



### *Weddings at the Bayside Mission Churches*

*We welcome your enquiry about getting married in one of our churches. To assist your planning of your special day, the following information is provided.*

#### **Bookings**

Bookings must be made with the Bayside Office and a deposit paid before the booking is confirmed.

#### **Day and Time**

Weddings are usually celebrated on Saturdays so as not to interfere with the scheduled parish Masses or baptisms. Bookings for weekdays will also be considered depending on church availability. Bookings for Sunday weddings are not usually accepted.

The date and time of your marriage will be confirmed after your deposit has been received. You are advised not to make any other bookings until the church booking has been confirmed.

Bookings for marriages will not be accepted for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

#### **Marriage Preparation**

Preparation for your wedding day is exciting and important, but preparation for your life together is all the more necessary. It is required that you attend a marriage preparation course. Your celebrant will recommend a course for you.

#### **Marriage Papers**

Your celebrant will guide you on the documentation to be provided for the Church and government regulations.

#### **Ceremony**

Your celebrant will be able to guide you in the selection of prayers and readings for your marriage. All readings must be from the scriptures.

#### **Music**

Any music used in the wedding ceremony must be of a religious nature to reflect the sacred nature of marriage. No secular or popular music is permitted. Couples are warmly encouraged to use an experienced organist to take advantage of the services of the Musical Directors in the Bayside Mission.

#### **Rehearsal**

Rehearsal for the marriage ceremony usually takes place in the week before the marriage. Please confirm this with your celebrant and the parish office.



### **Cancellation**

If for any reason you wish to cancel the booking, you should do so as early as possible either personally or in writing. Cancellations are not taken over the telephone.

### **Confetti etc.**

Out of respect for the Church and parish grounds, no confetti, rice or rose petals may be thrown in the Church or in the grounds. This is the responsibility of the couple. Please inform your guests of this prohibition, perhaps adding a note to your invitation and wedding booklet.

### **Conduct**

We expect behaviour to be in accord with the sacred nature of the Church and grounds. No alcohol is to be consumed on the Church grounds. All rubbish is to be removed and the grounds left in good condition.

## **On the Wedding Day**

### **Arrival Time**

It is a matter of courtesy to your guests and to the priest that you arrive on time. It is neither fashionable nor tradition to arrive late ! It is also a matter of respect for the musicians, and others who may have a Church booking.

### **Photography and Videos**

Please remember that these should be unobtrusive, and the filming should be done in a dignified and respectful manner. Photographers are not permitted on the sanctuary (raised area near the altar).

We ask that the photographers always consult the celebrant before the ceremony.

### **Musicians, Booklet preparation, Copyright details and Flowers**

Details are available from the parish upon request.

*Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

*St Paul's Letter to the Colossians (3:15-17)*

***We wish you many blessings for your married life together,  
and assure you of our prayerful support.***