

Getting Married In the Kedron Catholic Parish

First of all, congratulations! The entire Kedron Catholic Parish wants to share with you the excitement as you plan and look forward to your wedding day and your future together.

As you probably know, the Catholic Church sees marriage as one of the seven Sacraments, which is why we treat every marriage with the utmost respect and reverence. The Church sees your marriage and love for each other as a reflection of what God's love for us must be like. The following guidelines are designed to help you ensure that your marriage ceremony truly reflects that love.

To meet the basic requirements to be legally married in the Catholic Church you must be able to answer "yes" to the following questions.

- ✓ **I am over 18 years of age**
- ✓ **I am legally able to get married under the laws of the Australian Government. (ie; you are not presently married)**
- ✓ **I am legally able to get married under the laws of the Catholic Church (ie; you have never been married before or, if you have, then you have been through the Church annulment process and have received an annulment from the Church)**
- ✓ **You are both prepared to complete a marriage preparation course before you get married.**

If you cannot answer "yes" to all of the above (4) questions then we cannot take a booking for your wedding at this time. If you are unsure, or have any questions, contact our Parish manager Sandra Di Francesco on 3357 6640.

You will need to provide a copy of:

- ✓ **Your birth certificate**
- ✓ **Your baptismal certificate (at least one of the parties to be married must be baptized Catholic).**
- ✓ **Any other relevant documentation (ie; copies of annulments, divorce decree etc.)**
- ✓ **A certificate indicating the completion of your marriage preparation programme (when you have completed your course).**



Because of the number of couples who choose to get married at the Little Flower and our common desire to celebrate your wedding with dignity and to maintain the highest possible standard, we have an inclusive wedding fee of \$900.00.

This includes

- ✓ **Priest fee**
- ✓ **Church fee**
- ✓ **Church Flowers**
- ✓ **Order of Service (booklet)**

When the booking is made you will be required to make a deposit of \$500.00.

BSB: 064 786 Account Number: 006641100
Account Name: Little Flower Church Reference: Family Surname and date of Wedding.

Please contact Sandra to make an appointment to meet with her. You will need to bring both Birth and Baptism certificates on your first meeting.



Final payment must be made no later than two months prior to your wedding date.

If you belong to another Parish then you will have to contact your Parish Priest and see if he is available to officiate at your wedding. If you are having problems finding a priest to officiate at your wedding please talk to Sandra Di Francesco our parish manager.



Weddings in our parish can be celebrated during the week, Saturday or Sunday afternoon. However, you should note that weddings will not be celebrated on the following dates:

- **Sundays during Lent.**
- **Holy Week**
- **Easter weekend (which includes Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday)**

As you are probably aware, the most popular day to be married is Saturday. For wedding times other than Saturday please contact the parish office.



For the Catholic Church, your marriage is a sacred religious ceremony celebrating God's love for you and your love for each other. Unfortunately, in our very secular and commercial society, many people think that they have to have a lot of "extras" which are not part of the marriage ceremony. When you think about it, often these "extras" are just expensive distractions to what is the central element, publicly declaring your love and commitment before your God, the Church and your family and friends. We will do our utmost to ensure that your wedding is a true reflection of your love and is celebrated with dignity, uniqueness and reverence.



Perhaps to allay some of your concerns it is appropriate now to answer some of the frequently asked questions-

Is the wedding ceremony complicated?

In choosing to get married in the Kedron Parish you are freely choosing to celebrate the Roman Catholic Rite of Marriage. There is an inherent beauty and simplicity to the structure of the rite. It is never the case of imitating the latest craze or celebrity wedding! Care is always needed to ensure that the Readings chosen are from Scripture and the music is appropriate to the Rite.



How do I go about organizing the wedding ceremony?

Included in this package is an example of a wedding booklet and a resource that provides suggested scriptural texts and prayers. Our parish manager and/or your priest will work with you and take you step by step through what is required. Once you have decided and provided all the relevant information, your booklet will be printed and ready for your guests on your wedding day. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.



