

Who can celebrate your marriage?

Only a Catholic priest or deacon registered as a Marriage Celebrant in Australia and not clergy of any other religious denomination can celebrate marriages at St Patrick's Church.

The parish priest of St. Patrick's, Lilydale is responsible for marriages of parishioners only.

If you do not live in our parish, our Deacon may be able to celebrate your marriage if available.

Documents required:

A birth certificate – not extract of entry.
Baptism certificate – from parish of baptism.
Testimony of Freedom to Marry – this is obtainable from your parish priest.

Witnesses:

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

Marriage Preparation:

Marriage preparation is available in the parish or through other organisations offering programs. Please make enquires 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.



Fees:

If you have been contributing to the Thanksgiving program of this parish there is no charge for the use of the church. If one of your parents is contributing to the Thanksgiving, the fee is \$400. If you are not a member of this parish or not contributing to the parish thanksgiving program the fee for use of the church is \$700 including GST. This fee does not include the use of the Presbytery verandah as this is the private residence of the Parish Priest.

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. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or credit card over the phone.

If you wish a Sunday wedding there will be an additional fee of \$50.00.

Stole Fees

It is customary for couples to make a donation according to their means. **(As a guide, most couples give from \$250).** Whilst there is no charge for the priest celebrating a sacrament, **it is customary to show your appreciation for his time and consideration.** The stole fee should be given to the priest - for the support of the clergy of the diocese or the religious order

If you do not live in our parish but wish to use the services of our Deacon to celebrate your marriage the stole fee is \$250.00.

If the Parish Priest or Deacon is celebrating your marriage this stole fee is to be included with payment 3 months prior to wedding.

Total Fee for Church & Parish Priest (Parishioners)	\$950.00
Use of Church Only	\$700.00
Church & Deacon (non-parishioners)	\$950.00

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.

Music:

The following organists are available to play for a wedding ceremony.

Andrea O'Loughlin – tel 9779 6923

Payment is made directly to the organist.

We also have a Ipod connectivity to the church sound system which is available for use.

Wedding Rehearsals

Wedding rehearsals if required, are arranged with our Wedding Co-ordinator and incur an **additional fee of \$60** to be paid directly to the coordinator.

Photography:

It is requested that the photographer or video camera man introduce himself to the celebrant prior to the commencement of the ceremony.

Flowers:

Normal Sunday flowers will be in the church. If you require special flowers or extra arrangements you will need to provide these yourselves.

Please note that there are no flowers in the Church during Lent.

Please discuss this with our Wedding Co-ordinator.

Pew Bows

We have pew bows available for use. Please contact our wedding co-ordinator through the parish office.





Marriages

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You have asked to celebrate your marriage in our parish community.

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

We are anxious 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.

Couples from outside the parish are most welcome to use our church providing they bring their own priest for the ceremony.

Marriage 25/01/13

