

We are delighted that you are considering getting married at St. Michael and All Angel's beautiful historic church. We want you to have a wedding that is joyous and reflects the personal hopes and dreams you have for your marriage. We ask that you respect the sacredness of St Michael's church as a place where we value the beauty of holiness.

The process

We invite you to meet with us to discuss a day and time for your wedding, who will officiate and all your wishes regarding your ceremony. Your date will be pencilled in. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 will secure your booking. Once all arrangements are agreed you will be invoiced for the balance which is due three weeks before your wedding.

You may wish to consider using our historic parish hall for your reception. Information about the capacity and the facilities are available from the St. Michael's church office. However, bookings and all arrangements for using the hall are made through the office of the St. Michael's Church School.

Getting married at St. Michael and All Angels

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. How much does it cost to get married at St. Michael's?**
Please contact St. Michael and All Angels Parish Office for the current schedule of charges.
- 2. Can anyone get married at St. Michael's?**
There is no requirement that either of you be Anglican. But you need to speak to the Parish Administrator regarding the booking.
- 3. Can our wedding be conducted by our own vicar, minister, or pastor?**
Yes. Please speak to our vicar about your chosen clergyperson. However, if you are having our vicar to officiate it is an Anglican requirement that one of you be baptised.

- 4. Does it matter if one of us has already been married?**
No. A legally dissolved former marriage or civil union is no barrier to a wedding at St. Michael's.
- 5. Does it matter if we are already living together?**
No. We make no judgement about how people organise their lives.
- 6. Do we have to attend pre-nuptial classes or courses?**
No. However if our vicar is conducting your wedding, he or she would be happy to discuss a range of issues with you in preparation for your marriage.
- 7. Do we have to attend St. Michael's church before our wedding?**
No, but we would love to welcome you to one of our masses, and for you to feel at home in our midst.



- 8. Can we write our own vows?**
Yes. However, if our vicar is officiating, your own vows would be in addition to those spoken as part of the marriage ceremony (These are the 'I will' declarations).
- 9. Can we provide or arrange our own flowers?**
Yes. Please speak to the administrator to hear about what, where and when floral arrangements can be placed and removed. Alternatively, you may be happy with the flowers already arranged in the church on Saturday mornings.
Please note: Rose petals may be used outside the church building, but we request that no confetti be used in or around the church.
- 10. Can we have our own organist/pianist, musicians, or recorded music?**
Yes. We have a professional organist, a fine 3-manual pipe organ and a concert piano. If you are using another organist, please consult with our musical director. Otherwise, your musical options are entirely your choice. The verger will supervise the use of our sound system.
- 11. Can we livestream and record our service?**
Yes. We can offer this service provided we have staff available. There is an extra fee.
- 12. What are our duties regarding the use of the church?**
There will be a verger assigned to your wedding who will take responsibility for health, safety and building security. Your ushers will be asked to work with the verger in case of an emergency.
- 13. What parking is available at St. Michael's?**
There is no parking available on weekdays, but you have full use of our church parking on Saturdays.

What do we do next?

Please contact our administrator on 03 379 5236 or email them at smaa@xtra.co.nz for a schedule of charges and to arrange an initial meeting. This is when we will provide additional information and answer any questions you may have.

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