What about music?

Amidst the excitement of arranging a wedding, the thought of dealing with wedding music can be a bit frightening and daunting, especially if church music is not your strength. Don't worry! Our parish office will help guide you and, in conjunction with the organist, help you decide on appropriate music for your wedding. Of course a lot of modern love songs are appropriate for weddings, but they belong at the reception, not in the religious ceremony. CDs are not allowed.



Are Photographers/video recorders allowed inside the church?

Yes, we do allow photographers inside the church but they must be professional in their approach, unobtrusive, and, above all, conscious that you are celebrating a religious ceremony. Your family, friends and guests have come to celebrate with you your marriage and not a media event. At no time is a photographer permitted on the sanctuary (altar area) of the church.



Can we use confetti, rice, bubbles etc?

No. Please inform your guests that the use of confetti, rice, rose petals, bubbles, or similar substances is not permitted in our church or in the surrounding precinct. Likewise, butterflies are not to be released. Our Wedding Coordinator will be present on the day if your guests have any questions.



Can I afford to be a little late?

No, most weekends there are several weddings or other ceremonies booked in our churches and these will commence on time. Also, on these days our priests normally have other commitments which cannot be changed or pushed back. We cannot be responsible for the consequences if you are late. From our experience, we would suggest that the bridal party arrives no later than 10 minutes before the due start of your wedding ceremony, which will allow time for the photographer to take the required photos.



Can we have a drink before we start?

No, alcohol is not allowed on the church grounds and anyone who is found in possession of alcohol will be asked to leave the church premises.



Do I have to do marriage preparation?

Yes, every couple who intends to be married in the Catholic Church must complete some form of marriage preparation. The marriage courses offered do not predict whether your marriage will be a success or not. What they do is give you some important time in the hectic months before your wedding to pause and reflect upon some of the big issues that concern you, your partner and your future together. It is a chance to discover your relationship strengths and areas needing work- our experience is that couples are glad that they have spent this time together.

These marriage preparation courses are very popular and you are encouraged to book early this has the added advantage of giving you more time to concentrate on other details as your wedding day draws near.



What's the next step?

After reading through these guidelines the next step is to complete the booking form and call the Parish Office and make an appointment to see our Parish Manager, Sandra Di Francesco. You will also have to make contact with the priest who will be officiating at your wedding to complete your legal and canonical paperwork.



Finally!

The journey leading up to your wedding day should be some of the best days of your life and we will do everything to ensure that they are. The prayers, best wishes and resources of the entire Kedron Catholic Parish are at your disposal now and throughout your married life. If there is anything I can do personally to assist don't hesitate to get in contact with me.

God bless,

Fr Mario Debattista OFM

Little Flower, Kedron Parish Wedding Booking Forms

Has either party been married before?

No

Yes

If yes, have you obtained the required church declaration of: "Freedom to Marry"?

Yes

No

Type of Ceremony:

Nuptial Mass

Wedding Ceremony

Day:	Date:
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Time:	Priest:
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	Bridegroom	Bride
Surname:		
Given names:		

Residence:		
Telephone:	Home	Home
	Work.....	Work.....
	Mobile	Mobile
Email:		
Religion:		
Occupation:		
How long have you been living at your present address?		
Date of Birth		
Place of Birth: <i>Town / State</i>		

If born outside of Australia <i>Country</i> Period of residency:
Birth Certificate No:		
Church Sacraments:	Baptism Date..... Church..... Confirmation Date..... Church.....	Baptism Date..... Church..... Confirmation Date..... Church..... ...
Marriage Status	Never validly married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/>	Never validly married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you been married previously? If so, (i) Full name of former spouse. Former partner's religion Former partner's baptism (place, Date) (ii) Place and date of marriage. Was the marriage dissolved? (iii) Place and date of spouse's death.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (i) (ii) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (iii)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (ii) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<p>(iv) Place and date of decree absolute of civil divorce.</p> <p>(v) Place and date of canonical decree of nullity or dissolution.</p> <p>(vi) Are you seeking to convalidate this marriage?</p>	<p>(iv)</p> <p>(v)</p> <p>(vi)</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>Father's Name in full:</p> <p>Father's country of birth:</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>Mother's Name in full:</p> <p>Mother's Maiden Name:</p> <p>Mother's country of birth:</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>Full Name of Witnesses for your wedding day: <i>(must be 18 years and over)</i></p>	<p>.....</p>	<p>.....</p>

