

*If music is desired, arrangements can be made by the parties with any of the following musicians who are members of this parish community:*

*Kath O'Neill (Organist) 9744 8006*

*David and Jenny Collins-White 9799 7136*

*The fee needs to be arranged with the above. Please arrange for payment to be made before the wedding day.*

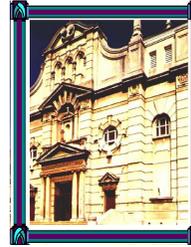
#### CHURCH OFFERING

There is no prescribed fee for the wedding but it is customary that an offering be made. As a guide it is suggested that this offering be approximately \$900. This money will cover:

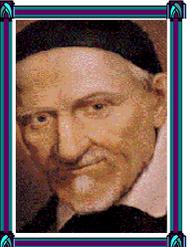
- ◆ The use of the Church for the wedding and rehearsal.
- ◆ The hours of the priest: completion of all paperwork, the celebration of the ceremony, rehearsal and other appointments.
- ◆ Assistance in preparation of Marriage Liturgy.
- ◆ The marriage certificate issued by the Registrar.

We suggest that this money be given to the Parish Secretary when booking is made.

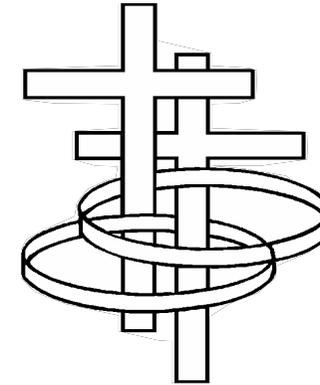
*When a couple invite another priest to celebrate their wedding we suggest that approximately \$450 be given to St Vincent's Church and they discuss the personal offering with the priest.*



*St Vincent's Parish  
12 Bland Street  
Ashfield 1800  
Tel: 9798 2501 Fax: 9798 2504*



*A Parish under the pastoral care of  
The Congregation of the Mission known as the  
Vincentian Priests and Brothers.*



**Celebrating  
Your Wedding  
at  
St. Vincent's Church  
Bland Street, Ashfield**

## Welcome

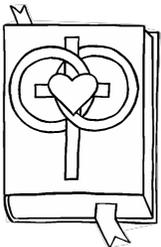
**We extend a sincere welcome to you both** as you make arrangement for your wedding in St. Vincent's Church, Ashfield.

We trust that this preparation will be a rewarding experience. We pray that the Celebration of your Marriage will be a joyful, prayerful moment where you experience, in a new way the love of God.

We suggest, as you enter into this time of preparation, which can be very busy and exciting, that you take time simply to share your hopes and dreams. Also don't forget to pray together.



When you meet with Father Alan Gibson, he will talk with you about why you wish to be married in a Catholic Church, will give you some guidance as to the preparation of the ceremony and will assist you in filling out the necessary forms.



As you make your preparations, remember that **Christian Marriage is a Sacrament** and everything associated with the wedding should be appropriate to the House of God, that is, the Church.

*The work of professionals or other individuals involved, such as the photographers, the video or sound operators should maintain the necessary high standard of liturgy, music and general behaviour in the Church.*

**CONFETTI OR RICE OR FLOWER PETALS  
ARE NOT PERMITTED IN OR ABOUT THE CHURCH.**

## Certificates required for marriage:

### BIRTH CERTIFICATE

A full birth certificate (not an extract) is required by State law. If you do not have a birth certificate, please order one from the Registrar General, [www.bdm.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au)

*If born overseas, a current passport may be presented.*

### CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM

Catholics are asked to provide a recently issued Baptism Certificate i.e. issued within the past six months. An old certificate is **not** satisfactory. Please contact the Church where you were baptised. They will send you a copy of the certificate. We would be pleased to view the Baptismal Certificate of those of other Christian faiths.

### Marriage Preparation Course

Couples are strongly encouraged to attend a Marriage Preparation Course. Please see the enclosed leaflets for the dates and venues of these programmes.



### Flowers

**Flowers (standard) are provided by the church and are arranged by the Parish Office.** Over and above the normal supply is an extra cost. If you wish to have additional flowers, you may contact **Parish Office at 9798 2501 or 2503.**

### Decorations

The parish decorates the Church for liturgical celebrations throughout the year. These are not to be removed for any reason. Any additional Decorations for the purpose of the wedding celebration are most welcome.

### Parking

There is limited parking available in the parish school grounds. Additional parking is available in the Ashfield Club Car Park. The entrance is located near the petrol station on Elizabeth Street.



The parties should arrive punctually for their ceremony at the time appointed. Late arrival will upset the timing of other ceremonies