

St. John's Lilydale welcomes you and we would like to thank you for your inquiry regarding the celebration of your Christian wedding service here in our Church.

The first thing to do is to arrange the date and time for your wedding. If you would like to ring the Parish Office, our office staff will get back to you to confirm the details.

The following information might answer some of those questions ... but please feel free to telephone the office with any queries you might have.

A wedding service at St John's will be based on the Anglican Prayer Book and led by an Anglican Minister. Ministers of other denominations are welcome to assist with the service at the discretion of the Minister.

The Minister, Rev. Matthew Connolly, would like to meet with you as soon as possible, once the date is established. At this meeting the necessary paperwork can be completed and planning for the service can begin. You will need to bring with you your birth certificates, or if you were born outside Australia, your passports. In the event of a second marriage, a divorce certificate or death certificate of your former spouse is needed. You could anticipate meeting with the Minister 2-3 times as you plan your wedding and the day approaches.

Marriage is a major step in your life together, therefore it is wise to be as well prepared as possible leading up to this momentous event, as you establish your relationship together. For this reason, we encourage those who are to be married here to attend a course of marriage preparation. Information regarding appropriate courses can be obtained from the Minister and

you are welcome to discuss this at your first meeting or to ring him at any time for suggestions.

The fee for the wedding is \$1500.00 which includes a non-refundable booking fee of \$300 to be paid when you book the church. This fee is inclusive of all the services offered by the Church. **The balance to be paid 3 months prior to the wedding day.**

Also included in the fees are:

Flowers: Members of St. John's attend to the flowers in the church and will do so on the day of the wedding unless you have discussed alternative arrangements with the Minister.

Music: This is by arrangement with the Minister.

Pew Decoration: We supply bows for the pews. You may supply your own, but please do not use pins, tacks or sticky tape when attaching decorations to the pews.

Red Carpet: Weather permitting, we have a lovely red carpet to welcome the wedding party.

Administration Costs: These include the Minister's Fee, the Church Verger who assists on the day, office administration, legal paperwork and Government charges.

For an extra charge the hall and kitchen can be made available for refreshments.

We ask that the photographer remains discreet throughout the service and does not distract the bride and groom while the service is in progress. The photographer should speak with the Minister prior to the service. Video recordings of your marriage ceremony are welcome, provided the person taking the video remains behind the bride and groom. It is essential that he or she, like the photographer, speak with the Minister prior to the ceremony's commencement.

It is usual for the forthcoming weddings to be printed in our Sunday pew notice on the Sunday before the wedding. The couples to be married are prayed for by name at these services and as always, you are most welcome to join us at this service.

If you have any queries, please contact our office, preferably on Wednesdays between 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m., and we will be happy to assist you.

We are delighted that you are considering St. John's for your wedding. May God bless you as you prepare for this special day and may it be enjoyable along the way.

Our prayers and best wishes go to you both.

Rev Matthew Connolly



A Prayer for your Marriage

God
in your great love
you have given us
the gift of marriage.

Bless us
as we pledge our lives
to each other,
that our love
may evermore grow
through Jesus Christ
our Lord

Amen

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