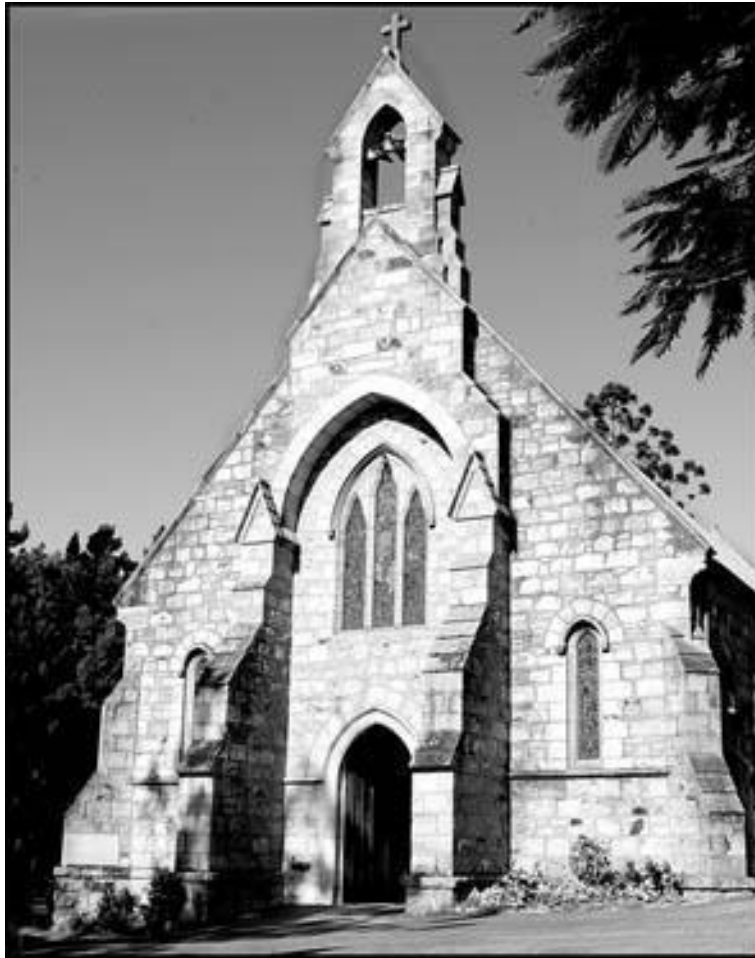


# *Wedding Information*



*ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA*  
**CHURCH OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN**  
*Kangaroo Point*

**The Anglican Parish of Kangaroo Point**  
**The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin**

455 Main Street, Kangaroo Point Qld 4169

Telephone: 07 3391 4071

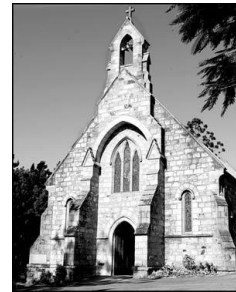
Email: [office@saintmarys.org.au](mailto:office@saintmarys.org.au)

Website: [www.saintmarys.org.au](http://www.saintmarys.org.au)

**Rector: The Reverend Stephen Redhead, Th Dip**

Mobile: 0415 911 492

Email: [rector@saintmarys.org.au](mailto:rector@saintmarys.org.au)



Dear Enquirer,

Thank you for your interest in *Saint Mary's on the Cliffs – Kangaroo Point*.

Saint Mary's, one of the most beautiful Churches in Australia, is situated on the picturesque cliffs of the Kangaroo Point reach of the Brisbane River. It is well known for its fine musical tradition, and depth of the pastoral care offered to all who come to this sacred site, especially for the Sacrament of Marriage.

If you are looking for that special place for your wedding, Saint Mary's offers all this and much more. It is our intention to provide a balance of traditional Anglican spirituality, vibrant liturgy and a relaxed atmosphere for all aspects of your marriage preparation, Wedding Service and connection with Saint Mary's after your special day.

To apply for a wedding at Saint Mary's on the Cliffs, either fill out an Application for Marriage form and return it to the Saint Mary's office, or contact us on 3391 4071.

The final decision remains the prerogative of the Rector of Saint Mary's.

