

Weddings at Mosman Uniting Church

Introduction:

Congratulations on your decision to get married. We are delighted to share in your celebration. Here are some simple guidelines for celebrating your wedding at the church.

Weddings are wonderful celebrations but also sacred and holy services. We believe a wedding day is not the end of your planning but the beginning of your lives together.

In general weddings at the church are conducted by our minister. At the first meeting you will be shown a few samples of possible wedding services. You are welcome, with the agreement of the minister, to make some changes to the service in order to make the service suit yourselves. You might wish to invite a minister of your choice to perform your wedding ceremony, this can be done. Please raise this at the first meeting with our minister.

The Venue

A church has existed on this site since the late 1800s. The present church building was built in 1936 as Mosman Congregational Church which joined church union in 1977 and became Mosman Uniting Church. The church seats approximately 150 people.

Steps in planning your wedding at Mosman Uniting Church:

1. Contact the minister to arrange a first meeting to do the following:
 - a. See the venue
 - b. Discuss your needs, wants for the service
 - c. Peruse samples of wedding services
 - d. Arrange for rehearsal and wedding times.
2. Florist and decorators to contact the minister to arrange delivery times
3. Generally the church would be open 90 minutes prior to the actual wedding service.

Flowers & Decorations

We realise how important it is to decorate the sanctuary for your service. Decorations and floral arrangements may be used as long as they do not damage paint or the wood on the pews. As the church staff do not live on site at the church, it will be necessary for the florists to contact the minister to arrange a time for delivery. Generally the church may be decorated on the night of the rehearsal or 90 minutes before the marriage service. Petals are not permitted to be thrown within the church.

Photographers/Videographers:

You are welcome to bring in a photographer or videographer for your service. We would ask that the photographers and videographers speak to the minister about setup and regulations.

No smoking, confetti, rice, or glitter anywhere in or around the church please.

Use of alcohol - Alcohol may not be brought onto church property.

Legally, ministers are not allowed to marry people who they know have been drinking before the service. One must enter the service and promises with a clear mind. Please refrain from imbibing before the service.

Parking

The Church does not have any on-site parking, however temporary “no parking” signs will be installed for your wedding in front of the Church. Unfortunately we are not able to be responsible if these signs are ignored. Bridal parties might think of appointing a parking monitor who could manage the spots in front of the church.

Generally there is street parking in the near vicinity of the church on Belmont and Cowles Roads and surrounding streets for your guests.

Pre-marital counselling

Some couples may wish to have pre-marital counselling. The minister at his discretion may also decide that pre-marital counselling would be good for a couple. This training is best done in groups and the minister might suggest outside courses that the couple may take.

Same gender weddings

In accordance with Uniting Church policy, our congregation has decided to conduct same gender weddings at Mosman Uniting Church.

Fees:

The following are the costs to have your wedding in the sanctuary:

Use of church for rehearsal and wedding, and services of

the Verger and Janitor

Minister's honorarium

The current fees will be provided by the Minister.

All fees must be paid in full no less than fifteen (15) days before the service. A deposit of \$250.00 is required at the time of booking. An administration fee of \$100.00 will be charged if you cancel after the deposit is paid.

Organ:

If you wish to use the organ for your ceremony, arrangements can be made with our organist. You will need to make any financial arrangements direct with our organist for his services. Our organist has the first right of refusal to play for you. If you wish to use your own organist they will need to be approved by our organist and a fee may still be payable to our organist.

Finally:

Please enjoy your day.