



## WEDDINGS AT ST MARY'S

### INFORMATION SHEET 2023

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#### **COSTS**

**Wedding conducted by a Bondi Anglican Church Minister** **\$1,650**

This includes meetings with the Minister, marriage preparation, marriage paperwork, wedding rehearsal and the wedding ceremony at St Mary's Church.

**Wedding conducted by another Christian Minister that meets the Sydney Anglican requirements for authorised user of the building** **\$1,250**

This includes meeting with the administrator, access to the church for a rehearsal and the wedding ceremony.

**Additional costs may include:**

- Professional organist: \$400.00
- Other musicians (for example: string quartet, soloist) are to be arranged by the couple at their own expense.
- Flowers and decorations: to be arranged by the couple at their own expense.
- Additional time: We allow 2.5 hours\* per wedding booking. If you wish to extend your stay at St Mary's for photos, refreshments or for setting up the church an additional \$100 per hour will be charged.

We do not have facilities for holding wedding receptions.

We require a \$300 deposit to secure your booking, which is non-refundable.

*\*The 2.5 hour time period is calculated from the time the church is opened to when it is closed afterwards.*

#### **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.



## **INSURANCE**

If your wedding is being conducted by an Anglican Minister in the Sydney Diocese, Diocesan insurance is already in place for your event.

If your wedding is being conducted by a Minister not of the Sydney Anglican Diocese, you will need to procure public liability insurance, and set up a Licence Agreement with us for your wedding. Public liability insurance is available for purchase at a good rate for one-off events here: [https://nfpib.com.au/nfp\\_quote/index.php/hallhire/process/ANGLICAN](https://nfpib.com.au/nfp_quote/index.php/hallhire/process/ANGLICAN) inputting "Anglican Church of Bondi and Waverley" as the venue name. A "booking request form" will also need to be filled out for the information required to set up a licence document outlining the arrangements of the booking.

## **FAQS**

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

Any day of the week, except Sundays.

### **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 but only 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).

### **Can anyone get married at St Mary's?**

We love holding weddings at St Mary's, and we run a Christian Wedding ceremony. It is important therefore that the couple being married is sympathetic to the Christian values expressed in the wedding service and is not using the church merely for convenience or social reasons.

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

Please speak to the Minister as applications are considered on a case by case basis.

### **Can guests throw things like confetti or rice over the bridal couple outside the church?**

We only permit the use of bubbles and flower petals, and only outside the church.

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

Photographers and videographers are permitted. As a courtesy, we request that the photographer/videographer introduce him/herself to the Minister prior to the ceremony and clarify how this will be managed.

### **Is there wifi at the church?**

Yes, there is wifi available.



**How much notice do I need to give?**

We require at least three months notice of an intended wedding.

**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 for an additional fee.

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.

**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 you have other questions, do not hesitate to contact the Church Administrator at [admin@bondichurch.org](mailto:admin@bondichurch.org).