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GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING WEDDINGS

FORMS REQUIRED

Notice of Intending Marriage.

Although the date and time of the marriage may be fixed well before, the official application cannot be accepted earlier than eighteen months before the wedding (or later than one full month and one day before the wedding). Couples will be responsible for contacting the priest during this time before the wedding date to arrange a convenient time when the official application can be completed. The marriage cannot take place unless this form is completed within the time stipulated by the Commonwealth Government.

Birth Certificate

A Birth Certificate for each party must be produced some time before the wedding. The most convenient time is at one of the meetings with the priest. In cases where it is not possible to obtain a birth certificate, please speak with the priest as soon as you can to find other alternative documentation accepted by the Commonwealth Government. Under certain circumstances, other documents are permitted to be used.

Consent Forms

Persons under the legal marriageable age (eighteen years) must obtain the written consent from the Courts. This is the responsibility of the couple.

CHURCH MATTERS

Music

It is not necessary to have hymns sung during the service. Many couples these days prefer recorded music of significant songs, to enter and leave the church, and to be played while the documents are being signed. Please speak with the Priest about these choices as the music needs to be appropriate to a wedding taking place in a church, and also may have copyright implications.

Ushers

If you wish, suitable people can be asked to be Ushers at your wedding, and hand out the service books as well as directing wedding guests to their appropriate seats.

Seat Decorations

These are provided by the church. They are plain white satin bows. They will be attached to the ends of the pews prior to the wedding.

Photographs

Flash photography is not permitted during the service but may be taken while the registers are being signed and at other such times as may be indicated by the priest. **Videos** are allowed under certain conditions and only after discussion with the priest, as these have copyright implications.

Confetti

We request that confetti is not used at all in the church or in the church porch and ask that you pass this request on to your guests. As a suggestion, it is a good idea not to use confetti at all, as the dye in the coloured paper often runs and spoils the bride's and bridesmaids' gowns as well as the men's suits.

Flowers

Generally, the church is decorated with flowers for the Services on the following day. If your wedding is to occur during Lent or Advent, times when the churches do not have flowers, you need to provide your own and remove them from the church immediately after the service.

GENERAL MATTERS

Rings

Either one or two rings are acceptable and should be in the care of the bestman. They can be left at the Church following the rehearsal if preferred.

Witnesses

There must be two people available (of at least 18 years of age) to sign the marriage papers as having witnessed the ceremony. It is customary for the bestman and the bridesmaid to do this if they are eligible, though this is not essential.

Flower Girls and Page Boys

If you are considering having flower girls and/or page boys, careful consideration should be given to their age and you should discuss this with your priest.

Time

The complete wedding service takes approximately 30 minutes. The bride should make every effort to be on time and the bridegroom and his attendants should be at the church at least fifteen minutes before the scheduled time for the service.

Costs

The current cost is \$450.00 if the wedding occurs in one of the churches in the parish, and \$300.00 if at any other venue (which may include charges levied by the venue). These costs include GST. This is an overall charge which includes everything involved with the wedding. For GST purposes, this is the **Church Fee** and there is no other fee payable.

Rehearsal

The rehearsal for your wedding has been arranged for: At this rehearsal, the statutory declarations need to be signed. This is a government requirement and needs to be completed before the wedding can take place.

OTHER MATTERS

Although by law, the priest is only permitted to use a service authorised by the Anglican Church of Australia, much of the service has to follow the service printed in our Prayer Book. It is not possible, for instance, for a couple of write their own vows.

However, there are some other things that can be added to the service: the lighting of family and marriage candles and the presentation of flowers to the mothers of the bride and groom are such instances.

If you have any requests for particular additions to the service, please let the priest know as soon as possible, so these can be discussed and, if appropriate to a "Anglican Church" wedding, included in your ceremony.