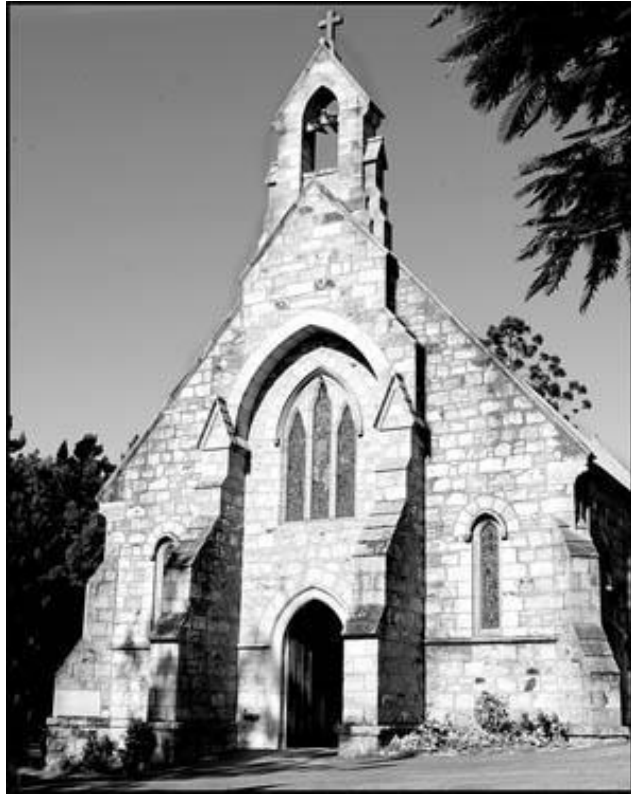


# ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Kangaroo Point



*Wedding Information*

## SAINT MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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I am very happy that you have chosen St. Mary's Anglican Church, Kangaroo Point, for your proposed wedding.

St Mary's is the Parish Church of Kangaroo Point and we invite couples preparing for marriage to join us, with their families, for our Sunday worship (7am & 9am). This way you will experience the devotion and prayerful atmosphere which is the core of the beauty of St. Mary's.

If you wish to be married at St. Mary's, it is necessary to do the following:

1. Fill out the enclosed **marriage request form**, and return it to me as soon as possible.
2. Provide copies of your **full birth certificates** (extracts, photocopies are not acceptable).
3. Provide copies of your **baptism certificate/s**. The Anglican Church requires that one or both parties to a marriage must have been baptised in an Anglican church. I shall need to see the certificate/s when we meet.
4. Read the enclosed **details of arrangements** for weddings and familiarise yourself with the contents. When we meet we can then discuss any queries you may have.
5. Attend a **Diocesan marriage preparation course** conducted by **Kinections**. Booking and payment (currently \$110) are to be made directly to Kinections with the enclosed application form. Couples who have attended courses in the past have praised them greatly, and I commend Kinections to you. If you live outside Brisbane, you will need to discuss this with me.
6. Attend a **pre wedding seminar** at St Marys. 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.
7. Attend a **personal meeting** with me as your celebrant. A time for this will be established with you at the pre wedding seminar.

Because I receive many telephone enquiries about dates and times I ask that you **confirm your marriage date and time** by returning the enclosed **marriage request form**.

**Wedding days and times are only definite when your signed request has been received at our office, and a *Letter of Confirmation* has been sent to you.**

With best wishes as you plan your future together.

Yours sincerely,

Father Stephen Redhead  
*Archdeacon of Moreton*

## **FINDING THE CHURCH**

Some people have difficulty in locating St. 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.

## **PARKING**

Parking in the church grounds is limited. The St. Mary's church grounds has one driveway. However the TAFE College next door (entry via River Terrace) is available for guests' parking for Saturday and Sunday weddings.

