

“AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME AS ONE”
(Gospel of Matthew 19:5)



WEDDING INFORMATION BOOKLET
PARISH OF SOUTH YARRA

Congratulations on your proposed marriage. We are delighted that you have enquired about marrying in our parish.

Here are some points of information, which will make it easier for you to arrange your marriage ceremony –



BOOKING THE CHURCH

The booking of the Church for the Sacrament of Marriage in this parish should be made with the **Wedding Secretary, on MONDAYS between 10.00am & 12.00am on 9826 9677.**

A booking is not considered a legal "*Notice of Intended Marriage*". (as required by Commonwealth law).

OUR PARISH CHURCHES

Please take the time to visit and compare our two beautifully-maintained churches.

ST. JOSEPH'S
FITZGERALD STREET, SOUTH YARRA



(just off Chapel St. near the Jam Factory)

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS'
BROMBY STREET, SOUTH YARRA



(near junction St. Kilda Rd & Toorak Rd.)

THE CELEBRANT

If you live in the Parish of South Yarra, a priest in the parish will be happy to act as celebrant if required. If couples from outside the parish are to be married at one of our Churches it is preferred that they invite their own celebrant who will be responsible for all the details of the marriage preparation. If it is not possible, an Augustinian priest from the parish may be available as celebrant.

The couple is requested to contact the Priest who has agreed to be the celebrant of their marriage as soon as possible in order to plan the ceremony and fulfill Government and Church requirements.

Couples are expected to be involved in suitable marriage preparation, which can be arranged with their wedding celebrant.

DOCUMENTATION

It is the responsibility of both parties to obtain the following necessary documents, and hand these to their chosen celebrant:

1. As from 5 November 2002, Federal Law requires:
 - For a person born in Australia – a birth certificate or extract.
 - For a person born overseas – a birth certificate or a passport issued by a government of an overseas country, showing the date and place of the party's birth will be acceptable.
2. Copy of Baptismal certificate, less than six months old — Catholic parties.
3. "*Letter of Freedom*" if the bridegroom is a Catholic living outside the South Yarra parish. This may be obtained from your local Parish Priest.
4. "*Permission to Marry*" if the bride is a Catholic living outside the South Yarra parish. This may be obtained from your local Parish Priest.



As the marriage ceremony is a religious expression of love and commitment, we expect that couples will choose music and decorations appropriate to such a ceremony. The Parish has set guidelines as to the decorations and music, which are appropriate.

We are happy to recommend two excellent Church musicians,

Amy, organist/pianist (0402 396 036), and **Rosaleen**, organist/pianist/vocalist (0427 270 743)

who are experienced and familiar with a wide range of appropriate music. The appropriate fees should be paid directly to the musician before the wedding.

Couples who use other musicians should ensure the music arrangements are shown to the celebrant well before the Wedding.

FLOWERS

There is no resident priest or staff at St Thomas Aquinas' Church and access is limited at both churches due to security issues. Therefore the Parish has appointed two permanent florists who have their own keys. Wedding couples are asked to choose between either of the recommended Parish florists to obtain church flowers or pew decorations. Floral arrangements can be made according to individual needs and payment is made directly to the florists at prices agreed with them. These florists can arrange for the removal of decorations or flowers after the ceremony if desired. Flowers from alternative florists will not be accepted. If you intend to remove *all* your flowers, please let us know one week prior to the ceremony. We understand that there are those who may wish to use their own florist, but we have found that this is the most trouble free way of ensuring both couples and the Parish are happy with the arrangements. Please note that depending on the liturgical season there are times when there are no flowers provided by the church.

Florists:

Kristina Kelly from VIVAFLORA Mobile 0413 942 601 or (03) 9537 0311.

(See also www.vivaflorea.com.au).

Andrew Pursell : BAYLEAVES FLORIST at 345 Bay Street, Brighton 3186 9596 4526 Fax 9596 8355 (open 7 days)

Please notify Yvonne, our Wedding Secretary, on telephone 9826 9677 as soon as you have firm arrangements for both flowers and music.

CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

The Church electrical settings MUST NOT BE ALTERED.

