

Florists

The parish Church florists are experienced and very helpful. You may discuss hire of our Church silk flowers, or arrangements for your own florist/floral arrangements, including access to the Church on your wedding day.

The florists for each Church are:

St Augustine's, Coolangatta - Michele Bradley Ph: 5536 3401

St Monica's, Tugun - Elizabeth Lovell Ph: 5533 0497

Please note - confetti, rice, flower petals etc are not permitted in the Church or the Church grounds. Thankyou for informing your guests of this and for your co-operation.

Wedding Fees

The following fees apply from April 2022

Booking Fee (payable within 4 weeks of first interview):

This non-refundable fee *confirms* your booking. Until payment is made, the date is not confirmed.

For Registered parishioners	\$500.00
For Resident parishioners	\$550.00
For Welcome visitors	\$650.00

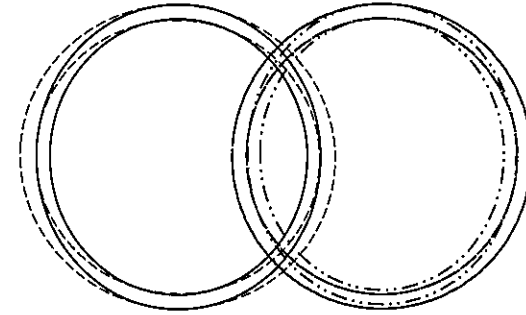
If not received within 4 weeks of your initial interview, the date and time is considered available to others.

Other Fees are: \$250 per musician
\$150 per singer
\$50 hire of silk flowers
\$250 clergy fee, marriage registration & marriage papers.

NB: Balance of fees to be paid 3-4 weeks prior to wedding.

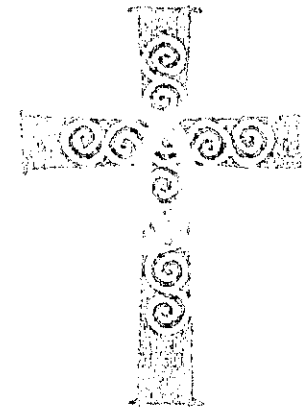
Please be aware:- For reason of confidentiality we cannot enter into a discussion about your wedding with anyone without your permission. Any questions you may have, can be discussed with your priest or the pastoral ministry co-ordinator.

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COOLANGATTA - TUGUN CATHOLIC PARISH

"PLANNING YOUR WEDDING"



Congratulations on your forthcoming wedding. Your wedding day is one of the most important days of your life.

By asking for a Church wedding you are seeking to have your marriage celebrated before the Church's minister, before God, your relatives and friends and the local Catholic community of Coolangatta - Tugun parish. We hope to support you as you prepare for your wedding day and most importantly for your married life together.

How to Begin

You have already made your decision to marry and have contacted the parish office. After reading this brochure and if you wish to proceed with your wedding taking place in this parish, please contact the parish office for an appointment, and upon payment of the booking fee your wedding date will be confirmed. Preparation for your marriage which involves several interviews with your priest will include completing official papers and documents and attending a marriage preparation course. Your wedding ceremony will also be planned.

At this first interview you are encouraged to talk about yourselves and why you want to marry.

Please bring along copies of your birth certificates (not extracts) and (most) recent copies of your baptismal certificates, whatever your faith denomination may be, and details of Confirmation.

Pre-Marriage Course

The Archdiocese of Brisbane requires an intending couple to give at least six months notice so that adequate marriage preparation can be conducted before the marriage. It would be ideal if this preparation could begin as soon as a couple signified their intention to marry. There are a number of different courses that are available to couples. These will be discussed at your first interview. Formal marriage preparation of whatever kind must be undertaken if a couple wish to be married in Coolangatta - Tugun Parish.

Your Wedding Ceremony

By choosing the Catholic Church for your wedding you have made a decision that goes beyond the venue or setting for this important event. You have chosen to place your marriage relationship in the context of Christian marriage. All the prayers, readings, music and rituals are intended to express this hope and vision for your life together. Each aspect of your ceremony will be discussed at later interviews. Choices from which you may make a selection will be made available and your own suggestions will be considered.

What If My Fiancé Is Not Catholic?

A Catholic man or woman is always welcome to introduce a fiancé of another faith. Each of you is accepted as you are. You do not have to change anything about yourselves and this is an opportunity to share the vision of Christian marriage with you. You may like to share your beliefs (or non-beliefs) too because successfully married people share with each other as they are.

Photography & Video

While photography is welcomed, it would be appreciated if the photographer and video operator conducted their photography discreetly in the Church. Please ask your photographer and video operator to see the priest before the ceremony.

Musicians

The music selected will reflect the Christian vision of married love that you have chosen by being married in the Catholic Church. The musicians will inform you of appropriate music that is available. Instrumental or orchestral music of an appropriate nature is also possible. Unfortunately most contemporary love songs, movie themes, popular and musical themes are inappropriate for the celebration of Christian marriage and therefore are inappropriate for your ceremony. Perhaps they can be played at your reception during the bridal waltz, or cutting of the cake.

The following musicians are available for your wedding ceremony and will also help you in the selection of music.

Debbie Fitzsummons	Organist	Ph: 0418 755 629
Jan Cahill	Organist	Ph: 5598 7830
George Harvey	Singer:	Ph: 0418 755 629
Peter Tanna	Singer:	Ph: 0405 821 070
Deidre Pullen	Singer:	Ph: 5522 6594
Steffanie Kriz	Singer	Ph: 0401 133292

If providing your own musician - it would be a "courtesy" if that person could contact our musician for practice etc.

Unfortunately, the sound system at St Augustine's and St Monica's do not provide for the playing of compact discs, iPods or tapes etc.