

233 O thou who camest
239 Forth in Thy name
249 Take my life
280 O perfect love

These hymns are merely a suggestion, there are also other appropriate hymns in the hymn book.

The Lord's Prayer—this must be said or sung.

The following marches are commonly used:

- Entrance of the bride : Here comes the bride
by Wagner
Prince of Denmark's March
by Clarke
- End of Service: Wedding March by Mendelssohn
Toccata by Widor
Prelude from "Te Deum"
by Charpentier

Any other suitable music is welcome - please discuss beforehand with the Priest who will be marrying you.

WEDDING SERVICE SHEETS

These are not compulsory but do help to inform your guests of the order of the service. The typing and printing of these are your responsibility. Please submit a draft copy to the officiating priest and organist before final printing. The parish office will make photocopies of each of your chosen hymns - so please do not remove the hymn books from the church. Kindly leave six copies of the wedding service sheet on the prayer desk of the officiating priest for the use of the priest and the bridal party at the rehearsal. Ushers are to arrive at the church at least fifteen minutes before the service WITH THE WEDDING SERVICE SHEETS.



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Christian Marriage

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* "For the Christian the three chief *
* purposes of marriage are *
* unchangeable; Marriage is given *
* that the couple may know each other *
* in mutual love and find in each other *
* the lifelong companionship and *
* support which is God's intention for *
* them. In marriage God's gifts of *
* sex and affection find their true and *
* lasting expression in an indissoluble *
* relationship. In the security of this *
* relationship, children are born and *
* brought up in the love and fear of *
* God, being entrusted by him as a *
* sacred charge to their parents. *
* Rightly, therefore, the introduction *
* to the service stresses that no one *
* should enter the holy state of *
* matrimony without much careful *
* thought and prayer." *
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* (Introduction Anglican Prayer Book) *
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Thank you for your enquiry about Marriage at St Michael's. We would like to help you and take your enquiry seriously, but we do ask that you take us seriously too and to consider your Christian commitment.

In Christian marriage we ask Almighty God to bless the marriage and the bride and groom solemnly to vow obedience to His holy law. Faith and commitment are implied. We would like to foster them before and after the marriage in the following ways:

- where applicants are not baptised, prepare them for Holy Baptism

- where applicants are not confirmed, prepare them for Confirmation

- where applicants are lapsed or irregular worshippers, provide instruction and stimulation

- where an applicant is a divorcee, consider together the special requirements before the Bishop's licence can be applied for in terms of the Canons and Constitution of the CPSA.

Christian marriage is a public declaration of the couple's intention to live together for life, according to the teachings of Jesus Christ. It is desirable that the newly married couple should receive Holy Communion at the time of their marriage, or at the first opportunity afterwards. By so doing they acknowledge together their dependence on God for help to fulfil their marriage vows.

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. Interviews

After the initial interview with the priest, couples will be required to attend a Marriage Preparation course led by a trained counselor. After this the priest who is to marry them will interview them. The onus is on the couple to make this second appointment through the office at least three weeks before the wedding. Finally, there will be a rehearsal of the wedding at which the parents, attendants and other persons will be welcome.

2. Documents

The Bride and Groom must produce proof of Baptism, copies of their Identity Documents and the witnesses' Identity Documents. These should be brought to the initial interview.

3. Music

An organist is available. Please discuss your music with the priest who will be marrying you, and then contact our organist as soon as possible. Contact parish office for contact details

4. Flowers

These will be arranged by a team from the Parish. Please contact the office - 011 706 6050 - at least a month before your wedding.

5. Photographs and Videos

Controlled photography and videos are permissible but it is essential that the clergy be consulted. Flash photography is not allowed during the actual service as it detracts from the solemnity of the occasion. Flash may be used at the start and end of the service and during the signing of the register. Videos are allowed throughout the service provided no extra lighting is used and the video photographer stays in one place.

6. Confetti

No confetti of any kind is permissible in the Church. Paper confetti may not be used. The church discourages the throwing of petals/rice etc, in our grounds.

7. Fees

The fee of R3,000 covers all the costs that may be incurred by the church, including the sanctuary flowers. Additional flowers may also be arranged, at a cost. We have a 24hr guard. Fees are payable to the Parish office at least a week before the wedding. Payment can be made by EFT using Wedding and Surname as a reference.

Weddings conducted by a Priest from St Michael's at an offsite venue will cost R1000. Petrol costs for the priest will be charged at the diocesan rate of R3.06 per Km and toll fees (if applicable) will be charged.

Bank Details: Nedbank - Nicolway (152 205)

Account: 1522 019 936

Name: St Michaels Church

Reference: Wedding - *Surname*

MUSIC FOR YOUR WEDDING

Here are some suggestions (with appropriate placings) for suitable hymns. The customary number is two but you could choose to have only one. If Communion is received, a third hymn may be sung. All hymns can be found in our hymn book (Ancient & Modern New Standard), but other suitable hymns could be sung provided that a hymn-sheet is printed for the occasion. The list is divided into two: FAMILIAR HYMNS, LESS FAMILIAR HYMNS.

Familiar

104 For the beauty of the earth
131 Love divine
192 Praise my soul
195 Praise the Lord ye heavens adore Him
199 Immortal, invisible
205 Now thank we all our God
207 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
214 Guide me O thy great Redeemer
224 Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us
394 Lord of all hopefulness
459 Give me joy in my heart

Less Familiar

100 All people that on earth do dwell
101 O worship the King
113 Father hear the prayer
133 Immortal Love
152 O Holy Spirit
156 Come down, O Love divine
179 God of Mercy
194 King of Glory
200 Fill thou my life
203 O praise ye the Lord