If permission is granted, it is necessary to do the following:

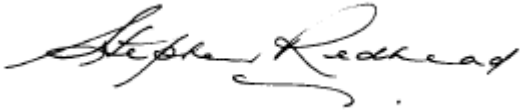
1. Attend a personal meeting with the Rector
2. Find the right date and time for your Marriage
3. Provide copies of your **full Birth Certificates** (extracts and photocopies are not acceptable).
4. Provide copies of your **Baptism Certificate/s**.
5. Attend a **pre-marriage Seminar** at Saint Mary's. An invitation will be sent to you well in advance of your wedding date. At this meeting you will be able to complete the Notice of Intended Marriage form (a legal document) and also to discuss other details pertaining to your wedding.
6. Complete a **pre-marriage course** with Kinnections (see [www.kinnections.com.au](http://www.kinnections.com.au)). Booking and payment are to be made directly to Kinnections. Couples who have attended courses in the past have praised them greatly, and I commend Kinnections to you. If you live outside Brisbane, you will need to discuss this with the Rector.
7. Each couple prepares an **Order of Service**. Your Officiating Priest and the Office Team will help you prepare the details of your Order of Service. This includes Layout, music, scripture readings, prayers and all other details of your wedding ceremony.

Remember – Saint Mary's is a thriving Christian Church Community and is not just a Wedding Chapel. Many people are involved in each wedding order to provide each couple with a depth of pastoral care not just for the wedding day, but for the whole of the years of the marriage – a lifetime of dedication and love.

**Wedding days and times are only definite when your signed Application Form has been received and processed at our Office, and your \$200 non-refundable deposit has been paid. You will know that this arrangement has been finalised when a *Letter of Confirmation* has been sent to you.**

With best wishes as you plan your future together.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephen Redhead". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end.

**The Reverend Stephen Redhead**

***Rector of Kangaroo Point***

## WEDDING PLANNERS

Saint Mary's is happy to work with your Wedding Planner, if you choose to hire one. However Saint Mary's retains control of the service and the use of the Church and site at all times. All decisions involving the service including decorations must be approved by the Rector prior to your wedding day.

## FINDING THE CHURCH

Some people have difficulty in locating Saint Mary's. If you have guests coming from interstate or from the country and they are unfamiliar with Brisbane, you are well advised to give them careful instructions about finding the church. This map may be of assistance.

## PARKING

Parking in the church grounds is limited. Saint Mary's Church has one driveway. Guests are encouraged to park on River Terrace and walk through the new parkland next to the Church. Guests can enter the Church grounds via the gates fronting the park. There is disabled access through the Park also.



## WEDDING TIMES

Whilst weddings are booked no less than two hours apart, this does not mean the guests enjoy an exclusive stay at the church site for that duration. Wedding parties should plan for about 1½ hours total to allow for the ceremony, photos and drinks on the lawn, as guest arrival, preparation and set up is required for any further wedding booked.

**Saturday weddings can be booked at the following times only: 11am, 1pm, 3pm and 5pm.**

## CHURCH SEATING

Saint Mary's seats 190 people comfortably, but 200 or more is a tight squeeze. The centre aisle is 1 meter wide: this cannot be adjusted. The church is not air-conditioned but we do have some pedestal fans.

## MUSIC

Saint Mary's Organist & Director of Music is Christopher Wrench (Tel: 3511 7742; organist@saintmarys.org.au). He will attend the Saturday morning Wedding Seminar, and will assist with your wedding music arrangements, all of which must be made through him. **Recorded music is not allowed.** More information about music at your wedding can be obtained through the Music Guide available on the website.

## FLOWERS

Flowers in Saint Mary's are provided and arranged by the parish, to enhance the beauty of the church, and in colours appropriate to the season of the Church's year. Included in the wedding fee is a contribution towards the flowers. We cannot guarantee that the flowers will match your bridal party colours. Flowers are chosen depending on the season of the year and their availability in the market.

## DECORATIONS

Saint Mary's can provide bows which are placed on the ends of each Pew. The office staff will be happy to show you the types of bows available. You are welcome to place other items of decoration on the ends of the Pews but we ask that you do not use drawing pins

or adhesives. If you wish to keep your decorations please arrange for someone to collect them immediately after the wedding.

## **CONFETTI**

Confetti and rice are not permitted in the grounds of Saint Mary's. Guests may follow the recent trend of throwing rose petals or blowing bubbles. Please inform your guests of these requirements.

