

Getting Married at St Monica's Cathedral Cairns

Wedding and Marriage Preparation Information



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CONTACT:

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BANK DETAILS:

Bank: National Australia Bank
Branch: Cairns Central
BSB: 084 352
A/c Name: RCTC Diocese of Cairns Cathedral Parish
A/c No: 00000 1587

Please record your surname and date of wedding on the deposit. Thank you

Welcome to St Monica's Cathedral

While the cathedral is a great setting for a wedding, the desirability of being married in the parish church of one's own community should also be considered. Please consult with your parish priest. This will be the priest at the church nearest to where you live. Contact the cathedral parish if you are unsure of which parish you belong to. **Couples who wish to book the cathedral must arrange for a priest/deacon to act as celebrant.** (*Please refer to the list on the last page.*) The celebrant will guide you through the process of preparation and will be responsible for all the paperwork, both government and church. You will need to decide whether you are having a ceremony or a nuptial Mass. You will need a priest if you decide on a nuptial Mass. Deacons can not preside at Mass.

Your Wedding

Criteria for being married in the Cathedral

To be married in the cathedral the following need to be satisfied:-

- Both parties must be over 18 years old.
- Both parties must be free to marry.
- At least one party must be a Catholic.

Times of Weddings

Good Friday would be the only day that weddings can not be celebrated. Other days and times would be at the discretion and availability of the priest and cathedral.

Booking your Wedding

Please contact the cathedral parish office to arrange for booking your wedding date. Your booking will be **finally confirmed on receipt of the booking agreement form and confirmation of the celebrant.** You will be sent a letter acknowledging your booking and any further details required.

Costs: 1 Cathedral; 2 Priest / Deacon

1. As you would appreciate, the *running costs associated with the cathedral are significant* and the vast majority of these costs are contributed by those who worship at the cathedral. While no set fee applies, to help ensure that the cathedral is maintained to an acceptable standard couples are encouraged to **make an offering of AT LEAST \$500** payable to "St Monica's Cathedral Parish" prior to your wedding day. Bank details are as follows: please note the payment is for a wedding and the date of the wedding.

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2. It is also usual practise to give a donation to the officiating priest/deacon.

Cancellation

If you decide to cancel your booking please notify us in **writing**. Email: cathedral@cairns.catholic.org.au.

A Catholic Wedding

Your Wedding Ceremony

Traditionally the wedding can be celebrated in one of two forms:

Nuptial Mass

- The wedding ceremony within the celebration of the Eucharist. Where both parties are Catholic they may choose the Nuptial Mass.

or

A Wedding Ceremony

- The wedding ceremony within a celebration of God's Word. This ceremony does not include Holy Communion and is most often chosen by couples of different Christian traditions or mixed faith.

The Celebrant of Your Wedding

A priest or deacon can conduct your wedding ceremony. If you have a friend who is a priest or deacon feel free to speak to him. It is normally the responsibility of your parish priest (*This is the priest at the church nearest to where you live.*) to prepare and marry you. Please contact your local parish priest. If he is unable to marry you he may be able to suggest who else you may be able to contact to be your celebrant.

You can discuss the appropriate ceremony with this officiating priest. He will also assist you in selecting the Scripture Readings, Prayers and Vows.

The Catholic Church asks that Catholic persons see to the handing on of their faith to their children. When a Catholic is marrying a person of another Christian tradition or a non-Christian, the Catholic is required to sign a promise to do all in his/her power to ensure the Catholic baptism and upbringing of their children.

Documentation you will require when meeting with your priest:

- A full Birth Certificate or Extract of Entry for each party;
- A **recent copy** of your Baptism Certificate, obtained from the church where you were baptized. - This will state if you are "Free to Marry";
- Where there has been a previous marriage of any form by either party (i.e. civil or religious) evidence of the death of the previous spouse or evidence of both civil dissolution and church annulment of the previous marriage. [Diocesan Marriage Tribunal Office: phone 07 4046 5644]

The Ceremony:

Catholics choosing to have their wedding at St Monica's Cathedral are choosing to celebrate the Roman Catholic Rite of Marriage. The celebrant will lead you step by step through the Rite of Marriage, there is a publication: "***When We Marry***" which can assist you in planning the wedding. Take time to work through this guide, noting what is, and what is not, part of the Rite of Marriage.

