the pews, use of the organ & sound system and ringing of the Church bell.

Definite booking entails \$100; if the booking is cancelled \$50 of the deposit will be refunded.

#### 2. Celebrant fees

This includes all the paper work for both Church and Government, Official Marriage Certificate, registering with the Registrar Office and four meetings with the Celebrant.

**A \$100.00 deposit needs to be sent to St Mary's within a month of your booking to keep your date and time. Since we have a huge and aging church to maintain, we are dependent on weddings to do so.**

**The final sum is settled at the rehearsal.**

### Music & Song

On your wedding day you may want your music to speak of the true meaning of this day. Since a church wedding is a religious experience only music of a religious nature would be appropriate for the occasion. This is a concern when CD's are played instead of "live music". So called "pub music" should never be considered as suitable for a church wedding.

### Organists & Musicians

We have several good organists:

Sr. Catherine RSM 08 9444 3705 \$60 fee.

Sr Janina 08 9444 0362 \$60 fee.

Mary Esterbrook 08 9274 1421 \$100 fee.

Marilyn Miraabella (music & song) 08 9448 3253 Duo

### Cameras & Videos

Photographers should be reminded beforehand to act with due discretion and not to distract from the ceremony taking place.

Try to persuade videographers not to use bright lights.

**Confetti, Rose Petals, Rice etc. Definite No! No!**

**Please consider:** If you cancel or postpone your wedding, please telephone the Church Office at once on 08 9444 9624, we are dependent on our wedding fees for the maintenance of our Church.

**It is not respectful to the guests and the celebrant to be late and since there is only one and a half hours between marriages, punctuality is very essential, five minutes grace is allowed to the bride after which we will start without you with the most attractive single woman on the front pew.**

The Parish Community at Leederville wish you well for choosing our Church to celebrate your wedding and thank you for your contribution towards the maintenance of our majestic building.

**We, the undersigned , have read, understood and agree to all of the above conditions**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ .