

Getting Married at Queen of Angels Church



1. The Wedding Ceremony:

Two ceremonies are available.

Firstly, there is the wedding ceremony within the celebration of the Eucharist (often called a Nuptial Mass). Where both parties are Catholic they normally choose the Nuptial Mass.

Secondly, there is 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.

Please discuss with the Priest officiating at your wedding which is the more appropriate ceremony for your situation. He will also assist you in selecting the Scripture Readings, Prayers and Vows for your wedding.

Please be aware that Readings from the Scriptures must be chosen for your ceremony as part of the Liturgy of the Word. Also, that the signing of your marriage certificates must not occur on the Altar, but on the table provided.

2. Marriage Preparation

All couples getting married within the parish are encouraged to participate in a Marriage Preparation Course. The enclosed leaflet gives details of those provided through our Catholic Family Services - Centacare - at 33 Wakefield Street Adelaide.

3. The Celebrant of Your Wedding

If you live within the boundaries of the Adelaide Cathedral Parish, or if you attend the Queen of Angels Church, the Cathedral or one of the other churches in the parish, then one of the priests of the parish will be available to be celebrant for your wedding. If you live outside the parish, then it is the responsibility of the parish priest of the parish in which you live to conduct your ceremony or at least help you to engage another celebrant.

4. Costs

The booking fee is \$800 which includes a \$100 bond. Payment of this fee is required at the time of booking. Cancellation of booking incurs a fee of \$50. The bond will be returned after the wedding if the stipulated conditions are met. Please note that at least 6 months notice is required for the booking. Arrangements should be made by ringing the Parish Office on 8232 8688.

By Church tradition the Archbishop sets a uniform stipend (or offering) for all weddings in the Archdiocese which forms part of a central fund to support the priests. This offering is given directly to your priest and he will inform you of the suggested amount.

The bond money is to ensure the Church and grounds are left in an appropriate condition.

If you as a couple have difficulties in meeting these costs please speak to the Assistant Administrator.

Nothing at all is to be thrown inside or outside church grounds after the wedding ceremony ie no confetti, flower petals, rice, sugar almonds or similar tokens. (Bubbles may only be used outside the church).

The throwing of anything at all within the church grounds will result in the bond being forfeited.

The bond money will also be forfeited if the ceremony is more than 15 minutes late starting (this means starting to walk down the aisle and not when the car arrives) or the wedding party has not left the grounds 90 minutes after scheduled starting time.

In keeping with item 8, with regard to floor decorations, swagging and floral arrangements or candelabra between the pews or along the aisles, the bond will be forfeited if these conditions are not followed.

Also, in keeping with item 10 in this leaflet, the bond will also be forfeited if alcohol is consumed in the Queen of Angels porch or grounds prior to or after the ceremony.

The release of doves or other birds is not permitted.

It is your responsibility to ensure your guests are informed of this condition.

5. Times of Weddings

To ensure that each wedding can be celebrated with dignity and without undue haste the following times are available on Saturdays.

11.00 am

1.00 pm

3.00 pm

Please do not book the time of the wedding before confirming the availability of your celebrant.

It is essential that your wedding start on time. The people involved in your wedding - Priest, Organist, Singers and Sacristan, can be on a tight schedule. We recommend that the bride arrive 5-10 minutes before the start of your wedding ceremony, allowing unhurried time for photographs. Your co-operation in this matter is most important.

6. Music For Your Wedding

When you choose to marry in the Queen of Angels Church you are choosing to marry consciously in the presence of God. Your wedding is a religious ceremony, celebrated in a sacred place. Music and/or singing are there to enhance the sacredness and prayerfulness of your ceremony. Appropriate Church music is a requirement.

Musicians are not provided as part of your Church Booking Fee. Couples may enlist/contract whatever musicians they desire, however the following conditions must be met:

- An organ is available for use in the church.
- Non-Christian songs or “pop” songs are not suitable for Church weddings.
- Songs using the word “Yahweh” should not be chosen.
- All contractors entering Church property must carry current Public Liability Insurance of at least \$10million.
- All electrical equipment brought onto Church property by contractors must have current electrical safety tags.
- Song lyrics printed in wedding booklets must be accompanied by the correct copyright citations.

Your celebrant is responsible for your church wedding ceremony. Please consult with him and follow his guidance as to the suitability of the music/singing that you plan for your wedding.

If you need assistance in obtaining quality musicians – singers, an organist, a choir, string players, a trumpeter, etc. – please contact the Director of Cathedral Music on 1300-714-009 or maestro@internode.on.net

7. 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 our parish, including for Weddings, observes these laws.

(Your celebrant can assist you with this).

Video Recordings. If any 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.

Copyright – Wedding Booklets

In addition to the correct copyright citations to be included with any song lyrics you may wish to publish in your Wedding Booklet, the following citations must also be printed at the end of every booklet:

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8. Decoration of Queen of Angels Church.

Flowers. You are free to arrange your own flower arrangements. No arrangements are to be placed directly on the floor or on/in front of the altar itself.

Pew Decorations. Decorations on the ends of the pews are permitted. They are to be attached by elastic or tying. No drawing pins, masking tape or clamps are to be used.

Floor Decorations. No rugs and no petals are permitted in the floor of the church aisles and sanctuary. The placing of candelabra or floral arrangements between the pews or along the aisles is likewise not allowed.

Swagging is not allowed.

9. Photographs and Video

Knowing that every couple wishes to keep a photographic (and often video) record of their wedding, photographers and video camera persons are permitted in the church. However, we would 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 you also discuss this matter with the priest officiating at your wedding.

10. Consumption of Alcohol

Please note the consumption of alcohol in the porch or grounds of the church prior to or after a wedding is not permitted.

11. Rehearsal

Most couples find it helpful for the bridal party to have a short rehearsal (not available on Monday and Thursday evenings). When you have confirmed the time with your celebrant the booking of the rehearsal is to be made through the Cathedral Parish Office.

12. Toilets

Toilets are situated at the back and to the left of the church.

**If you wish to clarify any matters contained in this booklet,
please contact the Parish Office**

**Monday to Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm
on 8232 8688**

**All correspondence to Adelaide Cathedral Parish,
GPO Box 1364, Adelaide 5001**

