

**The Anglican Church of Australia  
Diocese of Sydney**

***WEDDINGS***  
***2009/2010***

*May the ever faithful God, giver of all good things, give you wisdom and devotion in the ordering of your life together.*

*May you dwell together in love and peace all the days of your life, seeking one another's welfare, bearing one another's burdens and sharing one another's joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Congratulations on your decision to be married at the historic St Mary the Virgin, Waverley. It is a beautiful church in which the people of God have been baptised, married, worshipped and buried from since 1863.

This leaflet will help you begin to plan and prepare for this important event. Please read it carefully and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions. To confirm the date of your planned wedding please call the Rector or send an email requesting possible dates.

Weddings in the season of Lent (seven weeks before Easter) and Advent (the fourweeks before Christmas) and on Sundays require special arrangements with the Rector.

## **PREPARATION**

A wedding is a very joyful and important occasion. It requires careful preparation.

Such preparation will help you understand each other better, your relationship and your responsibilities as well as the nature of Christian marriage taught by the Church.

In this Parish, we take very seriously your decision to marry. If you do not already attend this church, we expect you to make some attempt to do so during the period of your preparation. The faith dimension of marriage is very important and worship in the community strengthens faith.

## **DIVORCE**

For those who are divorced, and who wish to re-marry in the Anglican Church, special arrangements maybe necessary. The Archbishop's permission must be sought and an application is made to him after consultation with one of the priests of the Parish. Although permission is often given, it is not automatic.

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

The form of service used in the Parish is from "A Prayer Book for Australia, 1995."

Many people like to produce their own wedding Order of Service based upon this service and we will be happy to discuss this with you. We provide electronic forms of the service, readings and hymns to assist you.

## **ARRANGEMENTS**

All the arrangements for your wedding will be discussed with the priest assigned to be your celebrant when you meet with him.

## **WEDDING COSTS**

The basic cost of a wedding service in the Church of St Mary the Virgin is \$ 1,550.00.

This amount covers:

- The use of the church and the provision by the Parish of a building of considerable beauty and presence in which your wedding is celebrated.
- Meetings with the celebrant, and an organist.
- The rehearsal,.

- Arrangement of flowers (*it does not include the purchase of flowers should you require extra to those provided in the church*) Flowers are normally arranged in St Mary's in accordance with a long standing tradition and bows are placed on the end of the pews. Flowers can be added to these bows but they must be placed by your party and removed after your ceremony. If other flowers are required then discussions and arrangements must be negotiated- in such a case you will be required to pay for the provision of the flowers.
- The playing of the organ by our staff.

### **PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

To make a booking you are asked to attend church, meet the Rector and provide the completed application form and copies of your birth certificates

Once a date and time are agreed these are not confirmed until you have paid a \$ 550 deposit, which is not refundable, and personally met with the Rector after a worship service. It is preferred that this amount is paid by direct deposit to:

St Mary's Anglican Church:

BSB 032-251 Account #: 109453

Westpac Bondi Junction

The final balance of \$ 1,000 must be paid before the wedding rehearsal.

### **MUSIC ARRANGEMENTS**

The organist, Mr David Taylor, is the final arbiter in relation to the music for your wedding. To meet with David to discuss the music, please telephone him on 0403 883 566 or email at [david.anthony.taylor@gmail.com](mailto:david.anthony.taylor@gmail.com).

If the Organist is required for a special rehearsal (for example if you have your own singer(s)), an additional fee of \$150.00 is required. David is also able to arrange the Parish Choir at an additional fee or a soloist at an additional fee. The availability of both cannot be guaranteed. The charge for a soloist is \$150 and for each member of the choir the charge is \$100.

#### **OTHER NOTES:**

- If the wedding is organised in the weeks before Easter and Christmas special flowers may be placed in the church at your own expense. You will have to arrange this and organise the removal of the flowers at the end of your ceremony.
- You are not permitted to use confetti or rice at St Mary's. Flower petals may be used – if they are used in the building then arrangements must be made for “picking up” of the petals after the service.
- If bubbles are used they too must be outside.
- Should you wish another priest, not on the staff of the Parish, to conduct your wedding ceremony or a musician to play, additional separate arrangements must be made for their participation and remuneration. The approval of the Rector will be required as appropriate.
- The period of time allocated for your wedding in the Church grounds is ninety minutes.

