

**NOTES ABOUT WEDDINGS
AT ST. BEDE'S PYRMONT & ST. JAMES' FOREST LODGE/GLEBE**

St Bede's Pyrmont, 43 Pyrmont Street, Pyrmont

The church faces Jones Bay Road and will hold approximately 110 people. There is free parking for two wedding cars outside the church; meter parking elsewhere. St Bede's is normally open only on Sunday mornings for Mass at 8.00 and 11.00am.

St James' Church, 2 Woolley Street, Glebe

The church will hold 250 people. There is free parking in the surrounding streets. The church is open for Mass on Saturday evenings (5pm winter; 6pm summer) and on Sunday mornings (Mass at 9:30am).

Celebrant/Priest

As there is only one priest for the parishes of Glebe and Pyrmont, couples who do not live in the parishes, or are not involved in the life of either parish, *should arrange for their own CATHOLIC priest-celebrant.*

A booking will not be confirmed until these details are provided.

If this is not possible, you need to have received the agreement of the Parish Priest to celebrate your marriage.

The celebrant is responsible for seeing that the couple undertake a course of marriage preparation, for the paperwork and the ceremony planning for the couple.

A visiting priest should contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to confirm that he is prepared to celebrate your wedding.

Documents required

- Wedding application form
- Birth Certificate or passport
- A recent copy of your Baptismal Certificate
- Certificate of wedding preparation course (once completed)

These will be returned to you once they have been sighted by the celebrant.

Wedding preparation course

Please contact CatholicCare on

Phone 9509 1234

Email mre@catholiccare.org

<http://www.catholiccare.org/families/relationships/marriage-and-relationship-education-0>

Bookings

Wedding ceremonies are generally held on Saturday's.

If you wish to have your ceremony on an alternative day, you will need to receive agreement from the Parish priest.

Please note: Due Mass commitments, NO weddings will be held on a Sunday.

Wedding Rehearsal

Rehearsals are generally held on the Wednesday prior to your wedding, at 7pm.

This will be arranged when you booking is confirmed.

Church Access

The church is opened 1 hour prior to your ceremony and is kept open for half an hour after the ceremony.

Payments

The church booking fee is \$700. Your booking will not be confirmed until this payment has been received. Cancellations (after payment) will incur an administration charge of \$150.

The booking fee does not include the customary offering to the celebrant, which is best made at the wedding rehearsal.

Music (live or recorded)

Since a wedding in the church is a sacred ceremony, music should be of a sacred nature. Secular music cannot be played in the church.

- If you would like the church organ to be played, we can supply you with details of the parish organist.
- Use of other instruments such as the harp, classical guitar, viola are welcome.
- There is an iPod facility in the church. However, you need to be responsible for any copyright issues involved in the playing of recorded music.

Flowers and decorations

Because of the décor of the churches, only small arrangements of flowers should be used.

- Flower arrangements are not to be placed directly on the altar. It is permitted to place arrangements directly in front of the altar on the floor.
- Floral arrangements can be placed anywhere else in the church.
- Pew decorations are allowed but only if *tied* onto the pews.

Floral arrangements may be left in the church if you wish, EXCEPT during the Season of Lent, when all flowers must be removed from the church. (Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes with the Easter Vigil)

Confetti

The use of confetti, rice, rose petals etc are NOT permitted.

If you require further information, please contact the Parish office on 02 9660 1407 or email info@stjames-stbede.org.au
Office hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am to 2pm.