## **MUSIC**

St. Mary's Organist & Music Director is Christopher Wrench (tel: 3511 7742, organist@saintmarys.org.au). He will attend the Saturday morning Pre-Wedding meeting for Couples, and will assist with your wedding music arrangements, all of which must be made through him. Recorded music is not allowed. Music notes, suggestions and music selection sheet are available at [www.saintmarys.org.au](http://www.saintmarys.org.au) via the Music link.

## **FLOWERS**

Flowers in St. 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 season and availability.

## **DECORATIONS**

You are welcome to place decorations on the ends of the pews if you wish. You are asked not to use drawing pins, and if you wish to keep your decorations please arrange for someone to collect them **immediately after** the wedding. The church will provide pew bows if you wish to use them instead of your own.

## **CONFETTI**

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

## **CHURCH BELL**

St. Mary's church bell is situated behind the church near the Columbarium (Main St side) will be rung after you wedding service. The bell will be rung by St Marys verger.

## **DRINKS ON THE LAWN**

If you would like refreshments at the conclusion of your wedding service, St. Mary's 'Drinks on the Lawn Committee' will serve your drinks at a cost of \$2 per person, and \$4 per person for drinks and finger food. **The couple supply the drinks and food.** No other alcohol may be consumed on the church grounds. To book drinks on the lawn after your wedding at least 2 months notice is preferable.

## **WEDDING TIMES**

Whilst weddings are booked no less than 2 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 next wedding booked. Future weddings can only be booked on the hour.

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**

*Would you please notify your photographer and guests of the following rules which apply at St. 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.

## **PRE-WEDDING SEMINAR**

You will be invited to attend a pre-wedding Seminar about (2) months before your wedding day. It is important that you both attend, as the Notice of Intended Marriage (legal document) is signed and witnessed by Fr. Stephen. Everything pertaining to your wedding day will be discussed and explained, eg. Wedding order of service booklet, choice of readings, choice of music - a selection of which will be played by our Organist. These seminars are held on a Saturday morning.

## **INTERVIEWS**

At the pre-wedding Seminar, couples being married within the following month 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.

## **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 St. Mary's at least six weeks before the marriage to arrange the service.

## **DIVORCE**

The Anglican Church 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.

## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**

It is mandatory to complete a Diocesan Marriage and Relationship Preparation Course through Kinnections, which is an affiliate of Anglicare. Courses are held on Saturdays and run from 8.45am – 5.00pm. Cost is (as at 12/05) \$110 per couple and is to be booked directly through Kinnections. The courses are: *Building our Future Together*, and alternatively *Creating New Beginnings*, which is designed for couples where one or both partners have previously been married. For more information please contact Kinnections on 3435 4343 or [www.kinnections.com.au](http://www.kinnections.com.au). The application form is on St Marys website.

## **FEES**

Fees for the wedding, which cover flowers, flower arranging, the Organist, the Celebrant, the Church, the bell being rung and the Verger, are **\$1,250**. A **non refundable deposit** of \$200 is to accompany the completed marriage request form.

## **WEDDING PAYMENTS**

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

Payments can be made as follows:-

by **EFTPOS**, **CREDIT CARD**, or **CASH** at the parish office,

by **CREDIT CARD** over the phone, or

by **CHEQUE** or **MONEY ORDER** by mail.

Electronic direct deposit via internet or Bpay is not available at this time

Cheques and money orders payable to "Kangaroo Point Anglican Parish Wardens Account".

## **USING AN ALTERNATIVE CELEBRANT**

If you wish to have a Celebrant other than the Rector of St. Mary's, to celebrate your marriage, there are several steps to take:

1. The Celebrant must be an **Anglican** priest.
2. You must make all the arrangements for the wedding with that priest and it is his/her responsibility to seek agreement from the rector of St Mary's for involvement in the parish.
3. **All the regulations outlined on this sheet must be adhered to.** Please read them carefully and if you have any questions, please phone St. Mary's office on (07) 3391 4071.

### *A History of St. 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 St 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.

St 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.

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