

consult with family and friends to see if any two of your guests are currently commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers in their parishes.

Liturgy Booklet

Couples often like to provide a printed program for the guests. It can be as extensive as you prefer - from a simple folder with just a basic outline of the liturgy along with the names of the various participants, to a more detailed program with spoken and sung responses, etc.

Music

Couples are responsible for booking musicians and arranging appropriate music for their wedding ceremony. We can provide the names of several musicians who sing and play at weddings, just ask at the Parish Office. Once again please consult with your Parish Priest to discuss your options.

Administration Requirements

The offering for marriage preparation and the use of the St Therese and St Anthony Parish Church for your wedding is \$600.00. This may be paid by:

Credit Card, Cash, Cheque (made payable to Kedron Catholic Parish) or by Electronic Funds Transfer (BSB: 064786, Account Number: 006646001, Account Name: Kedron Parish).

If you have any additional questions regarding your wedding ceremony, please contact the Parish Office on 3357 6640, between 8.00am and 3.30pm Monday to Thursday and 8.00am to 12.00 noon on Fridays.



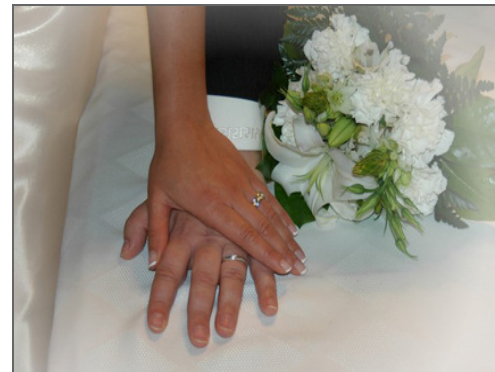
your wedding day

Parish

Of

St Thérèse and St Anthony

Kedron



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The Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations! You have reached a point in your lives where you wish to commit yourselves to each other before God in the sacrament of marriage. We rejoice with you and want your wedding day to be truly special - the foundation of your life together.

General Information

How do we begin?

Wedding arrangements begin with a phone call to the Parish Office of St Thérèse and St Anthony's Church here at Kedron at 3357 6640.

When do we set the date?

During the initial conversation, provided there are no special circumstances that come to light, a date and time of the ceremony will be arranged. There is at least a six-month preparation time required for marriage.

What are the times available for weddings?

Times for weddings are as follows: Saturday at 1.00pm or 3.00pm. Other days/times need to be arranged directly with the Parish Priest.

Who will answer our questions about the wedding itself?

The questions which deal specifically with the wedding liturgy itself, ie. the choice of readings, whether or not to have a "full Mass" or a "service", etc., will be answered by the Parish Priest who will witness your marriage.

Required Documents

Since marriage celebrates the unbreakable commitment between a man and a woman who are free to make this mature decision, certain documents are required to establish your sacramental status within the Church, your freedom from any previous unions, as well as a statement attesting to your clear understanding of the nature and responsibilities of marriage. When a Catholic prepares to marry someone from another faith tradition, a "dispensation" is also required. The following items are required documents which you need to bring along to your initial meeting with the Parish Priest.

Birth Certificates

Originals and a copy of each ~ the celebrant MUST sight the original of each. (obtainable from the Register General - Births, Deaths and Marriages)

Have we committed ourselves to returning? In light of your answers to the above questions, is Mass or a Liturgy of the Word the better context for the celebration of our marriage

If one of you is from another faith tradition and therefore unable to share Holy Communion and the wedding is celebrated during Mass, you may want to consider what this means. Do you want to include something in this celebration in which only one of you will be able to take part? Who will your guests be? Is the celebration of the Eucharist the best way to help them be with you and pray with you at your wedding?



Ministers of Celebration

In addition to you (who as a couple are the ministers of the sacrament or vows of Marriage) and the Parish Priest, others will have important ministerial roles in your wedding celebration. We ask you to consider individuals who might function in the following special roles in your wedding:

Lectors

Whether your celebration takes place in the context of a Mass or a non-Eucharistic ceremony, the proclamation of God's Word in the Scriptures is an integral part of the wedding celebration. You may select one or two individuals, depending on the number of readings you select, to proclaim God's Word to the community gathered. Please be mindful of choosing persons who will be comfortable speaking and reading in public.

