

The Wedding Service

Time: it is important that you are punctual on the day of the wedding and also for interviews and meetings.

Flowers: You are welcome to provide your own flowers and seat decorations - if it is helpful you can leave them behind for church on Sunday. If you choose to take them with you please organise somebody to do that on your behalf.

Confetti: please note that no confetti or rice is to be thrown in the church grounds - it is very difficult to clean up, dangerous underfoot in the case of rice, and many cheap confettis will stain wedding dresses if there is any rain.

Photos and Videos: It is up to you to organise a photographer and/or video photographer. Please ensure that they know they are not to do their job in such a way that distracts during the service. There will be plenty of opportunity for photographs at appropriate points before, during and after the wedding. Please advise your photographer to introduce him/herself to the pastor prior to the time for the wedding.

Fees: there is a standard fee of \$1000 or \$600 if you would like a Christian service from our Pastor but would prefer to use your own venue. This \$1000 fee covers the use of the church building, the Pastor's' time (4 to 5 Prepare/Enrich meetings, rehearsal & wedding day) as well as administrative costs. We recommend that you pay the fee in instalments as most couples find this easier. Electronic transfer is available if this is preferable for you . The balance should be paid prior to the wedding. All cheques should be made out to "Moss Vale Anglican Church".

Music: we do not provide an organist for wedding services. Our organs at Moss Vale and Berrima are available for use however the organ at Bong Bong, due to heritage concerns, is not.

Regarding hymns - unless your guests are familiar with singing in church it may be better to have no hymns/songs other than the entrance and exit music and a song or item during the signing of the Register. If you would like to have singing then

please discuss the hymns/songs with our Pastor.

Order of Service: It is usual to provide your guests with an outline of the main parts of the service for them to follow along. During our meetings we will begin with a standard Anglican form of Service, which may then be altered to reflect the style of service that you have in mind. You will need to arrange originals and printing. The final draft must be supplied to the Pastor prior to the wedding.

Checklist:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete church marriage application & "Notice of Intention to Marry"	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend marriage course
<input type="checkbox"/> Provide birth certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Arrange flowers for church
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Bride	<input type="checkbox"/> Arrange photographer
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Groom	<input type="checkbox"/> Choose music (CD)
<input type="checkbox"/> Provide paperwork for previous marriage (s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete order of service & get approved
<input type="checkbox"/> Provide citizenship papers/passport (if required)	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide order of service to minister - electronic

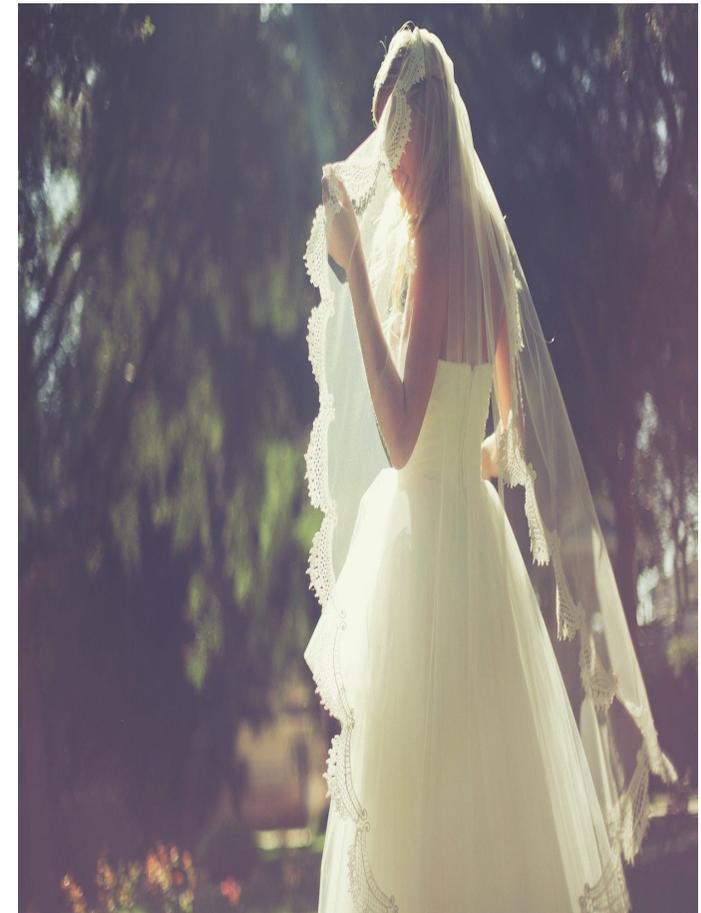
Rev Dean Reilly (Pastor)
Parish of Moss Vale

