



ST CARTHAGE'S PARISH
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INFORMATION FOR WEDDINGS AT ST CARTHAGE'S

Names	Bride:	Groom:
Address:		Telephone:
Date Of Wedding:		Time: AM/PM
Name of Celebrant:		

We're glad you've chosen St. Carthage's to celebrate your marriage and hope that the following information is useful to you in planning.

Appointment with Father Michael

Make an appointment approximately 2 months prior to your wedding date to fill out any necessary forms

Location

St Carthage's Church is located at 123 Royal Parade, Parkville (this is not to be confused with the Priest's residence in Bayles Street, Parkville).

Church Offering

We are grateful to people who support the working budget of St Carthage's, your contribution helps the work of the parish to continue.

Prior to booking weddings: An applicable fee (please check with the office for the current fees and charges) to be made payable to Michael Elligate OR St Carthage Church and posted to: Mr Mahmoud Aboelkassem, 30 Bayles Street, Parkville, 3052

Punctuality

We ask you to be considerate of people's needs. Often there are a number of weddings and other functions on the one day in this University Parish.

Five minutes late arrival is more than acceptable, anything later is not.

Confetti

Please do not throw confetti inside the Church or Church porch or on the steps of the Church as this causes excessive cleaning problems.

The lawn – nature strip areas are ideal in warmer months for confetti.

Music

Visiting musicians are welcome, or you may find the following list of singers and musicians helpful.

Organists	Pricilla Taylor	9387 5517
	Patrick Lawrence	0438 414 467
Geminaini String Quartet	Stephen Hughes	9686 0732/0403 835 866
Harpists	Mary Anderson	9859 9159
	Margit Gheorghiu	9544 4720
Soprano soloist & Guitarist	Juliette & Rick Norwood	0429 880 141-Juliette/0429 880 140 -Rick

All fees should be arranged with musicians

Organs and Microphones

There is a keyboard in the Church and three microphones are available for the use of musicians. Musicians may practise at any time during normal Church opening hours, providing that the Church is not being used for any other purpose. Our heritage pipe organ is available for competent organists.

Please ring the Presbytery 9347 2493 to check on availability

Stereo Equipment

There is a good sound system in the Church that has a built in CD player and iPod facility. CD's prepared by couples should be checked to ensure they work on our system. With visiting Celebrants, it would be wise to check their attitudes towards recorded music.

Photographers

They are welcome, but it is wise to warn them that they should not disrupt the ceremony. This is especially true with video recording, which can be very disruptive.

Flowers

People marrying at St. Carthage's are free to arrange their own flowers or employ a professional florist. Vases are available. If you require them please ring the Presbytery several days before the wedding and arrange for them to be provided.

We ask that flowers for Sunday weddings be in place in the Church prior to the 6pm Mass on Saturday evening. We would be grateful if you would leave your flowers in the Church until after the 5pm Mass on Sunday so the Sanctuary is not left bare for the services.

****Please do not remove flowers from the Church unless absolutely necessary***

Often couples organise flowers with others marrying over the same weekend
Remember the Church flowers can be shared with other couples marrying over the same weekend.

Rehearsals

Father Elligate does not have rehearsals but visiting Celebrants are welcome to arrange them. Please ring the Presbytery and make a formal booking for your rehearsal several weeks beforehand. If you leave it until the last moment there may not be anyone available to open the church for you.

Paperwork

The Government requires notice one month and one day prior to the date of the wedding. This notice should be given to the Celebrant. Usually an extract of birth is also required. Christian partners are also required to provide their Baptismal certificate.

The Church strongly urges attendance at some Marriage Preparation Course before the Wedding. You should also take the opportunity to explore with the Celebrant the deeper questions of partnerships and beliefs.

Documents Required by Law

Birth Certificate or Extract of Birth Certificate
Passport Number
Drivers Licence Number

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