

St. Mark's Catholic Parish

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REQUIREMENTS FOR MARRIAGE



PREPARATION: Thank you for enquiring about getting married at St. Mark's Church, Fawkner. Your wedding day is a very special occasion – it acknowledges the commitment you are making to each other before God, your family and friends. By deciding to marry in a Catholic Church, you are indicating a willingness to invest some time and effort into the preparation and ceremony for your wedding.

Marriage is a sacrament in the Catholic Church and is a serious life-long commitment. All couples wishing to be married at St. Mark's Church are expected to attend a marriage preparation course.

Please contact the Parish Secretary to discuss the availability of both the Priest and the Church for your chosen date. The date and time of the wedding will be arranged at the time of booking.

At the time of booking, a non-refundable deposit of \$200 must be made.

PREVIOUS MARRIAGE: If either party has been through any form of marriage before, it is important to bring along with you the 'Annulment' details.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

BIRTH CERTIFICATE: Required by law for all persons.

BAPTISM CERTIFICATE: A recent copy of the Baptism certificate is required.

LETTER OF FREEDOM TO MARRY: Is required from your local Parish.

PASSPORT

THE CEREMONY: At the time of booking the Church for the wedding, the couple should indicate whether they intend to have a Nuptial Mass or Nuptial Service. Details of the ceremony can be worked out with the Priest prior to the wedding. Please be on time for the ceremony. There may be another wedding to be celebrated.

WEDDING BOOKLET: This is prepared by the bride and groom in consultation with the Priest. He must approve a copy before printing. The booklet must be in accordance with 'The Order of Celebrating Matrimony' as approved for use in Australia.

PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEOS & MUSIC: The photographer must meet with the Priest before the ceremony. Music should be appropriate for a Catholic wedding in a Catholic Church. Our parish pipe organ is available for weddings. The organ will be played only by the Church organists.

VISITING PRIEST: A validly ordained Catholic Priest is welcome. He will need to contact the Parish Priest.

CONFETTI, RICE & PETALS: Are forbidden within the Church or anywhere on the Church grounds.

COST OF CEREMONY: All payments are to be made three months before the wedding ceremony. There will be a \$200 non-refundable deposit (as mentioned above) and a fee of \$600 towards the Church and \$600 towards the Priest. A bond of \$1,000 will be required and will be returned if no damages are made to the building or the surroundings.

If you have any queries please feel free to call the Parish Office on: (03) 9359 3111 between 10.00am – 3.30pm Tuesday to Friday.

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING ST. MARK'S, FAWKNER!