Nor should any furniture be moved. If you wish to make any alterations, these must be discussed with the Parish Priest. The use of confetti, rice, rose petals, etc. is NOT permitted inside or immediately outside the Church. Photographers and video camera-operators are requested to consult the celebrant before the ceremony, and act with reverence in the Church.

A bond of \$300.00 is required to ensure co-operation with the above conditions. Any infringement will result in surrender of the bond. After your wedding, you may wish to donate your bond in support of St. Joseph's Community Outreach programs.

(for further information see: **Community Outreach** —>)

A Booking for the use of the Church cannot be confirmed until all requirements for a Catholic marriage have been attended to, and both parties are free to marry. This can be verified through discussion with the celebrant during Marriage preparation. The payment of the Church fee and bond in full will then confirm the booking.



EXPENSES

CELEBRANT'S OFFERING:

- It is customary to make a separate offering to the priest. (An amount of \$100-\$200 is appropriate)

USE OF THE CHURCH:

- **\$660.00** (includes GST) for non-parishioners.
- **\$220.00** (includes GST) for parishioners

BOND:

- **\$300.00 BOND** Refundable after inspection

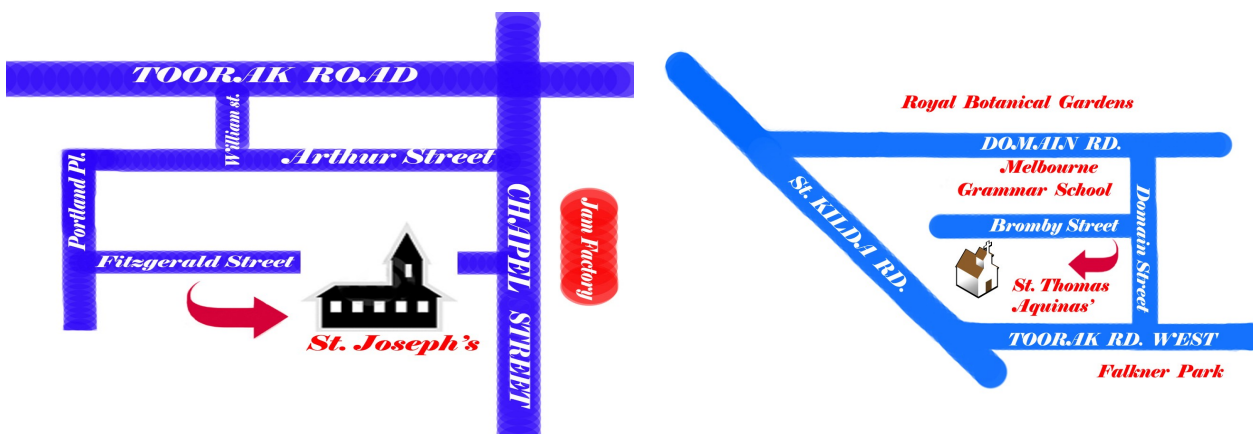
(For Payment Options see Booking Form)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Parish of St. Joseph's in South Yarra is an important provider of community services. Currently the Parish operates ten Emergency Housing apartments, 3 crisis shelters for the homeless, a food bank which services 1100 families per year and a 24 hour bread supply. The Parish also provides pastoral support to the elderly and isolated in the local community. The parish also has a partnership with Melbourne Affordable Housing and the Haven Foundation which has seen the existing convent converted to become 14 independent living units for those living with mental illness. All of St. Joseph's projects are staffed by volunteers and each is supported entirely through donation and fundraising. If you would like to donate your Bond after your wedding please tick the appropriate box on your booking form. Such a donation would be received with gratitude.

ADDENDUM

- I. Please confirm details of the wedding arrangements with our Wedding Secretary, as soon as possible before the wedding. She is available on **MONDAYS between 10AM - 12 MIDDAY**.
Telephone 9826 9677.
- II. If the Church is required for a wedding rehearsal, please notify us as soon as possible.
- III. If we have recorded a date (even tentative) for your wedding, and you no longer require the use of the Church, please notify us as soon as possible as other couples may need this time.



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