



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE
Holy Family
MOUNT WAVERLEY

WEDDING INFORMATION

Marriage Requirements – Documents

- 1 Original copy of Birth certificate and passport for Catholic and non-Catholic parties.
- 2 Recent copy of your Baptismal certificate is to be provided by the Catholic party. It should be less than six months old and can be obtained by contacting the Parish Office of the church where you were baptised. Members of other denominations are encouraged to provide a certificate of baptism too.
- 3 If the Catholic party is not a resident in the parish of Holy Family, Mount Waverley, you will need to obtain a Testimony of Freedom to Marry from your local parish. This involves contacting the Parish in which you currently live, explaining your intention to marry in a different parish.
- 4 If either party remarrying, you will need to inform the Parish Office when enquiring about the booking. The record of Church annulment and civil divorce papers will be required.

Wedding Ceremony

Marriages at Holy Family are celebrated only according to the rites of the Catholic Church. This means that at least one party must be baptised Catholic and both parties are free to marry.

The celebration of marriage takes place outside of mass times. The date and time of your wedding is to be discussed with the priest conducting the ceremony. Your officiating priest will discuss with you the order of service and the various readings and prayers couples can select.

The Parish Priest would be happy to officiate your wedding. However, you may prefer to use your own celebrant. Please include his name and contact details on the booking form. Any Catholic priest or Deacon registered with the civil authorities as a Celebrant of Marriage may officiate weddings.

Marriage Preparation Course

Pre-marriage courses are recommended. Your celebrant will guide you in your choice. These courses are an invitation to plan for your marriage, not just your wedding day.

Catholic Care Victoria offers Pre-Marriage Preparation Courses. You may contact them and book online via this website:

<https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/directory/services/pre-marriage-education>

You may also choose to do an online course with Smart Loving link below:

<https://smartloving.org/engaged/>

Marriage Witness

It is a legal requirement that there are two witnesses who are at least 18 years of age. They must be present at the marriage celebration and sign the wedding register.

Wedding Booklets (Order of Service)

Your celebrant will assist you in preparing your ceremony and will be able to provide you with books for guidance. You will need to provide a draft of your wedding booklet to your celebrant for approval prior to printing.

Cost

Please note that we do not allow any confetti, rice, petals, etc to be thrown either in Church or the church grounds. No alcohol is to be consumed on the premises. If these rules are disregarded, your bond will be forfeited.

Wedding Offering \$400.00. Payable on day of rehearsal or before.

This amount is reduced to \$250.00 if you are a parishioner. This offering is used for the upkeep of the Church.

Celebrant Fee \$400.00. Payable on day of rehearsal or before.

For the services of the Parish Priest. If you are bringing your own priest, it needs to be discussed with the priest directly.

Cancellation of Bookings

Please contact the Parish Office in writing if you wish to cancel your booking. This is a courtesy for other couples who wish to use the church.

Wedding Rehearsal

Rehearsals are recommended to be held the week prior to your wedding day. Please discuss the rehearsal with your celebrant then contact the Parish Office to organize a rehearsal date and time.

Music

Couples are encouraged, in consultation with the celebrant to select sacred music that reflects and enhances the sacrament of marriage and the sanctity of the church. Holy Family Church is able to refer couples to a singer and musicians upon request.

Flowers

The couple is responsible for the floral decoration of the Church. The Wedding Offering **does not** include flowers for the wedding.

Confetti

Confetti, rose petals, bubbles or rice are not permitted inside the church, the entrance, church steps or any other part of the church property. No alcohol is to be consumed on the premises.

Photography and video

Professional photographers and video cameras are permitted as long as the equipment and movement does not distract the priest, bridal couple or guests, your photographer and/or video operator will need to consult with the celebrant prior to the ceremony as to what is expected of them.