

Music

When it comes to choosing music we would ask that you choose music that is sacred in design and appropriate for the church setting. Your personal device can be connected to the church sound system and you can use the grand piano or pipe organ by prior arrangement with the parish secretary.

Photographers and videographers

Because of the sacred nature of the ceremony we would ask that you tell photographers and videographers to be extremely discreet and refrain from entering the sanctuary (raised platform area of the church).

They must introduce themselves to the priest before the ceremony for further instructions. There is a projection screen available for use with your own device and images.

Parking

Free parking is available from 9am on Saturday until 7pm on Sunday at the Wilson's car park, corner St Benedict's Street and Alex Evans Street. Some spaces are allocated to nearby residents. Please only park in the pay and display parks (payment not necessary during stated times) and do not block other cars or the exit.

Please feel free to contact the parish if you have any further questions.

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Weddings at St Benedict's Church

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We welcome your enquiry about celebrating your marriage at St Benedict's Church. The following are some guidelines that we hope you will find helpful...

Before booking a date for the wedding, you will need to make contact with a priest to act as celebrant. You are welcome to bring a priest from another parish if you have no connection with those at St Benedict's.

Contact the parish secretary to check the availability of the church.

Fill in and return the wedding booking form to the parish secretary.

A pre-marriage education course is recommended for marriage in the Auckland Diocese. Your priest will talk to you about this and you might like to contact Mrs Gerry Smith on 09 360 3025 about the diocesan programmes. Places can be booked online at www.catholicmarriage.org.nz

The priest officiating at your marriage will take you through the necessary paperwork. Details of your baptism are essential. Mixed faith marriages are common and your priest will let you know what is involved if one of you is of another faith or not baptised.

A marriage licence is required by law and can be obtained from the Department of Internal Affairs, phone 0800 225252. No marriage can be celebrated without a Civil Marriage Licence.

The usual donation would be \$575.00. However, if you are unable to pay this please feel free to contact the parish priest to discuss your circumstances. It is also usual to make a donation/koha to the officiating priest and this should reflect his involvement in your wedding ceremony.



Due to the demand for St Benedict's Church for weddings we are unable to take pencil bookings. Your booking will be confirmed once the booking form and donation have been received by the parish office. Usually there are a number of services including funerals, weddings, baptisms and parish masses on a particular day, therefore brides must be on time.

Flowers

We are fortunate to have the services of a professional and well-known florist, David Bell-Booth. Because there is often more than one wedding on a weekend and space is limited we would ask that all arrangements for church flowers be made through David. If there is more than one wedding David is very good at co-ordinating the needs of the couples involved. Couples often then share the cost of flowers.

*David Bell-Booth phone 027 287 5831
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Except during Lent, the parish is always grateful for floral arrangements being left in the church at the conclusion of the service.

Ceremony

Your priest celebrant will help you plan your ceremony. There are some good resources available including a booklet "Together for Life" which can be purchased from the Catholic Shop in Wyndham Street, Auckland.

Confetti or rice are not permitted in or outside the church.

Floral decorations on pews must be attached with ribbon only. Sellotape or Blu-Tac are not permitted.

