

On Getting MARRIED

at: Saint Mary's Church-WALGETT

1. Make contact with the PRIEST for appointment [68281983]; initial queries will be entertained over the phone.
2. There are two [2] levels of preparation:

a. The CIVIL Component

-**Birth Certificates** or **Overseas Passports** are required.

-**Notice of Intended Marriage** [accomplished and submitted at least a month before the marriage; but not more than 18 months].

-DOCUMENTS required if a party is a divorced person or a widow/widower: Proof of Divorce or Proof of Death of Spouse.

-Marriage of any person under 18 years without an Order of a Judge or Magistrate is **INVALID**; under **NO** circumstances can two [2] persons under 18 years marry each other.

b. The CHURCH Component

-**Baptismal Certificates** [issued at least 6 months prior to the initial interview].

-A **Pre-Nuptial Inquiry** is conducted by the priest [or by a Deacon] to ascertain that CHURCH requirements and conditions are understood and met by the marrying parties.

-**If one of the Parties is non-CATHOLIC or has no religion: an Application for Permission for a Mixed Marriage or Dispensation from Impediment of Disparity of Worship is submitted to the Bishop.**

This document requires that the CATHOLIC Party answers the following questions:

Q1: Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christy, and with GOD's help, intend to live that faith in the CATHOLIC Curch?

Q2: Do you sincerely promise to do all in your power to share your faith with your children by having them baptised and brought up in the CATHOLIC Church?

Q3: Has your intended partner been informed of your declaration and promise?

-DOCUMENT required if a party's previous marriage has been annulled: Proof of Annulment.

3. If parties live outside TAMWORTH: they will be required to see their Parish Priest for the preparations [very similar to those mentioned above].

4. Church decorations and the printing of the WEDDING RITE are the responsibility of the Marriage Party.
5. **MARRIAGE Preparation Course** is required; options will be discussed with the priest.
6. Church Fee is: \$ 300.00 [distributed, thus: Presbytery Account: \$ 100.00; Church Account: \$50.00; and Stipend for the Priest: \$ 150.00].