

# 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 in 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.

The Church has recently undergone significant earthquake strengthening work. Prior to its strengthening, engineering consultants assessed the church to meet only 15% of the New Building Standards. We are proud to say that the church is now close to 100% of the New Building Standard - so you can fully relax knowing that this is a safe place to celebrate together with your family and friends.

#### 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:**

In order to be married in St Mary of the Angels, or any Wellington Catholic Church, you 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](http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz)) or contact the Marriage Programmes Coordinator at [marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz). We also hold marriage preparation course brochures at the parish office.

❖ **Documentation:**

The Catholic Priest officiating your wedding should inform you as to what documentation you will need to fill out. You must also give the priest the Civil marriage licence well before the wedding.

#### 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 to secure your booking. On occasion we may agree to a payment plan for this amount. Please contact the parish office to discuss this.

#### 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 473 8074) and explain your colour preference and make a donation to her for 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? Is there an extra cost for this?***

You may contact the parish office to arrange for the church to be booked for your wedding rehearsal. Usually you will be allowed an hour and a half for this. There is no extra cost for a rehearsal.

## ***Is there available parking for guests and a bridal car?***

We only have a few parks available in our carpark off O'Reily Avenue. It is best to advise guests to find parking away from the church in parking buildings, etc.

You are able to arrange for a few carparks on Boulcott St at the bottom of the main steps to be reserved for you by contacting the Wellington City Council.

We have one park available for a guest with accessibility needs.

## ***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 team.

