

Note 1: *You will appreciate that the Cathedral is in constant need of maintenance and repair and that the cost of this, together with utility costs, is substantial.*

*These one-off charges for the use of the Cathedral help offset some of these costs. However, we do not want to deny any couple from marrying in the Cathedral because of financial circumstances.*

*If you would like to be married in St Patrick's but are genuinely unable to meet the cost, please speak to the Cathedral Secretary.  
We would ask that those who can pay, do so generously.*

### **Restoration Work at Cathedral**

St Patrick's has been the Cathedral Parish Church since 1848 and of necessity restoration and maintenance work is required from time to time. Some work may require scaffolding and hoardings erected for safety purposes, both inside and outside the building. We will endeavour to advise wedding parties in advance of any such intended work, but at times unforeseen repairs and maintenance are necessary. Please note that the Parish cannot be liable for any resulting financial loss.



### **SUMMARY**

**Cathedral booking donation**      \$750.00  
(please note eftpos or credit card payment unavailable)

**Music**—for ALL enquiries regarding music, please contact the Music Administrator  
[music@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:music@stpatricks.org.nz)  
(separate fees apply)

**Flowers**—for ALL arrangements regarding flowers, contact David Bell-Booth  
(separate fees apply)

**Marriage License**—Apply in advance to the Department of Internal Affairs.

## **ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL**

Te Whare-Karakia o Hato Pateriki raua ko Hato Hohepa

*Congratulations on your upcoming wedding and we welcome your consideration of the use of the Cathedral for your marriage celebration.*

*St. Patrick's Cathedral is a sacred place for such a special occasion.*

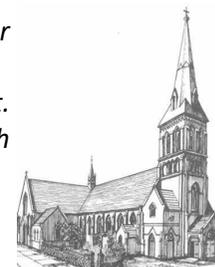
*It is the mother church and also the principal place of worship for Catholics in the Diocese of Auckland.*

*The first wedding celebrated on the Cathedral site occurred over 160 years ago. For some couples, celebrating their wedding with us has important significance because they have had parents and grandparents married here before them. For others, who may be relatively new to the Diocese or New Zealand, their wedding at the Cathedral marks the beginning of a family tradition.*

*Whatever your circumstances, we know that you will respect the unique character and setting of the Cathedral.*

*Given its cultural significance and heritage value to our community, there are special considerations that you need be aware of when contemplating the booking of the Cathedral for your wedding.*

*The considerations are outlined in this booklet. Please read through these and if they meet with your expectations, please contact the Cathedral Office.*



# GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL FOR YOUR WEDDING

The following pages outline important points for you to consider before making a wedding booking at the Cathedral:

## CELEBRANT

As you look ahead to your wedding day, one of the first things you need to do is contact a Catholic Priest who will act as your Marriage Celebrant - usually this will be your local Parish Priest. Confirm his availability on the day and time you have chosen. A minimum of six months' notice is preferable.

Your celebrant will help you prepare your order of service, let you know about the pre-marriage course and complete the necessary paperwork.

It is customary to give the priest a koha/donation for his part in preparing you for your marriage and all that is associated with your wedding ceremony. How much, is your decision. This is given directly to the priest.

The priest does not expect to be invited to the reception. However, if you intend him to be present you do need to actually invite him!

Note: All inquires regarding the use of the Cathedral need to be addressed to the Cathedral Office, **not** to the celebrant of your wedding.

## PRE-REQUISITES

One of the couple must be a baptised Catholic. Your celebrant will inform you that all couples contemplating marriage in the Auckland Diocese are required to participate in **pre-marriage education**.

We recommend you contact the Pre-Marriage Education team on Phone: **(09) 360 3025** during business hours, as soon as possible as places on these courses can sometimes fill quickly. An information card is enclosed. ([www.catholicmarriage.org.nz](http://www.catholicmarriage.org.nz))

**Marriage License:** A license needs to be applied for in advance. Contact the Department of Internal Affairs.

2. The pulpit was reinstated during the restoration and offers great views of the interior of the Cathedral — decide prior to the wedding if your videographer or photographer is to be stationed there.
3. The Sanctuary area (raised platform on which the altar stands) is where the ceremony takes place and is out of bounds to both cameras and operators.
4. The Choir loft is not available for photography or video cameras.
5. Since most weddings now have the couple facing the congregation there is no need for photographers to go behind the altar area.
6. Photographers should arrange their pre-wedding photo sessions to be over well before the scheduled start time of the ceremony to allow for travel to the Cathedral and final adjustments.
7. If photos are to be taken as the bride arrives, please arrive early to allow this to happen.
7. Most celebrants will allow photographers to come forward for the 'Signing of the Register'.

Photographers should always introduce themselves to the officiating priest as soon as they arrive so as to discuss any pertinent matters prior to the ceremony. Please ask your photographers to be dressed appropriately!

**Couples must give a copy of these guidelines to their photographer and videographer**

### **Some thoughts on Guests' Photography**

Increasingly couples are making a plea that their guests refrain from taking photos during the service. Everyone seems to have a smart phone these days and the assembly can be a sea of raised arms and bright screens which can detract from the sacredness of the occasion. There is a strange irony about being invited to a wedding and viewing the entire ceremony behind the screen of an ipad!

*Are they virtually present to what's happening or really present?*

It can also be very distracting for guests behind.

Some ask that pictures not be placed on social media for a period of time.