Offertory-bearers

For those who celebrate the Nuptial mass, it will be necessary to invite two people from the assembly to bring forward the gifts of bread and wine, which will be placed upon the altar for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Eucharistic Ministers

The fullest and most desirable form of participation in the Liturgy of the Eucharist is the sharing of the Sacred Body and Blood of Christ, for as the Memorial Acclamation proclaims: "When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory." Therefore, it is highly recommended that each couple who celebrates a Nuptial Mass make every effort to make this available. You may wish to

Mass is primarily a celebration of a couple's love in union with our worship of God as an act of thanksgiving for this love. Therefore, we must make sure that while we catch this moment on film, we keep the primary emphasis in focus.

The Liturgy of Marriage

The liturgy of marriage is a moment of joy and celebration. In our Catholic tradition, we hold that the couples themselves minister this sacrament or the vows to one another. While it is necessary that an official witness of the Church preside over the celebration (normally of priest), the active involvement of the couple in every aspect of planning the celebration is essential.

This planning should always keep in mind that the ceremony is first and foremost a moment of prayer for all who are present. All aspects of the celebrations should reflect the noble simplicity befitting Christian worship.

Planning

Together with the Parish Priest who will be presiding at your liturgy, you will have a part in planning your ceremony. During your meeting with him, you will discuss the specific readings from Scripture and liturgical options that you have chosen. He will help answer any further questions you may have regarding the ceremony at that time.

Should you celebrate your marriage in the context of a Mass or a non-Eucharistic ceremony?

When a wedding celebrated at Mass, the Rite of Marriage takes place after the Liturgy of the Word and the homily. The Liturgy of the Eucharist then follows. When a wedding is celebrated outside of Mass, it is celebrated within the context of a Liturgy of the Word in which the Rite of Marriage takes place after the homily and before the Prayers of the Faithful. This Rite concludes with prayers and blessings. You should make your decision in consultation with the Parish Priest who is assisting in the preparation of your wedding. You will want to consider the following points:

What is your relationship to the Sunday Eucharist? Are we faithful to the Church's Sunday prayer? Have we been away from the Sunday Mass?

Birth Certificates

Originals and a copy of each ~ the priest MUST sight each original.

Baptismal Certificate

You need a copy less than six months old, obtainable from the parish where you were baptised. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Parish where you were baptised to obtain a copy and include your full name, date of birth and parents' names.

Evidence of Death or Annulment

This is required if you have been married before.

Permissions and Dispensations

In the case of an "Ecumenical Marriage" (the union of a Catholic and a person baptized in another Christian faith), a Permission for Mixed Marriage form must be completed by the priest and either signed or witnessed by the parties. In the case of an "Inter-religious Marriage" (the marriage of a Catholic and a person that has not been baptized in another religious tradition), a Petition for Dispensation from Disparity of Worship must be completed by the Parish Priest.

Visiting Clergy

You are welcome to invite a visiting priest to celebrate your wedding liturgy. However, if he is from outside the Brisbane Archdiocese, he must complete a "Professional Standards" form and sent to the Archbishop's Office.

Pre-Nuptial Inquiry

This takes place with the Parish Priest, usually six months before the wedding date, at a meeting arranged with the Parish Priest and is for the purpose of determining your freedom and appropriate intentions in your preparation for marriage.

Wedding Preparation

Entering into marriage is one of the biggest decisions anybody makes in his or her lifetime. The Church strongly recommends that couples undertake some kind of formal preparation for marriage to help couples understand the nature of marriage and the many human complexities of married life. There are several options for marriage preparation available in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. These include:

- Pre-Marriage Education Course through Centacare Brisbane
This group course aims to present couples with the opportunity to explore the dynamics of their relationship and to grow in knowledge of themselves and their partners.

Ph: (07) 3252 4371

Website: www.centacarebrisbane.net.au and click on Pre Marriage Education

- FOCUS Course through Centacare Brisbane
Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding and Study. Couples discuss openly areas of their relationship that could benefit from this sharing.

Ph: (07) 3369 2124

Website: www.lifeandhumanrelations.com

- Preparation materials available through the Brisbane Archdiocese Liturgical Commission.
- Engaged Encounter. (usually over a weekend)
- Embrace. (a program with a mentor couple over several weeks)

Couples can discuss these options with the Parish Priest who is officiating at their wedding. It is advisable to complete the marriage preparation course six months before your marriage.

