

# *Before Your Marriage*



## *The Catholic Parish of Corinda Graceville*

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## **Congratulations**

Congratulations on your forthcoming marriage. Your wedding day is one of the most important days of your life. The Parish of Corinda Graceville welcomes you with great joy as you celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage.

Your choice to have a Church wedding means your marriage will be celebrated before God, the Church's Minister, and the Catholic Community.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane asks an engaged couple to give at least six months notice so that adequate marriage preparation can be conducted before the wedding. Our wish is to make your wedding day as memorable as possible.

## **Booking the Church**

Please phone the Parish Secretary on (07) 3379 1534 to discuss a date, a time and a priest or deacon. The Secretary will also forward necessary paperwork for your completion.

## **Documents**

**Full copies** of Birth Certificates and copies of Baptismal Certificates are required. Each person can obtain a full copy of their birth certificate from the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages in their respective State.

Catholics are required to supply Baptism Certificates and Confirmation Certificates that are current (i.e. not more than six months old). To obtain a current Baptism or Confirmation record, send stamped, self addressed envelope with your full name, date of birth and parents' names to the church in which these Sacraments were performed.

Other Christians are also required to supply a copy of their Baptismal certificate.

Non-baptised do not have to be baptised to marry a Catholic in the Catholic Church.

## **Pre-Marriage Course**

The Archdiocese of Brisbane requires an engaged couple to participate in pre-marriage preparation. This marriage preparation is available within the Parish of Corinda Graceville. There are married couples who have been trained and formed in the different courses available. These couples provide one-to-one mentoring with the engaged. Having the preparation course in the parish also has the benefits of proximity and greater flexibility in finding suitable times in the midst of busy schedules. The course proceeds over a number of weeks. The aim of the preparation is further developing and strengthening your relationship.

For those living away from the parish, for whom marriage preparation elsewhere is more feasible, Centacare offer several options. Your marriage celebrant will provide you with details of these various programs. This preparation course needs to be one of your first priorities in preparing for marriage. Early inquiry regarding your marriage enables the preparation to

## The Church

Couples need to be aware that weddings take place within the rhythm of the Church's liturgical year and, therefore, particular decorations may be in place at the time of your wedding. You can discuss with the parish if you wish to add your decorations to these.

## The Wedding Ceremony

The Catholic rite of marriage is structured as follows:

1. **Introductory Rites** ... After the entrance procession, the Priest greets and welcomes the people and prays the opening prayer.
2. **Liturgy of the Word** ... A reading from scripture is followed by a psalm and the reading of the Gospel. Then in the homily the priest or deacon preaches about marriage.
3. **Liturgy of Marriage** ... After an introduction and some questions addressed to the couple, they declare their consent to marry. This is followed by the blessing and exchange of rings, and prayers of intercession. The Nuptial Blessing and Lord's Prayer follow.
4. **Liturgy of Eucharist** ... *If the marriage is celebrated during Nuptial Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist is celebrated next. And the rite of Communion follows.*
5. **Concluding Rites** ... The priest blesses the couple and the people. The marriage register is signed.

The selection of prayers, readings and songs are to be from the Catholic Ritual for Marriage and should not be substituted for more secular readings, prayers and songs. The booklet 'When We Marry' has a wide selection of prayers, readings and songs for use in the liturgy that will make it unique. 'When We Marry' is available from Liturgy Brisbane, GPO Box 282, Brisbane 4001 Phone:(07) 3336 9444 Email: [liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au](mailto:liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au)  
[www.liturgybrisbane.net.au](http://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au)

## Musicians and Singers

Liturgical and Sacred music are integral parts of your ceremony. The Parish has a number of dedicated and committed musicians and singers. They are fully versed in the music that is most suitable for a wedding. Included in your church fee is a parish organist. They will ensure a joyful celebration, given their local knowledge of the organ and sound system. Their contact details can be obtained from the parish secretary. You are welcome to organise your own instrumentalist/s and or singer/s. If you wish to provide your own musicians we will give you a form for them to complete and return.

## Flowers

The Parish has talented and creative flower arrangers. If you wish to have specific flowers please speak to the parish secretary regarding such arrangements.

## Rehearsals

Rehearsals are conducted in consultation with the priest or deacon who is presiding at your wedding. If a visiting priest or deacon is presiding at your wedding please make arrangements with the Parish Office to book the church for a rehearsal.

## Church Surrounds

Much work goes into ensuring that the Church environs are kept in appealing, clean and tidy condition. We ask that you do not throw confetti, rice, flower petals, bubbles or other items either inside or outside the Church. Please help us to keep the environment appealing to all who come to this place.

## Photographers and Video Cameras

You are welcome to use a variety of photographic equipment. However we ask the following of you:

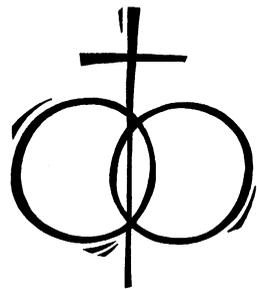
- That you advise your guests who wish to take photographs or videos that they respect the sacred nature of this ceremony and do not act inappropriately.
- That you advise your professional photographers or video recordists to speak to the priest or deacon prior to the commencement of the ceremony regarding when it is appropriate to photograph/record and from where.

## Wedding Fees

The Parish has a wedding fee of \$660 which includes administration costs, the fee for the use of the church, stipend for the celebrant and the services of an organist. To secure your booking of the church it will be necessary to forward a non-refundable deposit of \$100 together with the attached forms as soon as possible. The balance is to be paid at least six weeks before your wedding.

***“Marriage is an intimate partnership of life and love of which God is the author. For this reason, Christian spouses have a special sacrament by which they are strengthened in the duties and dignity of their state”.***

Vatican Council II



*The two become one.*

Mark 10:8