



Marriages

St. Mary's Church, Williamstown

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We welcome your enquiry about celebrating your marriage in the Parish Church of St. Mary's, Williamstown.

The Parish Priest of St. Mary's, (Fr.) Greg Trythall, is willing to celebrate the marriage of any couple where either of the Catholic bride or Catholic groom is a parishioner, that is, a resident in the parish.

Where neither bride nor groom is a parishioner, the couple can speak to (Fr.) Greg Trythall about performing the marriage or you may engage another priest who will prepare you for marriage, complete the documentation and celebrate the marriage on the day.

Fees / Deposit

A fee of \$900.00 applies for the use of the church unless a parent of the bride or groom is a regular contributor to our parish finances. This amount includes the provision of flowers and pew bows should you wish to avail of them.

To secure your booking, the attached "Request for Marriage at St. Mary's Williamstown" form is to be returned with a \$500.00 deposit. The balance of the fee needs to be paid no later than a month before the wedding.

You should also provide the priest with the amount of \$200.00. This amount varies depending on your priest. Fr. Greg charges \$200.00 for preparing Commonwealth paperwork, the rehearsal (if desired) and for the eventual ceremony.

Date and Time of Marriage

You are welcome to contact the Presbytery office on 9397 6066 to make a tentative booking for your wedding, however, the booking will only be secured once the "Request for Marriage at St. Mary's Williamstown" has been returned and the deposit of \$500 has been received.

Flowers

The colour scheme of the flowers in the church is white and cream (neutral colours). It is normal for there to be more than one wedding each weekend and as such, it is not possible to provide colours which suit every individual wedding party. If you wish to provide additional flowers yourself, you are welcome to however they will need to be positioned so that they are not on the altar.

Music

There is a pipe organ and an electric organ in the church, both of which are fantastic for a wedding.

There is also the option of bringing your own CD or iPod with your choice of music.

The following are very good musicians and singers who are available for weddings:

Angela Pezzano	Pianist/Organist and Vocalist	0414 532 201
Rosaleen O'Brien	Pianist/Organist	0427 270 743
& Emma Kate Tobia	Vocalist	0408 944 035

You are more than welcome to have any other musicians of your choice.

It is the responsibility of the couple to contact and provide payment to their musician directly.

Photography

Photographs and video are permitted in the church during the ceremony. However, soon after the start of the ceremony, during the bible readings followed by the sermon, there are to be no photos taken.

After the sermon it is fine to continue with the photography. The videographer may continue throughout the ceremony provided they are seated during the bible readings and sermon.

Confetti

There is to be **no** confetti, rice or flower petals thrown **inside or outside** the church. (You will find this is normal at all churches these days).

Please advise your guests accordingly. Should they wish, bubbles are acceptable.

Wedding Rehearsal

A wedding rehearsal is normally arranged a few days prior to the wedding. The bride and groom need to firstly arrange this with the presiding priest of the ceremony and then with either Monique Julian or Kylie Skinner of the St. Mary's Presbytery office on 9397 6066.

Cancellation

Should you wish to cancel your booking this will need to be in writing via email (williamstown@cam.org.au). Cancellations will not be taken via telephone.

Any money you have paid will be refunded, apart from an administration cost of \$100.00.

Documentation

You are required to provide the following documents to the priest who is performing your wedding ceremony:-

- **Baptism certificates:** These can be obtained from the church where you were baptised. Often your parents will have your baptism certificate tucked away somewhere.
- **Birth certificates:** If you cannot produce an active passport, then by Commonwealth Law you will need to produce a birth certificate plus further identification e.g. a drivers licence.
- **If either party been married before:** If either party has been married before **-ANYWHERE** - the Catholic Marriage Tribunal (ph 9287 5542) alone can declare them free to marry in the Catholic Church.

Please speak with Fr. Greg in relation to this.

Should you have any further queries in relation to having your wedding ceremony at St. Mary's Williamstown, please contact the Presbytery office on 9397 6066 or our Parish Priest Fr. Greg on 0400 524 363.

We look forward to assisting you in this very exciting time.

Bank Account Details

National Australia Bank

BSB: 083 347

Account No: 65 836 5815

Ref: Last name of the bride and date of wedding.



Request For Marriage at St. Mary's Church Williamstown

Please use block letters

Proposed wedding date: _____ Time: _____

Bride's name: _____

Bride's address: _____

Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Phone numbers: (H) _____ (M) _____ (W) _____

Email: _____

Is the Bride Catholic? Yes No Parish _____

Groom's name: _____

Groom's address: _____

Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Phone numbers: (H) _____ (M) _____ (W) _____

Email: _____

Is the Groom Catholic? Yes No Parish _____

Particulars of the Priest who will be presiding over the marriage:

Priest's name: _____

Priest's address: _____

Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Priest's contact numbers: _____

Are you planning a ceremony only or Nuptial Mass? Ceremony Nuptial Mass

(Please Note: your choice will need to be discussed with your Priest)

Please complete and return this form, including your deposit within 7 days. Your booking will be confirmed and you will receive acknowledgement of your deposit.

Bank Account Details: BSB:- 083 347 Account No.: 65 836 5815 Ref: Last name of Bride/

Wedding date

Bride's signature _____ Groom's signature _____

Office Use only

Date form received _____ Amount paid _____ Date deposit _____ Receipt sent _____