



# GLENELG CATHOLIC PARISH

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## MARRIAGES IN THE GLENELG PARISH

Congratulations on your forthcoming marriage and welcome to the Glenelg parish where you have chosen to celebrate your marriage. For Christians these life-long vows of commitment to each other reflect God's unchanging love for all people.

While the Archdiocese of Adelaide is anxious to be of assistance to all who are arranging to be married it is good to note the following points in order that misunderstandings may be avoided:

Marriages on Sunday cannot be celebrated before 12.30m pm. There are some priests for whom their Sunday commitments make it impossible for them to celebrate marriages on that day.

Marriages may not be celebrated on Good Friday or Holy Saturday (the Saturday before Easter Sunday).

Please read this sheet carefully, as it will help you to prepare for the ceremony.

1. Before booking the church you must supply the name of the priest/deacon who is to officiate at the ceremony. Visiting priests/deacons are always welcome, but, before booking the Church, you should ensure that your priest/deacon is available on the date and time you require. Please note: Priests/deacons who do not belong to the Adelaide Archdiocese must seek approval from our Bishop. Once you have done this please phone the church secretary to discuss the booking date and time. **A deposit of \$300.00 is required to confirm a booking. Payment can be made via cash, cheque or via EFT (Please refer to point 3 for details).** This is refundable if you cancel up to 3 months before the wedding date.
2. The fee for a marriage (as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025) is \$1,3000.00 in total and consists of:
  - 1) \$500 Marriage Stipend. The normal offering to the priest/deacon in this Diocese is \$500.00.
  - 2) \$500 Church Hire Fee.
  - 3) \$300 bond fee. Which will be refunded subject to the conditions in numbers 9 and 12 being met.
3. The payment of \$1300.00 (comprising of church hire fee & priest offering) should be **paid at least ONE MONTH** before the date of marriage. Payments can be made using EFT. Our Bank Account name is Glenelg Catholic Parish, BSB 066 782, Account number 100000269 - be sure to put your surname and wedding date as a reference.
4. It is your responsibility to arrange your own musicians for your wedding and this should be done as soon as possible after booking the church. If you do not desire live music at your wedding ceremony and wish to use a CD/Ipod/Phone etc please discuss your selection of music with your priest to make sure that you have chosen appropriate music for use in a Catholic liturgy. You are welcome to make an appointment to test your devices/music in the church (Ph. 8294 1888).

5. Couples are expected to receive some form of marriage preparation. A suitable course is run by 'Centacare', Catholic Family Services. It is advisable to contact Centacare at least 6 months in advance of your proposed wedding date to secure a place and to maximise the benefits of this important preparatory step towards the sacrament of marriage. Centacare's contact number is 08 8210 8200 or please refer to their website [www.centacare.org.au](http://www.centacare.org.au) . Your priest will talk with you about this.
6. You will need to show copies (not photocopies) or extracts of your birth certificates to your priest. You are required to obtain recent copies of your baptism certificate from the place where you were baptised. (The original certificate or a photocopy does not suffice.)
7. Your priest will help you plan your marriage ceremony within the framework of the Catholic Rite. You may choose to have friends or relatives involved as readers, etc.
8. Please check with your priest to see if he has any restrictions on filming, photography or video cameras.
9. The families of the couple being married ordinarily make arrangements regarding flowers. The church sanctuary is left free for your own flower arrangements.
10. Your priest may arrange a rehearsal at the church for your wedding. Please phone the parish secretary to book the church for this rehearsal time. (Tel: 08 8294 1888)
11. **Parking** in the school ground off Chapel Street, is permissible on weekends for your wedding guests.
12. The full bond of \$300.00 will be forfeited if:
  - a) Candles are placed on the floor in the church (use of candles is not permitted);
  - b) Confetti, rice, petals (dried or otherwise) are used, either inside or outside the church;
  - c) Any mess is left in the church;
  - d) Any damage occurs to the Church or surrounding property.
13. Occupation Health and Safety
  - a) There is a ramp on the city side (Eastern side) of Our Lady of Victories Church for access to those with disabilities.
  - b) There is a hearing loop in the church with signs in the foyer for its use.
  - c) There are toilets in Our Lady of Victories Church foyer.
  - d) There are two car-parking spaces at the front of Our Lady of Victories Church reserved for those with disabilities.
  - e) There are railings at the front steps of Our Lady of Victories Church: the steps have been treated with "anti - slip".
  - f) Candles are not to be used or placed on any part of the church floor as this is a potential fire hazard.
14. From our experience we suggest that after paying your final payment to the Church that you phone to confirm every other contractor you have booked with, i.e. photographers, cars, flowers, caterers, musicians, reception venue's etc.

Please phone between 9.00 am - 2pm (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday) to speak to the parish secretary if you have any further enquiries (Tel: 08 8294 1888).

We wish every Blessing to both of you, not just for your wedding day, but for years of a happy marriage. Know that you are a sign of God's love in a world that needs such love.

Fr. John Herd on behalf of the Glenelg Parishioners