- "*When We Marry – A Practical Planning Guide for Couples*"
 - Available at our Cathedral Bookshop (4051 9245) for around \$15 and produced by The Liturgical Commission, GPO Box 282 Brisbane 4001 Phone 07 3336 9444. This is a very helpful publication.

Marriage Preparation

Both the Australian Government and the Church stress the importance of good marriage preparation. All couples getting married in the Diocese of Cairns are strongly encouraged to do some pre-marriage education or to participate in a Marriage Preparation Course. It is suggested that any marriage preparation be commenced at least 6 months before the wedding.

Pre-marriage Education programs:

The Pre-marriage Program offers you, as a couple the opportunity to take the time to prepare for what will undoubtedly be the most important relationship of your lives. Amongst the excitement (and stress) of preparing for a wedding, it is very wise to take the time to prepare for a marriage. The commitment you will make to each other is a solemn and binding agreement that takes all of two minutes to say, but, a whole lifetime to work out. Taking the time to prepare for this important relationship not only helps you to be aware of the workings of this type of relationship, but, also helps you lay the foundations for the type of marriage you both want to establish.

Who can help you with this?

The priest or deacon celebrating your wedding.

OR

Natural Fertility Services, who run the pre-marriage education sessions from their offices.

Your confidentiality is always assured

Phone 4041 7365

Mobile 0417 009 643

Email: admin@nfscairns.org

MUSIC:

The music you choose needs to be respectful of the fact that your wedding is a religious ceremony. Popular love songs etc are more appropriate for the reception. Please consult with your celebrant as to the appropriateness of the music you choose.

Contacts for organists/musicians and vocalists:

Organists

- Roger Brinkman 0427 764 372
- Larry Hammond 0487 379 578
- Maureen Waldby 4054 2858
- Margaret Willis 0403 269 537
- Lynette Russell 4036 1458 or 0419 649 024
- Anne Linneman 4056 2055
- Aimee Dudley 0417639764 dudlai0@student.stmonicas.qld.edu.au

Vocalists

- Patrice Hogan 4038 1330
- Cathy Knight 0408 156341
- Justine Raciti 0418 715 711
- Aimee Dudley 0417639764 dudlai0@student.stmonicas.qld.edu.au
- The musician or organists will have contacts for vocalists as well.

St Monica's Cathedral Choir

Toni Dunstan: 0437 942 019

CD

The cathedral has a CD player which works through the sound system. Please bring in your CD and test it out before your wedding day. It is advisable to line someone up to work the CD player.

Copyright

The Laws of Australia concerning copyright place upon us all legal and moral obligations. *It is imperative that everyone who prepares booklets for liturgies in the cathedral, including for weddings, observes these laws.*

The Cathedral has a copyright licence for both Word of Life (Licence # 721E) and Christian Copyright Licencing (Licence # 153327). Please quote our licence number in any booklets you are making for your wedding and also drop a copy of the booklet into the Cathedral Office so we can record the songs used on our yearly renewal form. Please note on the copy given to the office the approximate number of guests at the wedding. Thank you.

DECORATIONS

Flowers:

Flowers may be arranged in one of several manners:

- You may engage your own florist who will arrange the flowers at your own expense. OR
- You can use the flowers that are arranged for Sunday Mass and make a donation (please note we do not have flowers in the church on Sundays during Lent and Advent).

- If there happen to be more than one wedding on the same day we will let you know in case you wish to share the same flowers. Please contact the cathedral office and we will arrange to get you in contact with the other couple.

Pews

- You are welcome to decorate the centre aisle ends of the pews. **DO NOT SUE DRAWING PINS, THUMB TACKS, BLU-TACK OR TAPE OF ANY KIND** on the seats. They can be attached by elastic or tied with ribbon.

DEFINITELY NOT PERMITTED: is the use of bubbles, confetti, rice almonds, rose petals etc on the front steps or inside the Cathedral.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR GUESTS ARE AWARE OF THESE REQUEIRMENTS

In the event that these instructions are not adhered to you will be charged a cleaning/maintenance fee.