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**

***Would you please notify your photographer and guests of the following rules which apply at Saint Mary's:***

- Photographs may be taken at any time, subject to the usual personal courtesies and avoidance of intrusion on the ceremony and the participants.
- Photographs can be taken throughout the ceremony provided **no flash** is used
- Photographs **using a flash** may only be taken at the Church door when the bride arrives, and as the bride walks down the aisle. Similarly flash can also be used when the Bride and Groom walk down the aisle and leave the church.
- The formal photographer may use a flash at the time of the signing of the Register.
- Video equipment or movie cameras may be used inside the Church if prior arrangements have been made. The organist must be advised, as it could involve laws of copyright. No other lighting may be used, other than the church lighting.
- The wedding gathering will be informed of these rules at the beginning of the ceremony.

## **CHURCH BELL**

Saint Mary's church bell, situated behind the church near the Columbarium (Main Street side) will be rung after your wedding service. The bell will be rung by Saint Mary's Verger, or by a nominated person of your choice.

## **DRINKS ON THE LAWN**

If you would like refreshments at the conclusion of your wedding service, Saint Mary's 'Drinks on the Lawn Committee' will serve your drinks at a cost of \$5 per person, and \$8 per person for drinks and finger food for Saturday weddings. **The couple supply the drinks and food.** No other alcohol may be consumed on the grounds. **To book drinks on the lawn, a minimum of 2 months' notice is required.**

This service is available only to Saturday weddings. If your wedding is scheduled for any other day you will need to make alternative arrangements. Saint Mary's has a standing relationship with a local hotel that may be of assistance – please contact the office if you would like more information.

## **PRE-WEDDING SEMINAR**

Four seminars are offered each year to provide an overview of the process of marriage at Saint Mary's. You will be invited to attend a Wedding Seminar before your wedding day. It is important that you both attend. Everything pertaining to your wedding day will be discussed and explained, such as Wedding Order of Service booklet, choice of readings, and choice of music (a selection of which will be played by our Organist.) These seminars are held on a Saturday morning and run from 9.30am – 11.00am.

## **INTERVIEWS**

Upon application for a marriage at Saint Mary's you will be invited to make a mutually convenient appointment to meet with your celebrant to personalise your wedding day and to set a rehearsal time for the entire bridal party. This appointment should be made as early as possible in the process.

## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**

It is mandatory to complete a Diocesan Marriage and Relationship Preparation Course through Kinections, which is an affiliate of Spiritus. For more information and to book a course please contact Kinections on 3435 4300 or [www.kinections.com.au](http://www.kinections.com.au).

## **MIXED MARRIAGES**

If one of you is a member of another denomination and would like to have another Minister or Priest from that denomination take part in the service, please discuss this with our office and then approach the person you would like to be involved and make the request to him/her. Please ask him/her to then contact the Rector at Saint Mary's at least six weeks before the marriage to arrange the service.

## **DIVORCE**

The Anglican Church of Australia does not automatically marry divorced persons. It is necessary to obtain the Archbishop's permission in such circumstances and it is also necessary for one of the parties to the marriage to be a *practising Anglican*. If one of the parties to the marriage has been previously married, please advise the Rector as soon as possible so that the necessary arrangements can be set in motion.

## **FEES**

The fee for the wedding, which covers the Church the Officiating Priest, the Organist, the Verger, the flowers and flower arranging, is **\$1,350** for 2010 and will increase to **\$1,500** for 2011 Weddings. A **non-refundable deposit** of \$200 is requested once the Application Form has been received and processed. **The booking is not confirmed until the deposit has been paid.**

## **WEDDING PAYMENTS**

Payments of the non-refundable deposit and all other fees for Saint Marys are made via the Parish Office.

Payments can be made by:

- **EFTPOS, CREDIT CARD, MONEY ORDER** or **CASH** at the parish office
- **CREDIT CARD** over the phone
- **CHEQUE** or **MONEY ORDER** by mail

Direct deposit is also available, and details can be obtained through the Office.

Cheques and money orders are to be made payable to **Kangaroo Point Anglican Parish Wardens Account**.