Wedding Rehearsal

An important part of the preparation for the wedding celebration is the wedding rehearsal. The rehearsal is scheduled with the Parish Priest prior to the wedding. It is essential that all members of the wedding party be present for this rehearsal as well as any individuals whom you may have selected to proclaim the scripture readings during your wedding. Out of respect to the priest, please make sure that your entire wedding party arrives on time. Your rehearsal time is limited to thirty minutes. Wedding rehearsals at the Little Flower Church are scheduled for 6.00pm on Wednesday evenings.

Environment

The most important thing on the day of your wedding is your spiritual readiness to begin the task of deepening your bonds of love within the context of a truly Christian relationship. Celebrating this moment of decision far out weighs concerns over pictures, flowers or decorations. Couples often have questions regarding the use of these enhancements to the liturgical environment. Therefore, we provide the following guidelines.

Flowers

Flower arrangements are your responsibility. They enhance the beauty of any environment and we welcome your creativity in this area. Please be mindful of the fact that as a sacramental celebration, the principal goal of liturgical environment is to help convey the mysteries of God's saving love, and not merely to decorate space. The following guidelines should be followed:

The Church environment is decorated according to our liturgical calendar. There are certain colours used during the different seasons which will be prominent and which may influence your decision as to arrangements.

- Flower arrangements are usually placed behind the altar on either side.
- None of the Church decorations or furniture may be moved for a wedding.
- Flowers or bows may be tied to the end of the pews with rubber bands or plastic clips. No tape of any kind is to be used.
- The flowers are considered a gift to the church and are not to be removed after the ceremony.
- Flower petals, confetti, birdseed, rice or doves are not permitted to be used inside or outside the church.

In the event of multiple weddings on the same day, couples may contact each other and the florist to share expenses. We check with the Parish Office for names and phone numbers of other wedding couples.

Photography and Video

We want to make sure that your wedding is a day that you remember and a day that you can view again. A Catholic wedding ceremony or

Your Wedding Day - Planner



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	Provided	Contact Details
Date Of Wedding		
Time of Wedding		
Celebrant		
Church Booked and Paid for		
Initial Meeting		
Second Meeting		
Final Meeting		
Rehearsal Date		
Bride's Baptism Certificate		
Groom's Baptism Certificate		
Bride's Birth Certificate		
Groom's Birth Certificate		
Wedding Music Arranged		
Flowers Arranged		
Wedding Booklets Arranged		
Office Use Only		
Preparation Course Completed		
Pre Marriage Enquiry Form Completed		
Permission for Mixed Marriage Form Completed		
Annulment Documentation Form Completed and Sent		
Certificate of Marriage Completed		

Information to be provided to the Parish Office

(as soon as possible after your Wedding Booking has been made) **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**



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GROOM'S DETAILS		BRIDE'S DETAILS	
<i>Surname</i>		<i>Surname</i>	
<i>First & Middle Name</i>		<i>First & Middle Name</i>	
<i>Date & Place of Birth</i>		<i>Date & Place of Birth</i>	
<i>Religion</i>		<i>Religion</i>	
<i>Baptised (Date and Parish)</i>		<i>Baptised (Date and Parish)</i>	
<i>Current Address</i>		<i>Current Address</i>	
<i>Contact Phone Number</i>		<i>Contact Phone Number</i>	
<i>Email Address</i>		<i>Email Address</i>	
<i>Usual Occupation</i>		<i>Usual Occupation</i>	
<i>Conjugal Status</i> (eg. never validly married, widower, widow, divorced)		<i>Conjugal Status</i> (eg. never validly married, widower, widow, divorced)	
<i>Father's Name in full</i>		<i>Father's Name in full</i>	
<i>Father's Country of Birth</i>		<i>Father's Country of Birth</i>	
<i>Mother's Maiden Name in full</i>		<i>Mother's Maiden Name in full</i>	
<i>Mother's Country of Birth</i>		<i>Mother's Country of Birth</i>	
<i>Full Name of Witness to the Marriage</i>		<i>Full Name of Witness to the Marriage</i>	

Other information/questions.