

# Anglican Marriage of Mount Dandenong

## About your wedding

Thank you for enquiring about being married at this church. We have a delightful building, not surprisingly loved by a great many people. We would be happy to host a Service of Marriage for you, should you wish it. However as a Christian community we are deeply conscious that marriage is far more than a ceremony which, though very special and moving, is over in well under an hour. Our contemporary society places a great deal of pressure on marriages, and tragically many do not last. As a church we are committed to ensuring to the best of our ability, that marriages which begin here last, 'as long as you both shall live.'

We believe that the best basis for such a marriage is a living faith in Jesus Christ, shared by husband and wife. We also believe that ensuring adequate preparation for marriage is essential. If you decide you'd like to be married at St Michael & All Angels Church, Kalorama, or St Matthews' Church, Olinda, we assume that you want a Christian wedding service, as a foundation for a lifetime together as husband and wife.

Because of these considerations, we ask the following of couples wishing to be married here:

1. participation in a pre-marriage course – We will give details of this at the first interview.
2. a willingness to make at least a preliminary connection with a local Christian minister and church.

### **Fees**

We aim to keep our wedding fees commensurate with those of other churches where weddings are frequent. The current rate is \$1000.00, which comprises the following:

- Church \$537
- Minister \$175
- Flowers \$88
- Organist \$80
- Verger \$45
- Anglican diocese levy \$25

A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required when applying. You may lodge an application prior to payment of the deposit; however you must understand that we cannot promise to hold your preferred date without it.

If the fees are problematic for you, the Minister will be happy to discuss a reduction. However please do not ask if you are arranging hire cars or other costly features.

In addition to the above, you should allow a further \$200 for marriage preparation.

## Remarriage after divorce

As a Christian church we recognise that marriage breakdown is a tragic reality in our society. Many second marriages take place in Anglican and other churches. However we take the issue of marrying divorcees seriously. We know for instance that the incidence of breakdown is higher in second marriages than in first marriages. Because we're committed to building strong and healthy marriages, the Anglican church requires the Minister to take due time to be satisfied that past patterns will not be carried into a new relationship. The minister must satisfy the bishop that there is a good foundation for a second marriage to proceed.

If this is the case for either of you, we advise you to allow a minimum of 6 months between your first interview (see below) and the wedding.

Before you sign .. other practical considerations

- Space - Our two church buildings are not large. This could be a problem for numbers of guests and/or the size of your wedding party. As a guideline:
  - St Michael's Kalorama will seat about 70 comfortably (although we can fit in just over 90). Prepare for a squeeze if the bride and groom have more than two attendants each!
  - St Matthew's Olinda will seat 40 - 50. Up to three attendants each side would be manageable .
- Time - In exceptional cases a wedding could be arranged in about 6 weeks. However we strongly advise against short timeframes. Apart from the unlikelihood of both the church and a reception centre being available on the same day at short notice, you will get little benefit from a rushed wedding. At a minimum, you should aim to have completed your marriage preparation course and the planning of the content of the wedding service not less than one month before the wedding - preferably two months. The final weeks before the wedding are not a good time for serious reflection. (This is apart from the time factors specific to a second marriage, as above.)

**To request a wedding service** at either of the two churches, please do the following:

- complete the enclosed application form
- Either post the form to:
  - The Vicar  
Anglican Parish of Mt Dandenong  
PO Box 148  
KALORAMA Vic. 3766

(with or without a cheque for \$50 deposit); OR

- bring the form with you to the initial interview
- phone (03)9728-6353 to arrange an initial wedding interview with the Minister

## **What to bring to the interview ...**

- completed application form (if not mailed previously)
- originals of your birth certificates (or passports, if born overseas)\* - passport need not be current

(\* these can be presented later, but don't forget!! )

The following information required for completion of formal 'Notice of Intended Marriage'

- years and months since you (each) arrived in Australia (if born overseas)
- each of your parents' full names (including middle names & mothers' maiden names) (be sure of spellings)
- each of your parents' countries of birth
- If previously married – year of each marriage ceremony
- if previously married - number of children of each previous marriage
- diary or calendar (to arrange dates/times for further interviews and wedding rehearsal)

Questions, concerns or clarifications ... ?

Just call us on (03)9728-6353. This may include, for example, questions about fees or marriage preparation before you sign the application. The Minister will happily discuss your concerns, and may be able provide some special consideration. However please be aware that the Minister is answerable to others for some requirements related to conduct of weddings.

Archdeacon Stephen May

(Vicar – Anglican Parish of Mount Dandenong)

***Scroll down to the Application form***

# Application Form

## Groom

## Bride

Surname:

Surname:

Given names:

Given names:

Street address:

Street address

phone:

phone:

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W

Mobile

Mobile

E.-mail:

E.-mail:

Occupation:

Occupation:

Date of birth:

Date of birth:

Baptised - Y /N Church:

Baptised - Y /N Church:

Confirmed - Y /N church:

Confirmed - Y /N church:

Marital status:

Marital status:

Times previously married:

Times previously married:

Address after marriage:

Day / Date / Time of proposed wedding:

Church referral preference: (see Couple Info)

Happy to be contacted by a local minister who has been given our contact details

We prefer to initiate contact with a local church/ minister

We wish to be married at St Michael & All Angels' Kalorama/ St Matthews' Olinda (circle preference).

We make this application understanding that:

- a \$50 non-refundable deposit is required to secure a booking on our preferred date.
- a pre-marriage education course is a requirement for marriage in this church, and that the Minister is not obliged to conduct the service if this has not occurred.
- a certificate of participation is required as evidence that we have completed the pre-marriage education course.
- the balance of wedding fees is payable at or before the wedding rehearsal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Groom)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Bride)

Date:

Date::