Photographs and Video

Photographers and video camera persons *are* permitted in the cathedral. However, we do ask you to remind those responsible to respect the sanctity of your wedding ceremony and to be discreet at all times. Photographers and camera people are ***not permitted*** within the sanctuary (the stepped area around the altar) at any stage **during the ceremony**. They ***may*** enter when you are **signing the marriage documents**.

It is important that photographers and video operators consult with the celebrant prior to the ceremony.

Video Recordings If music is played or hymns sung which are still under copyright then a license must be purchased for making a video which includes such music or hymns. ***This license is to be organized by the makers of the video.*** The organization to approach is Australian Mechanical Copyright Owners Society Association Tel. 02 9954 3655 Fax 02 9954 3664. Playing of the video, even in a private home, constitutes a public performance.

Rehearsal

If you wish to have a rehearsal, contact the cathedral parish office re the availability of the cathedral.

Car Parking

Limited car parking is available in the cathedral grounds. Please do not ***park in the driveway*** of the cathedral grounds. It must be kept free as an emergency entrance/exit at all times.

Toilets

Toilets are situated behind the cathedral.

Property

The cathedral parish cannot accept responsibility for any personal property that is left in the cathedral. Your co-operation is requested to ensure that it is removed immediately after the ceremony.

Contact Details

If you wish to clarify any matters contained in this booklet, please contact the Cathedral Parish Office, Monday to Friday 9:30am - 4:00pm on 4051 2838

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Celebrants:

These clergy MAY be available for your wedding. Costs involved are: \$500 for the celebrant's fee; plus any travel and accommodation (if necessary) expenses.

Celebrants are listed alphabetically with the town in which they live in brackets after their name. However, any of them MAY be available to travel to where you are getting married within this area. You will need to discuss this with the clergy person involved.

Name	Phone contact	Email Addresses
Deacon Francis BEDFORD (Cairns)	Phone: 0437 797 363	fbedford@cairns.catholic.org.au
Deacon Mark CAVICCHIOLO (Cairns)	Phone: 4057 6055	markandkate@inet.net.au
Deacon Peter DE HAAS (Ravenshoe)	Phone: 4097 6180	ravenshoe.parish@cairns.catholic.org.au
Deacon Alban HUNT (Malanda)	Phone: 4096 5156	j.a.hunt2@bigpond.com
Fr Joby JOSE (Cairns)	Phone: 4051 1337	stjosephscairns@bigpond.com jpanthan@gmail.com
Fr Dipi KATTATHARA (Mareeba)	Phone: 4092 1077	stthomas@ledanet.com.au
Deacon Michael LINDSAY (Atherton)	Phone: 4091 4211 (St Joseph's School)	mlindsay@cns.catholic.edu.au
Deacon Ralph MADIGAN (Mareeba)	Phone: 4092 1077	connect@augustinians.org.au stthomas@ledanet.com.au
Fr Nathan MCKAY (Innisfail)	Phone: 4061 6633	nathanmckay71@gmail.com
Fr Paul Muthoottil PUNNOOSE (Cairns)	Phone: 4051 1337	stjosephscairns@bigpond.com mpaulcfc13@yahoo.com

St Monica's Cathedral, Cairns Booking Agreement:

Proposed date of wedding: Day: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Nuptial Mass YES/NO OR Wedding Service: YES/NO

Please select and note your choice of wedding above

Bride's Name	Title	First Name	Surname
Religion			
Street Address	Street Number & Name		
	Suburb	State	Postcode
Postal Address	PO Box / Street Number & Name		
If different	Suburb	State	Postcode
Phone	Home	Work	Mobile
Email			

Groom's Name	Title	First Name	Surname
Religion			
Street Address	Street Number & Name		
	Suburb	State	Postcode
Postal Address	PO Box / Street Number & Name		
If different	Suburb	State	Postcode
Phone	Home	Work	Mobile
Email			

We have read, understand and agree to the regulations and requirements in the Marriages at St. Monica's Cathedral leaflet. Yes No

Bride Signature _____

Groom Signature _____

Please supply the name (and contact details if not a Cairns priest) of your proposed priest. *Note that the wedding is not confirmed until the celebrant is confirmed.*

Priest's Name	Title	First Name	Surname
Postal Address	PO Box / Street Number & Name		
	Suburb	State	Postcode
Phone	Home	Work	Mobile
Email			

RETURN TO: St Monica's Cathedral
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