# A GENERAL OUTLINE OF THE WEDDING SERVICE AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN

## **Gathering in God's Name**

*The minister welcomes the congregation. A hymn or song may be sung.*

## **The Ministry of the Word**

One or more Readings from the Scriptures (some suggestions).

a Genesis 1 26-2 4a; Genesis 2 18-24; Genesis 24.48-51, 58-67; Song of Solomon 2 8-14; Song of Solomon 4 1-7; Song of Solomon 8

6-7

b Psalm 23; Psalm 37 3-6; Psalm 46; Psalm 67; Psalm 100; Psalm 111; Psalm 121; Psalm 127; Psalm 128; Psalm 138

c Romans 12 9-18; 1 Corinthians 12 31-13 13; Ephesians 3 14-19; Ephesians 5 21-33; Colossians 3 12-17 (18-19); 1 John 3 18-24; 1 John 4 7-16

d Matthew 5 1-12; Matthew 7 21-29; Matthew 22 35-40; John 2 1-11; John 15 9-12 and/or 12-16

## **An Address** *(by the Celebrant or other Clergy)*

*A hymn or song and other readings consistent with Christian teaching and the theme of the service may also be used.*

## **The Wedding**

*The vows as set in the liturgy. Family candles may be lit prior to the vows*

*A Wedding Candle representing the union of the couple can be lit after the vows.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

*A selection of prayers is said, concluding with:*

Accept our prayers, loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who taught us to pray, Our Father ... Amen

## **The Signing of the Register**

*The marriage certificates are signed here (suitable music may  
be played or sung)*

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

*The bride and groom leave the church while suitable music is  
playing or sung.*

*All music must be agreed to by the Organist.*

To check availability please call the Rector.

RECTOR'S TELEPHONE: 9387 3277

OFFICE TELEPHONE: 9389 3077

## **SOME SUITABLE HYMNS**

*The following hymns are from Together in Song, Sing Alleluia and the New English Hymnal. There are many others.*

- Come down, O Love divine
- Come, Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace
- Fairest Lord Jesus
- Father, hear the prayer we offer
- For the beauty of the earth
- God be in my head
- Happy the home that welcomes you
- Lord of all hopefulness
- Love divine, all loves excelling
- Morning has broken
- As man and woman we were made
- Brother, sister, let me serve you
- Our Father, by whose name all fatherhood is known
- Where love and loving kindness dwell
- God, whose loving hand has lead
- Now thank we all our God
- Holy Spirit, Lord of grace
- Jesus, King most Wonderful
- perfect love
- Our God, be gracious unto us
- Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
- Sing a New Song
- The King of Love My Shepherd Is
- The Lord's My Shepherd
- Lord of Creation

## **Your Printed Service**

Electronic versions of the Marriage Service and Suitable Bible Readings are made available to people planning their wedding at St Mary's however the final version must be approved by the celebrant for your marriage and given to him before your rehearsal so that it can be reviewed and still give time for printing.

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## WEDDING APPLICATION FORM

*(Please print clearly)*

### GROOM:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Work): \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

(Mobile): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:

\_\_\_\_\_

Denomination:

\_\_\_\_\_

Baptised: YES / NO Confirmed: YES / NO

Occupation:

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### BRIDE:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Work): \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

(Mobile): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:

\_\_\_\_\_

Denomination:

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Baptised: YES / NO Confirmed: YES / NO

Occupation:

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We would like our

Wedding to be on: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Date Time

Signature Bride and/or Groom):

\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your church connection: *(tick appropriate option)*

Parishioner of St Mary's: \_\_\_ Other Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_ No definite or regular connection: \_\_\_

**Please bring this completed form to a regular church service  
(Sunday 8 am or 10 am) and introduce yourself to the Rector.**