



Weddings at St Mary's

We would love for you to have your special day with us.

Congratulations on your engagement! If you haven't visited St Mary's yet, we would love to meet you and show you around. Get in touch with the office, or visit one of our Sunday Services - see bondichurch.org.

Package	Includes	Cost
Wedding ceremony conducted by Bondi Anglican Church minister	Meetings with the Minister, legal requirements, wedding rehearsal, wedding ceremony, use of building and outside grounds for post ceremony	\$1,800
As above, with organist	as above plus organist, with your choice of hymns	\$2,200
Wedding ceremony conducted by alternate Christian minister*	A meeting with the Administrator, access to the building a for rehearsal & wedding day, including outside grounds	\$1,350
As above, with organist	as above plus organist, with your choice of hymns	\$1,750

**Permission must be granted by our Bishop for a non-Anglican Christian minister to conduct a wedding ceremony at St Mary's. Please be in touch with the office to discuss.*

FAQs

How much is the wedding deposit?

The deposit to book your wedding at St Mary's is \$300, and is non-refundable.

Can we have our reception at the venue too?

Unfortunately we do not have facilities to hold wedding receptions. We do have trestle tables that can be used on the front lawn for light refreshments.

Can my own Anglican Minister marry us at St Mary's?

If you would like your own Anglican minister to marry you, please let the office know who it is so we can run it past the Senior Minister.

What if my minister is not an Anglican minister?

We are happy to have other ministers conduct a Christian wedding ceremony at St Mary's. We will ask you for some information about your minister (church, how you know them) and we will check with our Bishop, who needs to grant permission.

Public Liability insurance will need to be sourced, as the Anglican Diocese insurance won't cover your event. Public liability insurance is available for purchase for one-off events here:

https://nfpib.com.au/nfp_quote/index.php/hallhire/process/ANGLICAN inputting "Anglican Church of Bondi and Waverley" as the venue name. It costs about \$160.

Can anyone get married at St Mary's?

We run a Christian Wedding ceremony, so it is important that the couple being married is sympathetic to the Christian values expressed in the wedding service.

I am divorced, can I still get married at St Mary's?

Please speak to the Minister as we'd love to hear more, and this will be considered case by case.

Can I use my own Marriage Service or write my own vows?

We are an Anglican Church, therefore we use the *Marriage* services from *An Australian Prayer Book* (1978) or *Common Prayer* (2012). Minor variations are possible in consultation with the Minister at Bondi Anglican Church.

(Note: if you are being married by another Christian Minister, the content of the ceremony will be at their discretion).

What days of the week could I have my Wedding at St Mary's?

Any day of the week, except Sundays.

Are photographers or videographers permitted to photograph/film the wedding service?

Photographers and videographers are of course permitted. We ask that the photographer/videographer introduce him/herself to the Minister prior to the ceremony.

We do not have facilities for live streaming, so if you would like to stream the service, you will need to arrange this.

What music is allowed, and do I need to provide a sound person?

St Mary's is equipped with a beautiful pipe organ and we can supply a professional organist (see packages table).

Alternative music is welcome whether it be live or pre-recorded, but needs to be approved by the Minister marrying you. We have a simple audio system for use, of which the couple will need to organise someone to operate on the day. We encourage musicians (eg guitarists) to bring their own amps and speakers.

How many does the church seat?

St Mary's can seat up to 200 people in pews, with additional seating and standing room at the rear of the church if needed.

The church's design also allows small numbers to have a comfortable and intimate service.

Can I decorate the church, and how long is the aisle?

You are welcome to bring flower arrangements and decorations, we just ask that it is all taken away again at the end of the ceremony. But truly, St Mary's needs minimal decoration - it is stunning as it is!

The aisle is 22 metres long, and there are 32 pews i.e. 16 along each side of the aisle.

Is there parking?

There are 5 parking bays off the church's ring-road driveway. These can be set aside at the couple's discretion for the use of bridal party, family or those who need disabled access.

Guests will need to find street parking in the surrounding streets. There is no parking on the grassed areas or gardens out the front of the church.

If your wedding is on a weekday, the child care centre next door shares these parking spaces for pick up. This will be addressed on a case by case basis, please discuss with the office.

What is your cancellation policy?

Weddings cancelled more than 2 months from the wedding date are refunded in full less the \$300.00 non-refundable deposit.

Weddings cancelled within 1 – 2 months of the wedding date are refunded 75% of the balance amount paid.

Weddings cancelled within 1 month of the wedding date are refunded 50% of the balance amount paid.

Weddings cancelled within 1 week of the wedding date will be charged in full.

More questions? Please be in touch.



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