

Sacrament of Matrimony



Marriage

Wedding ceremonies in the Catholic Parish of St Mary of the Cross, Mordialloc and Aspendale can be conducted at either St Brigid's Church, Mordialloc or St Louis de Montfort Church, Aspendale. Couples who are considering holding their wedding ceremony should first contact the Parish Office on (03 9580 7981) to ensure that the church is available on the day they have chosen.

Six months minimum notice is preferred for wedding bookings.

We invite you to read the following information which will help answer some questions you may have.

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Marriage is a divine calling by which a man and a woman give themselves to each other in a life-long partnership. It is an opportunity to experience the beauty of human love, a love that mirrors the love of God.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

Preparation for Marriage

Couples will be invited to discuss their wedding plans with our Parish Priest Father Michael Kong. You will be asked to participate in a Pre- Marriage Education Programme in addition to your appointments with Father Michael. To determine which programme would suit you best please visit <https://melbournecatholic.org/live/marriage-and-family/marriage-preparation>

Documents required

You will be required to produce the following documents at the first appointment:

- a) A birth certificate [full or extract]
- b) A certificate of Baptism for Catholic parties

The Ceremony

Details of the marriage ceremony will be discussed by Father Michael with you. The basic structure of the ceremony is determined by the rites of the Catholic Church but there are several parts of the ceremony where you will need to choose from the suggested alternatives. You can have a Nuptial Mass or a wedding service (no communion).

**To book your wedding ceremony,
please phone the Parish Office on 03 9580 7981**

Both churches are wheelchair accessible

Accessible



**St Mary of the Cross
Catholic Parish**

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