

St Brendan's Parish
34 Collins Street
ANNANDALE NSW 2038

St Michael's Stanmore

MARRIAGE BOOKING

Please complete this form even if you have already discussed the date of your Wedding and made a booking by phone. Bookings are not considered definite until the parish has received this form.

The Contribution of \$250 must be enclosed unless you have already discussed it with the parish priest. The fee will be refunded if the booking is cancelled.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

DATE AND TIME OF MARRIAGE

Time: _____ pm (day of the week) _____ (date) _____

Please indicate: Marriage Service Nuptial Mass

BRIDEGROOM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work: _____ mobile: _____

Religion: _____

BRIDE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work: _____ Mobile: _____

Religion: _____

COUPLE:

Have you or your partner been married before? _____

PRIEST: _____

Organist/musician: name: _____ Phone: _____

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Parish Office: Contribution Received:

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WEDDINGS AT ST MICHAEL'S STANMORE

BOOKING THE CHURCH

You may already have made an inquiry about the availability of the church for your wedding. However, before we can confirm your booking we will need to receive the form attached to this information sheet.

CONTRIBUTION FOR THE CHURCH

A contribution of \$250 to the maintenance costs of this historical church is to be paid when your return the form to confirm your booking and will be refunded if you cancel your booking.

PRIEST CELEBRANT

The priest is responsible to see that the couple undertake a course of marriage preparation, for the paperwork and the ceremony planning for the couple. A visiting priest should contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to confirm that he is prepared to celebrate your wedding

For both parishioners and non-parishioners, a minimum of six months notice should be given to enable preparation and planning with the priest who will be celebrating your wedding.

OFFERING FOR THE PRIEST

It is customary to make an offering of approximately \$150; this should be paid when completing the paperwork for the ceremony.

The offering does not go to the priest personally but goes to the fund that supports priest not only here at Annandale but in other parishes as well.

Celebrating the sacraments is an important part to a priest's ministry. However, it is worth recalling that priests are only available to assist you as you plan your marriage because there are supported by those parishioners who contribute to the support of the Church every Sunday. If you do not currently support the Church through regular contributions to the Sunday collections, you should give some thought to the offering you will make to the priest for the time he gives to help you prepare and celebrate your marriage. In that way you are helping to support all the priests who are working in parishes throughout Sydney.

DOCUMENTS

Essential documents are, a recently issued (no more than 6 months') copy of your Baptismal Certificate from the parish where you were baptised, and a Birth Certificate (if you were born in Australia), or a Passport if you were born overseas. These will be returned to you once they have been sighted and noted by the priest celebrant. It is normally the responsibility of the priest who will be celebrating your marriage to prepare the official government and Church papers with you.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

The Catholic Church offer approved preparation courses through its agency, Centacare. Details of the courses are available in each parish in Sydney, or in the enclosed Centacare information leaflet.

Some form of preparation is essential. The immediate planning for your marriage is usually done with the priest but the more general preparation is best done through a marriage preparation course.

THE CHURCH

If you wish to look at the interior of St Michael's church, you need to attend the weekday Mass on Fridays at 900am or a weekend Mass on Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 8.00am. The church will hold about 200 people.

FLOWERS

Arrangements of flowers are not provided at St Michael's.

The natural décor of the church suggests that only small arrangements of flowers are necessary.

You may also place decorations on the pews. However, they must be designed to be tied around the end of the pew. Under no circumstances can decorations be pinned or glued to the end of the pew. It is your responsibility to arrange for decorations to be placed on the pews and to be taken away after the wedding.

WEDDING CEREMONY

There are many ways of celebrating a wedding. The form of ceremony may be chosen in consultation with the celebrant. An opportunity exists to write your own prayers and choose the Scripture readings.

WEDDING BOOKLETS

If you choose to prepare a booklet for your wedding we ask that you obtain appropriate copyright permission. You may not realize that all scriptural readings and the prayers from the Mass and Rite of Marriage are covered by copyright.

MUSIC

In asking to be married in the Catholic Church you are asking that your marriage be celebrated in a spirit of prayer and worship to God. That is the understanding of the priest and the people who gather with you to celebrate your marriage. Music is an important part of the Church's liturgy and adds to the spirit of prayer and celebration. Inappropriate music takes away from that spirit of prayer and worship.

Fr John or one of the organists will be able to advise you if you are unsure about the suitability of a particular song.

You can arrange for one of the church organists to play at your wedding. The Parish Office will give you names and contact numbers. Payment is made directly to the organist.

Visiting organists and musicians are welcome. String and wind instruments may also be used.

VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHS

We understand that you may want a record of your marriage and the parish policy allows photographers and video cameras in the church. We do, however, have strict rules about where photographers can stand during the Marriage Service or Nuptial Mass.

We ask you to respect the church by instructing the photographers to follow the local guidelines.

CONFETTI AND RICE

The use of confetti and rice after the ceremony is not permitted. It would be helpful if you can include a small note on your invitation requesting that no rice or confetti be thrown at the church.

MOBILE PHONE

All mobile phones to be switched off during the ceremony.

PUNCTUALITY

It is important that you allow sufficient time when you book your photographer and cars. Even if the bridal party arrives at the church on time, it takes several minutes to take photographs and to gather everyone. Please remember that the priest has other commitments.

If you are late and there is another marriage following yours on that day you will have no time after the marriage service to mix with your guests outside the church.

It is never acceptable for the bride to plan to be late. It is simply bad manners and a sign of rudeness towards your guests and the church.

John Milliken
PARISH PRIEST

If you require advice on your marriage preparation, please contact the Parish Office during office hours: Tuesday, Thursday or Friday 8.30am to 3.30pm.

Please complete the attached form and return it as soon as possible to the parish office in order to confirm your booking.