*Texts for use in the
Christian Rite
of Marriage:*



Marriage of

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And

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FIRST READING: *Old Testament*

1. FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

1:26-28,31a

God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness;
And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,
and over the birds of the air,
And over the cattle,
and over all the wild animals of the earth,
And over every creeping thing
That creeps upon the earth."
So God created humankind in his image,
In the image of God he created them;
Male and female he created them.
God blessed them, and God said to them,
"Be fruitful and multiply,
And fill the earth and subdue it;
And have dominion over the fish of the sea
And over the birds of the air
And over every living thing that moves
upon the earth."
God saw everything that he had made,
and indeed, it was very good.

The Word of the Lord.

2. FROM THE BOOK OF TOBIT 8:5-10

Tobias said to Sarah, "Sister, get up, and let us pray and implore our Lord that he grant us mercy and safety."
So she got up, and they began to pray and implore that they might be kept safe.
Tobias began by saying, "Blessed are you, O God of our ancestors,
and blessed is your name in all generations forever.
Let the heavens and the whole creation bless you forever.
You made Adam, and for him you made his wife Eve as a helper and support.
From the two of them the human race has sprung.
You said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone;
let us make a helper for him like himself.'
I now am taking this kinswoman of mine, not because of lust, but with sincerity.
Grant that she and I may find mercy
and that we may grow old together."

And they both said, "Amen, Amen".

The Word of the Lord.

3. FROM THE SONG OF SONGS

2:10, 14, 16; 8:6-7a

My beloved speaks to me; "Arise, my love, my one, and come away;
O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the covert of the cliff,
let me see your face, let me hear your voice;
for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.
My beloved is mine and I am his; he pastures his flock among the lilies.
Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it."

The Word of the Lord.

4. FROM THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8

For everything there is a season,
And a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant,
and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones,
and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace,
and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

The Word of the Lord.

New Testament

5. FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS 12:9-18

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil,
hold fast to what is good;
love one another with mutual affection;
out-do one another in showing honour.
Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit,
serve the Lord.
Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering,
persevere in prayer.
Contribute to the needs of the saints;
Extend hospitality to strangers.
Bless those who persecute you;
bless and do not curse them.
Rejoice with those who rejoice,
weep with those who weep.
Live in harmony with one another;
do not be haughty,
but associate with the lowly;
do not claim to be wiser than you are.
Do not repay anyone evil for evil,
but take thought for what is
noble in the sight of all.
If it is possible, so far as it depends on you,
live peaceably with all.
Beloved, never avenge yourselves,
but leave room for the wrath of God;
For it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay,
says the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

6. FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS 13:1-2, 4-8

Strive for the greater gifts.
And I will show you an excellent way.
If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels,
but do not have love,
I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
And if I have prophetic powers,
and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,
but do not have love, I gain nothing.
Love is patient: love is kind;
love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or
rude.
It does not insist on its own way;
It is not irritable or resentful;
it does not rejoice in wrongdoings,
but rejoices in the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things
Hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never ends.

The Word of the Lord

**7. FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST PAUL
TO THE COLOSSIANS 3:12-17**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,
humility, meekness and patience.

Bear with one another and,
if anyone has a complaint against another,
forgive each other:
just as the Lord has forgiven you,
so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love,
which binds everything together in perfect
harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in the one
body.

And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;
Teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;
And with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms,
hymns,
and spiritual songs to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord.