Incorporating St John's Moss Vale, Christ Church Bong Bong, Holy Trinity Berrima, St Thomas High Range, Emmanuel Church Fitzroy Falls

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getting married!

Congratulations!

Marriage is a great gift from God to men and women and we hope that you will come to experience just how good it can be.

We want to help you make a great start to your married life together.

Please read this information carefully as it outlines the steps you need to take to get to the big day.

Contact Details

Bride's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Country of Birth: _____

Groom's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Country of Birth: _____

Requested Date of Marriage: _____

Preferred Church: Moss Vale or Bong Bong

Berrima High Range or Fitzroy Falls

What we will need from you before your wedding day.

Completed Notice of Intended Marriage (white Form) - please note the form must be signed in front of Dean or other qualified person.

Payment—\$1000 (cheques should be payable to "Moss Vale Anglican Church")

Copies of Birth Certificates or other form of identification—see white form.

Copies of papers related to any previous marriages.

Please return to: Moss Vale Anglican Church, PO Box 349,
Moss Vale NSW, 2577

What's Involved? Getting Married at one of our churches!

There are three aspects to your wedding—legal, relational and spiritual. Each one is important in preparing for marriage.

Legal

The law makes certain requirements for couples intending to get married - marriage by an authorised celebrant - in this case an Anglican Pastor using the rites of the Anglican Church.

You are required to fill in and sign a "Notice of Intended Marriage" form and provide relevant identification. After the ceremony these along with the wedding certificate are sent to the NSW Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages.



Relational

Marriage is a serious and at times difficult undertaking - you've heard that before of course, but the divorce rate alone would seem to suggest this is true. Rather than getting ready for the inevitable it is worth preparing for a great life together - 'until death do us part'. You will need to meet with one of our ministers a number of times to discuss your wedding and relationship in some detail. We will do this with sensitivity but we also be direct.

We use and insist on the highly recommended Prepare / Enrich Marriage Preparation Course. There is a fee of approx \$44 that accompanies this course which is paid online directly to Prepare / Enrich. In addition to this there are a number of marriage preparation courses run by the Family Life Movement and Anglicare that we would recommend, although that is entirely your decision.



Spiritual

Many couples opting for a Church wedding have a vague idea of what Christianity is about. For many the church simply provides a romantic start, especially if the church is old and picturesque. For some the church wedding is the "right thing to do". It may well be romantic, and we believe it is the right way to

get married - in the eyes of God and with His blessing, but we also think that getting married in a Christian ceremony should mean that the couple has a good understanding of what it means to be a Christian.



In meeting with the Pastor, as well as discussing your wedding and marriage, we will talk to you openly about Jesus and Christianity.

If you do not already attend church, it would be our desire for you to begin, which we believe will not only give you a greater appreciation of family and extended family support but a clearer understanding of the Bible and Jesus Christ. A Christian marriage service is built around the Bible and Jesus Christ.

Please contact Dean for a church service that would best suit you.

What's Next

- Fill in the forms and return to Dean.
- Please confirm the wedding date (via phone or email) with Dean prior to completing the forms.
- To complete the forms you will need a birth certificate or, if you were not born in Australia, citizenship papers or a passport and if married previously, proof that you are no longer married.
- In the case of a previous divorce the Diocesan Bishop must approve the remarriage and there are further forms to be completed. This adds a little extra time to the process.
- Organise a date for a wedding practice—usually in the week prior to the big day. At the practice you will need to sign the final documentation to fulfil the legal requirements.