## **USING AN ALTERNATIVE CELEBRANT**

If you wish to have a Celebrant other than the Rector of Saint Mary's, to celebrate your marriage, please note:

1. This can only happen if agreed to by the Rector.
2. The Celebrant must be a Registered and Licensed Anglican Priest.
3. If your Celebrant is from outside the Diocese of Brisbane, you must also have permission of the Archbishop of Brisbane as well as the approval of the Rector.
4. **All the regulations outlined on this sheet must be adhered to.** Please read them carefully and if you have any questions, please phone Saint Mary's office on (07) 3391 4071.

*This information is current as at May 2010*

## *A History of Saint Mary's*

The Parish of Kangaroo Point dates from 1847. In 1849 the first Anglican Church, a wooden slab building, was built in John Street (now Rotherham Street). The first services were taken by Archdeacon Glennie of The Downs. The first rector was Rev. Bodenham.

On 11 December 1849 the Crown granted additional land for "Church, School and Parsonage in the Episcopalian Church of England". The land was opposite the present Scott Street.

By the late 1860's a larger church was needed but the granted land was unsuitable as it was prone to flooding. One half of the granted land was exchanged for the present site. Invitations to erect the new church designed by architect R.G. Suter were invited in September 1871 with the "cost not to exceed 700 pounds." The foundation stone was laid on 29 April 1872 and construction was completed in 1873 by the builder Alfred Grant. On 5 November 1873 Edward Wyndham Tufnell, the first Bishop of Brisbane, consecrated the building, the Rector was Rev. G.A. Court. In 1872 a further part of the granted land opposite Scott Street was sold to help finance the new church.

The old church in John Street was blown down in 1878 and the land was sold to fund the building of a hall on the new site. The hall was opened on St Andrew's Day, 1879. In 1887 the building of a rectory was planned. Construction was completed in about 1889.

On 2 April 1892 a cyclone caused substantial damage to the church, particularly the roof and belfry. The church was rededicated on 25 February 1893 after repairs. Around 1921 the timber shingle roof was replaced with ribbed galvanized iron.

The pipe organ, Queensland's oldest, was installed in 1876. Dating from at least 1823, the organ was built by H.C. Lincoln, (Organ Builder to the King, London) and contains some pipes from the 1690's.

The Warriors' Chapel was dedicated on St George's Day 1950. It recalls that Saint Mary's was the Naval Chapel for Queensland. The chapel contains the British and Australian Ensigns and a memorial to those who died in HMAS Voyager in 1964.

Saint Mary's Church was built on the present site in Main Street in 1873 and remains one of two existing church buildings in Queensland designed by Richard George Suter. The church is listed by the National Trust of Queensland and has been placed on the Register of the National Estate. The rectory, hall and grounds have been nominated for listing by the Trust and Heritage Commission.

The church is an elegant example of an 1870's stone church. It is built of roughly dressed Brisbane tuff, coursed random rubble, unplastered internally and externally, with a timber floor and roof structure. The roof is clad with ribbed galvanized iron. The general style is Gothic Revival with buttresses and pointed arches.

[www.saintmarys.org.au](http://www.saintmarys.org.au)



**SAINT MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
KANGAROO POINT**

**APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE**

Please complete the details below and return to:  
Office, Saint Mary's Church, PO Box 7050, EAST BRISBANE QLD 4169  
Or email to: [office@saintmarys.org.au](mailto:office@saintmarys.org.au)  
This application will be acknowledged.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Day & Date of Proposed Marriage:..... Preferred Time:.....

	<b>BRIDEGROOM</b>			<b>BRIDE</b>		
Surname:						
Given Names:	(i) .....	(i) .....		(i) .....		
	(ii) .....	(ii) .....		(ii) .....		
Usual Occupation:						
Usual Place of Residence: (Full Address)	.....			.....		
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Phone contact numbers:						
Email address:						
Conjugal Status: <i>e.g. never validly married, widowed, divorced</i>						
Date of Birth:	<b>Day</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
Baptised: (yes/no)						
Place:	.....			.....		
Date:	.....			.....		
Denomination: <i>e.g. Anglican, Catholic, etc</i>						
Father's Full Name:						
Mother's Full Name ( <i>incl Maiden Name</i> ):						

**We have read the conditions for being married at Saint Mary's Kangaroo Point, as set out in the booklet entitled "Marriage Information" and shall abide by them if our application is successful.**

**Signed:**            BRIDEGROOM:.....

BRIDE:.....

(To be signed by at least one applicant)

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**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Application received on:.....

Application approved on:.....

Deposit Paid: .....