

MURRUMBEENA PARISH

St Patrick's and St Kevin's Catholic Church

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Congratulations

Thank you for your enquiry about getting married at Murrumbeena Parish.

Like you we also take your wedding day seriously! Why? Because we believe that marriage is a life-long commitment of love and honour for each other. Therefore, both the Church and the Federal Government emphasize the need for marriage preparation.

It is important that you understand what marriage means before you ask us to accept your commitment. For this reason we need at least six months notice of your intended marriage.

Who can celebrate your marriage?

A Catholic priest or deacon registered as a Marriage Celebrant in Australia and not clergy of any other religious denomination can celebrate marriages at Oakleigh Parishes. The Parish priest of Oakleigh is responsible for marriage of parishioners only.

Requirements:

- To be married one must be 18 years of age or older.
- Baptismal certificates (not older than 6 months)
- Birth certificates.
- Two witnesses (18 years or older) are required for the marriage.
- If you come from outside the parish you must obtain a "Permission to Marry" form from your Parish Priest.
- Documents relating to your freedom to marry (e.g. divorce and annulment of any previous marriages, if applicable)
- Official documents need to be completed between one and eighteen months before the marriage
- To have completed a recognized prenuptial program.
- To meet the celebrant a few times before the marriage itself, normally after having completed the pre-nuptial program.

Marriage Preparation

Marriage preparation is available in the parish and through other organizations offering programs. Please make enquiries with the parish priest of the priest celebrating your marriage. It is the responsibility of the couples to ensure they arrange for marriage preparation at least 6 months prior to the wedding and to contact their priest for the necessary papers.

Information regarding Marriage at Murrumbeena Parish

As a parish, very much interested in your future, we ask you to be aware and to abide by the following:

- There is a minimum six months notice for a marriage
- That you attend a prenuptial program – the celebrant will discuss this with you.
- It is expected that after marrying within our Parish, you will express a commitment to continue attending as a family either St Patrick's or St Kevin's Catholic Churches, and becoming part of the Parish community.

Fees:

There is a Church fee of \$400 to be paid to the Parish Office no later than 8 weeks before the wedding. The donation to the Priest is \$400 and should be given to Priest or Parish Office 2 weeks before the wedding.

Candles:

No lighted candles may be placed directly on the floor, or in the Church aisle.

Confetti:

No confetti, flower petals or rice may be thrown in the Church grounds. Please advise your guests accordingly or a fee for cleaning may apply.

Flowers:

Organising flowers and flower arrangements is to be finalised by you.

If there are two weddings on the same day you may organise to share the cost of the flowers between the two marrying couples.

Music:

There is a CD player and sound system in the Church.

You are most welcome to provide your own organist or professional musicians.

Photography:

It is requested that the photographer or video camera man introduce him/herself to the celebrant prior to the commencement of the ceremony. The photographer is not to walk on the Sanctuary (raised area) within the Church.