



Cottesloe & Mosman Park Parish

Parish Marriage Information

Wedding Ceremony

Weddings are held by appointment in either St Mary Star of the Sea Church or Corpus Christi Church, outside of our regular Mass times.

Our regular Mass times can be seen on our website at:

<https://staroftheseachurch.org.au/contact/>

Eligibility/Dispensation

It is necessary that the marriage should take place according to the rites of the Catholic Church. At least one of the parties must be a Catholic, and both bride and groom must be free and capable of marriage as the Church understands it.

A marriage can take place in the Church between a Catholic person and a person baptised in another faith, or a Catholic person and a person never baptised. In these cases, dispensation for the marriage to take place is given by the Archdiocese. The application for this dispensation is made by the Catholic party.

Preparation for Marriage

Couples contemplating marriage are asked to take part in a marriage preparation course or marriage preparation sessions to provide them with a strong foundation for married life. This should be discussed with the celebrant/parish priest.



Wedding Guidelines

Donations

It is customary that a contribution be made separately to both the church and the celebrant.

Photography/Videography

Photographs and videos are allowed during the marriage ceremony. However, it is important for them to be taken discreetly and not cause any distraction. For this reason, flash photography should be avoided. Please inform your wedding guests and any hired personnel accordingly.

Booklets

Marriage ceremony booklets should be prepared by the couple. The celebrant/parish priest will be able to assist. These booklets help to encourage all present at the wedding to participate in the celebration.

Music

Musicians and singers from outside the parish are welcome. We can recommend a pianist. The music and songs chosen must be liturgically appropriate. Copyright licencing may apply.

Flowers and Pew Decorations

You may arrange for your own floral decorations to be brought to the church. If the wedding is celebrated on a Saturday, then the flowers would need to be left in the church for the weekend. During Lent and Advent, however, floral arrangements will need to be removed after the wedding.

Liturgical/Seasonal Decorations

Throughout the year, the church is 'dressed' for the liturgical seasons. Any banners or seasonal decorations hanging in the church will not be removed for weddings.

Throwing of Confetti

Please note that the throwing of confetti, rice, flower petals, etc. in or around the church is not permitted.



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What you need to do

First, complete an online marriage form at:

https://form.jotform.com/staroftheseachurch_cottesloe/marriage

After you have submitted your marriage form, contact the Parish Office to confirm your booking.

Email cottesloe@perthcatholic.org.au
Phone 9384 2421
Address 2 McNeil St, Peppermint Grove, WA 6011
Office Hrs Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9.30am–12.30pm

Documents Checklist

These can be uploaded while completing the online marriage form, or brought to your first meeting with the celebrant/parish priest.

- Birth Certificate
- Passport or Driver's Licence
- Baptism Certificate (issued within the last six months)
- Marriage Preparation Certificate