**Recently a couple included in their Order of Service the following~**

*The couple respectfully request that all guests honour the sanctity of the Ceremony by turning off all mobile phones and cameras while in the Cathedral.. Please refrain from posting photos on social media of the bridal party throughout the day.*

## PARKING

Validated parking is available on **SATURDAYS ONLY** at Wilson's Car Parks Hobson St for \$4 (the old Farmers Car Park) and Durham Lane for \$2. Please place a note in your invitation along the following lines:

*Parking for the wedding is available for \$4 at Wilson's Car Park, in Hobson St. (the old Farmers Car Park) and Durham Lane for \$2. Bring your parking ticket with you to the Cathedral where your ticket can be validated (around to the left as you enter the Cathedral).*

**This arrangement is only available on Saturday** - on weekdays normal parking fees apply on street and buildings.

### **Bridal Parking & Special Guests :**

There is reserved parking for bridal cars, immediate family, elderly and/or disabled guests on each side of the main doors of the Cathedral for approx ten cars. Please have a designated person in the forecourt of the Square to direct special guests and re-direct any other guests from the Square to Wilson's Parking.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

We are happy for you to photograph or video your wedding. For safety reasons, cameras and video equipment cannot be operated from the choir loft. However, it should be remembered that the primary purpose of your use of the Cathedral is for your wedding ceremony. It should not be treated merely as a photographic session for photographers.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS AND VIDEO CAMERA OPERATORS

At the Cathedral we recognise that in today's world the recording through visual and audio media is a part of most weddings. We are happy to have you record the ceremony for the couple who hired you. Unfortunately we occasionally have photographers who have no regard or understanding of the sacredness of the marriage ceremony, so we need to be clear about certain issues -

1. The Cathedral is primarily a place of worship. The wedding ceremony is a sacred religious service and should be treated as such. Hence, once the ceremony has begun, photographers must **remain stationary**.

## BOOKINGS

Due to the large number of enquiries we receive, the Cathedral **does not accept** pencil bookings. Contact the Cathedral office to check the availability of dates you have in mind. We recommend you confirm your booking as soon as possible because there can often be several requests for the same day and time.

### **A donation of \$750 (tax deductible) is required to confirm your wedding booking.**

For parishioners already contributing to the Cathedral's Planned Giving Programme, please contact the Cathedral Office re your donation. Donations cover the booking fee, rehearsal time, use of bells, custodian fee and contribution to the Cathedral Heritage Foundation. (See also Note 1 on page 8).

It is also necessary to book a time for your rehearsal. We recommend you do this at the same time as confirming your wedding date and time. The Cathedral is open until 7 pm.

With some 3,000 people attending the four Sunday Masses and other commitments **the Cathedral cannot take bookings for weddings on Sundays.**

## TIME OF ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE

The Cathedral has a busy schedule of bookings for baptisms, weddings and funerals.

**It is ESSENTIAL that brides arrive on time** to avoid weddings or other services "running into each other"! Therefore **we need an assurance**, before you book, that your wedding will commence on time.

## TIME OF DAY

When choosing your wedding time, the following points need to be kept in mind:

- On weekdays, there is Mass at 12:15 pm. Weddings can take place after 1.30pm.
- On Saturdays there is Mass at 8.30a.m. Weddings can be held any time after 9.30a.m.

***Again, as a courtesy to your guests, Cathedral staff and other Cathedral patrons, we must insist that your wedding commences at the appointed time.***

## TIME OF YEAR

**During Lent** (generally falling between February and March):

1. the Church cannot celebrate weddings on Good Friday, or Holy Saturday,
2. the Church is kept bare of flowers so your floral arrangements need be removed immediately after the ceremony,
3. the purple banners remain in place.

## FLOWERS

The Cathedral Florist is David Bell-Booth. All floral arrangements for the Cathedral **MUST** be made through him:

**David Bell-Booth Ph: 525 2514 / 027 287 5831**

The parish is always grateful for arrangements being left in the church at the conclusion of the wedding.

On those occasions when there is more than one wedding on the same day (which is fairly frequent), David will co-ordinate with couples to discuss 'sharing flowers'.

**NB:** The Cathedral has undergone extensive restoration work—including refurbishment of the pews. Under **NO circumstances** are adhesives, such as adhesive tape, Blu-tak or pins to be used on either the wood or paint work for the placing of additional decorations, cultural mats, cloths, etc.



## MUSIC

Music is an important part of a wedding ceremony and the Cathedral can offer a number of options to accommodate your music needs.

**All music arrangements and enquiries need to be directed to the Cathedral Director of Music at least three months prior to the wedding date:**

You can reach the Cathedral Director of Music by emailing [music@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:music@stpatricks.org.nz)

It is not necessary for you to have specific hymns in mind or know the titles of any music. The Director of Music will contact a Cathedral organist/pianist and they, in turn will assist you on repertoire, engagement of additional musicians you may wish, and inform you of pertinent fees. Some couples choose to have a soloist or cantor. Some may like to engage a string quartet, harpist or trumpeter. All can be arranged for you.

We expect you to use a Cathedral organist/pianist. If, however, you choose to engage an independent organist or musicians, **this must first be discussed with the Cathedral Director of Music.** You will need to register the musicians' contact information with the Director of Music and you will need to discuss any further fees with the independent musicians. The Director of Music is ready to help should you have any questions or concerns, including use of Cathedral instruments. All musicians at St Patrick's Cathedral are eager for you to have the most beautiful music possible for this sacred celebration.

All music must be sacred by design.  
(Popular songs are best suited to the reception.)

The use of CD's or pre-recorded music of any kind in St Patrick's Cathedral is not permitted.

## BELLS

The Cathedral staff will arrange for the tower bells to be rung at the conclusion of your service.

## CONFETTI the

No confetti or rice is to be thrown either inside or outside Cathedral. Please arrange for any boxes, discarded material including hymn sheets to be removed at end of the ceremony.