**8. FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE
PHILIPPIANS 2:2-22**

Make my joy complete:

be of the same mind, having the same love,
being in full accord and of one mind.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
But in humility regard others as better than
yourselves.

Let each of you look not to you own interests,
but to
the interests of others.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ
Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something
to be

exploited,

but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human form,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death
-even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him, and gave
to him the name which is above every name;
that at the name of Jesus every knee should
bow,

of those in heaven, those on earth,

and those under the earth, and that every
tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

FIRST READING: New Testament

9. FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST JOHN 4:7-11

Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is from God;
everyone who loves is born of God
and knows God.
Whoever does not love does not know God,
for God is love.
God's love was revealed among us in this way:
God sent his only Son into the world
so that we might live through him.
In this is love,
not that we loved God but that he loved us
and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for
our sins.
Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we also ought to love one another.

The Word of the Lord.

FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST JOHN 3:18-24

Let us love not in word or speech,
but in truth and action.
And by this we will know that we are from the
truth
and will reassure our hearts before him
whenever our hearts condemn us;
for God is greater than our hearts,
and he knows everything.
Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,
we have boldness before God;
and we receive from him whatever we ask,
because we obey his commandments and do
what pleases him.
And this is his commandment,
that we should believe in the name of his Son
Jesus
Christ and love one another,
just as he has commanded us.
All who obey his commandments abide in him,
and he abides in them.
And by this we know that he abides in us,
By the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

**FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE
PHILIPPIANS 4:4-8**

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, rejoice.
Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
The Lord is near.
Do not worry about anything,
But in everything by prayer and supplication with us,
thanksgiving let your requests be known to God.
And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
Will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ
Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST JOHN 4:11-19

Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we also ought to love one another.
No one has ever seen God;
if we love one another,
God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.
By this we know that we abide in him and he in
because he has given us of his Spirit.
And we have seen and do testify that the Father
has
sent his Son as the Saviour of the world.
God abides in those who confess that Jesus is
the Son
of God, and they abide in God
So we have known and believe the love that God
has for us.
God is love, and those who abide in love abide in
God,
And God abides in them.
Love has been perfected among us in this:
That we may have boldness on the day of
judgment,
Because as he is, so are we in this world.
There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts
out fear;
For fear has to do with punishment,
And whoever fears has not reached perfection in
love.
We love because he first loved us.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalms

Psalm 33:1-5;18-22

Shout joy to the Lord, lovers of justice,
how right to praise!
Praise God on the harp,
With ten-string lyre
Sing to the Lord.

Sing God a new song.
Play music to match your shout of joy.
For the word of the Lord is true:
what God says, God does.
This lover of truth and justice fills the
earth with love.

God keeps a loving eye on all who believe,
On those who count on God
to bring relief from famine to rescue them
from death.

With all we are, we wait for God,
the Lord, our help, our shield.
Our hearts find joy in the Lord;
we trust God's holy name.
Love us, Lord! We wait for you.

Psalm 112:1-9

Happy those who love God
and delight in the law.
Their children shall be blest,
strong and upright in the land.

Their households thrive,
their integrity stands firm.
A light shines on them in darkness,
a God of mercy and justice.

The good lend freely and deal fairly,
they will never stumble;
their justice shall be remembered.

Bad news holds no power,
strong hearts trust God.
Steady and fearless,
they look down on their enemy.

They support the poor,
their integrity stands firm,
their strength brings them honour.

15. Psalm 128

How good to revere the Lord,
to walk in God's path.
Your table rich from labour –
how good for you!
Your beloved, a fruitful vine
in the warmth of your home.

Like olive shoots,
children surround your table.
This is your blessing
when you revere the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion!
May you see Jerusalem prosper
every day of your life.
May you see your children's children,
And on Israel, peace!

16. Psalm 119:1-8,17-18

Happy the blameless,
who keep the Lord's decrees,
walking the path of the law,
seeking God with all their heart.

They never choose evil
but follow God's way.
Lord, you charge us
to cherish your law.

