

Number 1 is acceptable for the church ceremony but number 2 is not. There is nothing to prevent you using number 2 at the reception. It is a wise move to consult the priest, the parish secretary or the music group in plenty of time to prevent misunderstanding and disappointments.

REHEARSALS

Some couples like to have a run through the ceremony before the day. This can usually be arranged in the week before the wedding.

FLOWERS

Floral arrangements in the Cathedral are done by professional florists. During Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter, the Cathedral will be decorated in some way appropriate for those seasons. The colour scheme for Advent and Lent will be violet, purple or blue with the Advent wreath being a feature in the Sanctuary. Lent flowers will be arrangements of dried in keeping with the season. At Christmas, the tree will be in the Sanctuary with the crib a feature on the side altar or in front of the altar rails. At Easter, the Large Paschal Candle will be the main focal point and other symbols will also be given prominence, with red being for Pentecost colour. In deciding to be married in the parish church of the Cathedral Community, whatever decorations in place are there for the community, and these will not be altered or removed for any wedding.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS

Official photographers are usually very professional and know when it is appropriate to take the best photographs. One does not want flashes distracting everyone during the ceremony. For those couples who wish have a video, we ask that the video operator use a tripod from one set position for most of the ceremony. Please ask your photographer/operator to see the Celebrant before the wedding ceremony begins.

We wish you a prayerful and Happy Day

Your Marriage



St Patrick's Cathedral

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Your choice to marry has been made after a lot of thought and consideration, and your choice to marry in the Catholic Church is a sign that you know the love you share is something sacred which you want to celebrate within the Christian community. We trust that your engagement time will be one of the happiest, busiest and most rewarding times in your life. We want to help you make your wedding day as happy and successful as possible.

You will need to think of the following.

BOOKINGS AND TIMES FOR WEDDINGS

Wedding should normally be booked at least six months in advance, and a booking will be accepted only with a Deposit of \$100.00 (this includes a \$50.00 non –refundable deposit), the balance to be paid no later than three months prior to the wedding date.

Times available on Saturday are 11.00am, 1.00pm, 2.30pm and 4.00pm. Other days are available by arrangement.

FEES

The fee for a wedding at St Patrick’s Cathedral is \$700.00. Also, consideration of a lower fee is given to those who are giving to our Planned Giving Programme.

PREPARATION

It is expected that all couples will participate in marriage preparation. We recommend a Pre-Marriage Course conducted by Centacare – phone 07 46323604.

DOCUMENTATION

There are both Government and Church papers to be completed before marriage. You will need to provide for inspection by the Celebrant:

**your full Birth Certificate or Passport
and your Baptismal Certificate.**

Birth Certificates can be obtained for a fee from the Register of Births, Deaths and Marriages or you may make application through the Court House.

Baptismal Certificates can be obtained by sending your request, name and approximate date of Baptism, date of birth, father’s name and mother’s maiden name, plus a stamped addressed envelope, to the Parish where you were baptised.

CEREMONY

The wedding ceremony is the formal occasion where you declare your love and state your vows before God and God’s community.

The ceremony is comprised of readings, prayers, formal statements, blessings and music. The ceremony is very personal and every attempt will be made to help make it your special moment. Music which supports the ceremony, is an integral part of the celebration.

The marriage ceremony is a celebration of unity, of the things that unite us rather than divide. It is advisable, that a Nuptial Mass be celebrated only where the couple are both practising Catholics.

*Kindly advise your guests that confetti, rice and rose petals **are not permitted** in or around the Cathedral and grounds.*

BOOKLET AND MUSIC

The prayers and the readings are chosen by the couple from the marriage booklet “When We Marry”, and discussed with the Priest before the wedding. Father Jim and Father Jack would be willing to assist.

An organist and a singer (cantor) are provided as part of the marriage rite. If the couple choose to coopt their own singers or musicians, they are asked to make their own contractual arrangements as regards the payments.

Music is a servant of the ceremony. Its purpose is to give glory to God and to help the congregation to worship more effectively. The music that you may be considering for your wedding will probably fit into one of the following categories:

1. music composed for use in church, or popular music, which speaks directly of the religious dimension of love:
2. popular music which does not speak of the religious dimension of love, or which refers only to the physical or emotional dimension of love.