



WEDDINGS

St Mary of the Angels

Information Pack

Congratulations on your engagement! We are delighted to be able to host you at St Mary of the Angels on the unique and special occasion of your wedding day, and we look forward to assisting you with your marriage preparations.

The church building

The beautiful gothic architecture, stained glass windows and acoustics of the St Mary of the Angels church will provide an unforgettable setting for your wedding day.

This 1922 Category 1 Historic Place, originally designed by Frederick de Jersey Clere, is home to a vibrant inner city parish and frequently serves the wider Wellington community as a stunning concert venue. St Mary of the Angels seeks to praise and thank God in a place of calm and beauty, and strives to be Christ alive in Central Wellington.

A Catholic Marriage

St Mary of the Angels is a Catholic Church and is available for Catholic Marriages, where the bride or groom (or both) are Catholic. Please contact our Parish Priest if you have any questions regarding Catholic Marriage at St Mary of the Angels.

❖ **Marriage Preparation Courses:**

Each couple must complete an Archdiocesan pre-marriage course. For information on these courses and how to register, you may visit the Archdiocese of Wellington website (www.wn.catholic.org.nz) or contact the Marriage Programmes Coordinator at marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz.

❖ **Documentation:**

The Catholic Priest officiating at your wedding will speak with you about the documentation required.

Costs

The cost to hire the church for a wedding is \$1000 plus GST (total \$1,150.00). This needs to be paid in full before your booking is confirmed.

It is customary for the couple to also give a donation to the celebrant. You can discuss this with the Priest.

Music

If you wish to have the parish organist there is a \$200 fee. Contact the parish to be put in touch with our Director of Music in order to book the organist and if you wish to discuss what music you would like to be played. Otherwise, you can connect a device (iPhone etc by cable to our system) and play your own music. You may have your own soloist and there is a piano available as well. There is no extra charge for the use of the piano.

FAQs

How can I decorate the church?

Flowers:

- ❖ Option A: You supply your own flowers through a florist.
- ❖ Option B: You consult with Sister Frances (Phone parish office at 04 473 8074) and explain your colour preference with a cost of \$50 for the set up and use of the flowers. Sister would only provide flower arrangements for the sanctuary area and not at the end of each pew.

There are to be no attachments to the court floor or painted surfaces in the church.

When can we come to set up for the wedding?

The church is generally available for an hour and a half prior to the wedding depending on existing bookings or Mass/Reconciliation times.

How can I organise a wedding rehearsal in the church?

This can be discussed with the Priest who is celebrating your wedding.

Can we throw rice or confetti?

The throwing of rice or confetti inside or outside the church is forbidden.

What if I need to cancel my wedding?

We are happy to provide a full refund for any cancellations at least 2 months prior to your wedding date. Any cancellations later than this will need to be discussed with the Parish Priest.