Steady me,
that I may keep your commands.
Then, without shame,
I can reflect on your ways.

I truly sing your praise,
when I learn your justice.
Hold me closely.
I shall keep your commands.

Be kind to me, your servant, that I may
live your word.
Open my eyes
to the beauty of your law.

Exchange of Vows

Groom I, take you, to be my wife. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honour you all the days of my life.

Bride I,, take you,, to be my husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honour you all the days of my life.



Prayers of the faithful –These are just suggestions - you are encouraged to compile your own prayers which reflect you, your faith and your future.

Reader Bless the family and friends of and for their love, support and encouragement. May they continue to be a positive influence throughout their married life. Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord hear our Prayer.

Reader That God will help them to make a home together, and grace it with hospitality, friendship and prayer. Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord hear our Prayer.

Reader We pray for and that their love may be gentle and patient. That they may face the challenge of the future with trust and forgiveness in their hearts. Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord hear our Prayer.

Reader We pray for and that they make a happy and loving home together. May they be blessed with the gift of children, may their children bring them happiness and their generous love for them be returned to them many times over. Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord hear our Prayer.

Reader For those who have travelled here today by land, air or sea. May they be protected from harm and guided safely to their destination and be reunited with their family and friends back home. Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord hear our Prayer.

Reader For those family members and friends who have died, especially..... Let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord hear our Prayer.



LITTLE FLOWER MUSIC PROGRAM



Surnames (only):		
Day:	Date:	Time:
Officiated by:		Church:
	Bridegroom	Bride
Surname:		
Given names:		
Telephone:	Home	Home
	Work.....	Work.....
	Mobile	Mobile.....
Email		
Name of vocalist		Contact number
Named of Musician		Contact number
Entry		
Responsorial Psalm		
Alleluia		
Vows		
Candle service (optional)		
Offertory		
*Holy Holy Holy		
Acclamation		
Doxology (GREAT AMEN)		
Lamb of God		
Communion		
Signing of the register		
Recessional		

**These parts are for a Nuptial Mass (full Mass)
Below are lists of some pieces of music
Please have a talk to the organist and the singer for music.*

ENTRY

A song of joy
Bridal Chorus
Canon in D - Pachelbel
Come my beloved
Evergreen
Love changes everything
Nella fantasia
This is the day – Questo è il giorno
The power of your love
The wedding (La novia)
Wedding song (There is love)
Whisper of angels

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

A new commandment
A trusting psalm
All I ask of you (Priory)
Canticle of creation
I'll be always loving you
Like a seal on your heart
On eagle's wings
Thy word
Wherever you go
Will you love me?
You are mine
You are near

ALLELUIA

Alleluia give thanks
Celtic alleluia

CANDLE CEREMONY

Father make us one

***OFFERTORY**

Companions on the journey
Here is my life
One bread, one body
Our supper invitation
Strong and constant
Summoned by love
Take our bread
Here is bread

***COMMUNION**

A new commandment
Ave Maria
Canticle of creation
Companions on the journey
I'll be always loving you
Make me a channel of your peace
On eagle's wings
One bread, one body
Only a shadow
Our supper invitation
Panis Angelicus
Summoned by love
The power of your love
When I look into your Holiness
Will you love me?

SIGNING OF REGISTER

Ave Maria
Can't help falling in love
Dolce sentire
Endless love
Evergreen
Jesus, joy of man's desiring
Like a seal on your heart
Love changes everything
Nella fantasia
Summoned by love
The power of your love
The prayer
The rose
Wedding song (There is love)
We've only just begun
Whisper of angels

RECESSIONAL

A song of joy
Can't help falling in love
Con te partirò
Love changes everything
The wedding
Trumpet voluntary
We've only just begun
Wedding march
What a wonderful world

Organist and Singer:

Please ask the office for this information.

You will need to contact them to ask about music for your wedding.

THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

When you have organized someone please contact Sandra to let her know.

