



ST. MARY'S, JULIAN ROAD, BATH.

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Weddings at St Mary's Catholic Church 2023

We are delighted that you wish to celebrate your wedding at St Mary's Church. This leaflet describes what the church offers you for your wedding day and who to contact to make arrangements. The first person to contact is Mgr Jeremy Rigden (Fr Jeremy), our Parish Priest, to arrange a course of marriage preparation and a date for your wedding.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION Before your wedding day, the Priest who will conduct the ceremony will want to meet you: to get to know you; to explain the Church's conditions for a marriage to be valid; to help you to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage and your married lives together. He will want to hear about your ideas for the wedding ceremony and will be very pleased to help you to choose readings and to plan the course of the ceremony. He will also need to prepare all the necessary church registers and certificates before the day.

Priest: Mgr Jeremy Rigden (Fr Jeremy) jeremy.rigden@cliftondiocese.com 01225 311725

You may also need to contact the Parish Administrator, who helps the Priest, during your preparations: Charlotte Boyall bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com 01225 314114

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH St Mary's Church is able to help you plan flowers for your wedding. We are very grateful if couples leave one pedestal arrangement so that we have flowers for Sunday Mass but if you plan to use all of the arrangements for your reception, please let Fr Jeremy know as soon as possible. We suggest that you recycle/give as presents, any pew ends you might have because they need to be removed before the Sunday services.

ST MARY'S PARISH CENTRE is available to hire, with three reception rooms, well-equipped kitchen, toilets, disabled access, two screens, music system and parking. The centre contains the toilets so will be open during the ceremony for the convenience of guests but can also be hired for your reception. Costs vary between £7.00 - £35.00 per hour for hall hire and £10.00+ for kitchen usage. Viewing can be arranged.

Contact the Parish Administrator for details of fees, availability and conditions of use.

RECOMMENDED CATERERS

www.taste-buds.co.uk 0117 2309897 enquiries@taste-buds.co.uk

A Bit of a Do jopobjoy@aol.com 01373 830426 07801 070222

RECOMMENDED MUSICIANS St Mary's Church has a sound system of which you are welcome to make use, and there is provision for the use of smartphones as a source of music.

String quartet: www.bathspastringquartet.co.uk/

Organist: Tony Wilde 01225 311087 tony_wilde@hotmail.com

FEES

All fees need to be paid one month before the wedding date.

Registrar's fee £50: This needs to be paid to the registrar present at your wedding, so please give Fr Jeremy cash in an envelope, and he will pass on the payment.

Church fee £100: Payable by cash or cheque to St Mary's Catholic Church Bath

Minister's fee £100: This needs to be paid to the priest who conducts the ceremony. If he is Fr Jeremy, please pay by cash or cheque to J.Rigden)

REGISTER OFFICE Please contact the Register Office at the Guildhall, Bath to find out what you need to do about giving a period of notice of your intention to marry and to satisfy the legal formalities required of you before your marriage ceremony.

ST MARY'S CAR PARK The church car park is reserved for the use of your guests during the wedding and for an hour either side of it eg for a wedding at 1.00pm, the car park is reserved from noon – 3.00pm. There are also public car parks within easy walking distance (Victoria Park, Charlotte Street).

Contact the Parish Administrator if you have any questions.

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CONFETTI No objection is made to throwing confetti (preferably biodegradable) but please do not throw rice.

ORDERS OF SERVICE Fr Jeremy will advise you on what this should include. We do not print order of service sheets.