

## MARRYING AT ST. MARK'S FITZROY

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

We extend our congratulations to you at this exciting time of your lives.

We are delighted that you are considering St Mark's for your wedding.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

St Mark's is an Anglican Church in the Anglo Catholic tradition. There has been a worshipping community at St Mark's Fitzroy since the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. The foundation stone of the church was laid in 1853.

We maintain high standards of worship and ceremony. We realise that your wedding is a celebration for you, your families and friends. We will assist you to give expression to this aspect of your special day with both warmth and dignity and in the context of the Christian Faith.

You will most easily gain a feel for the atmosphere of the church building, the music and our approach to the conducting of services by attending our 9.30am Sunday Mass. As mentioned elsewhere on this site, this is an opportunity for you to meet the parish priest over morning tea afterwards.

We believe there are 2 important aspects for you to consider at this stage, your **wedding** and your **marriage**. Marriage is obviously the life-long journey that comes after the wedding but many couples invest a huge amount of time and energy in preparing for their wedding and very little in preparing for their marriage. At St Mark's we are able to suggest ways of preparing for your marriage, whether you are marrying for the first time or remarrying. You obviously take your relationship seriously. So will we !

### **CHURCH AND GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS**

The clergy are bound to adhere to the requirements of their Denomination when considering your request to be married. They also have legal obligations under Federal Law (including the fact that they must use the rite of the Denomination in which they are ordained). The basic requirements are not complicated and can be easily explained during initial conversations with the vicar. Requirements regarding Birth Certificates or other forms of identification will be part of this conversation.

If you decide to proceed with arrangements the parish priest will need to make appointment times with you to complete the necessary Notice of Intended Marriage. This is a legal requirement under the Commonwealth Marriage Act.

Confirmation of both your wedding date and a rehearsal time will form part of this discussion.

## **FEES**

Fees are currently being reviewed but please ring 0488 967 688 during the interregnum to obtain information.

## **DOCUMENTS**

All documentation is arranged by the Celebrant of your marriage. He will also forward the documents signed at your wedding ceremony to the Registrar of Marriages.

## **CHURCH DECORATION**

Arrangements regarding flowers etc should be discussed with the parish priest.

## **MUSIC**

Music is chosen after consultation with the Director of Music.

## **REFRESHMENTS**

St Mark's can provide champagne and savouries for your guests, served on the lawn after the service (or at the back of the church if raining).

The catering committee charges a *per head* amount, payable in advance.

**We hope that this gives you sufficient information to assist you in making your plans. We look forward to meeting you in due course and we wish you every blessing.**

