

very sophisticated sound system that can play CDs. You will need to have someone operate the equipment you use during the wedding.

Do we need to do our own flower?

Please discuss this with the parish priest on your first meeting.

Will we be allowed to use confetti?

No. Paper confetti, rice and rose petals are not allowed in the Church building or the grounds because of the difficulties they can cause [i.e. with cleaning, attracting ants and mice, etc.] but other things such as bubbles are allowed. Please discuss this with the parish priest.

On what day can we have a wedding?

Almost any time you want, but mostly on Saturdays. Friday evening is also a good time. We prefer not to have weddings on Sundays as our church often has other services and activities happening on Sundays. Please discuss the date and time of your wedding with the parish priest before you make any other arrangements, like a reception venue, as some days are not available for weddings due to other church activities.

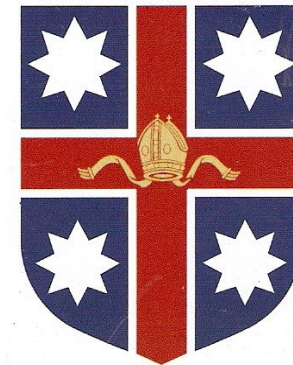
Do we have to arrange our weddings in advance?

Yes. Legal documents are required to be signed at least one calendar month before the wedding day. Also enough time needs to be set aside, before your wedding day, to complete the preparation required for couples being married in this parish. Coolah-Dunedoo is a small but very busy Church Community. Always check to ensure the parish priest and the church building are available for the time/date you would like before you making other arrangements such as a reception venue.

What preparation do we have to do?

There will be several interviews with the parish priest to arrange the service in a way that you are comfortable. In the Coolah-Dunedoo Parish it is **compulsory** to participate a Marriage Preparation Program. Marriage preparation is available with the parish priest using the 'Prepare Enrich' inventory or with other providers like 'Interrelate' and 'Centacare'. The parish priest will speak with you at your first interview, regarding these matters.

Wedding Information



Coolah-Dunedoo Anglican Parish

Anglican Church of Australia, Diocese of Bathurst.

*St Andrew's Coolah - All Saints' Dunedoo - St Chad's Mendooran
St Laurence's Neilrex - St John's Uarbry - Elong Community*

Phone 6375-1246

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COOLAH-DUNEDOO ANGLICAN PARISH MARRIAGE INFORMATION

We welcome you to the Coolah-Dunedoo Anglican Parish and hope that we can assist you with the preparations for your marriage and wedding day. We encourage you to become involved in the life of our church community, which is by its very nature a Christian Worshipping Community. Remember that your wedding day is one very important day. Your marriage is the beginning of a life long relationship. The Christian church and our parish are here to help you prepare not only for the day, but for your life long relationship together.

FIRST THINGS TO DO!

1. Contact the Parish Priest and arrange a meeting at least 6 months before your proposed wedding date,
2. Bring to the first meeting, your full birth certificates and baptism certificates and any other related official papers (e.g. Divorce paper from a previous marriage).
3. At the first meeting we will begin the preparation of official marriage registration papers, discuss Christian marriage, the wedding service arrangements, the date and time of your wedding, as well as costs and other details.
4. Begin a Marriage Preparation Program. (e.g. Prepare and Enrich)

To make an appointment please ring 6375 1246

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Frequently Asked Questions.

Do I have to be a member of the Anglican Church?

No, you have to be a Christian. One of you bride or groom must be a baptised Christian.

Do I have to go to Church?

No, but it would make an enormous difference to your marriage and life long relationship together which is spiritual in nature and would help you to get to know the members of this community and the parish priest.

Can we write our own vows for the service?

No. The parish priest by law is required to use the services of Anglican Church of Australia.

Can we produce our own service booklets?

No, because of copyright restrictions, the parish is responsible for reprinting any Anglican Church service. We provide a service booklet. You may produce a cover for the service booklets, if you so desire. Please discuss this with the parish priest at your first meeting.

What if my partner or I have been married before?

Marriages are celebrated in Coolah-Dunedoo Parish for people who have been married before.

What does this parish charge for wedding? We recommended a wedding service fee and the Parish Priest will inform you at your first meeting. It includes your Prepare-Enrich marriage preparation course, clergy travel cost, church building maintenance and service booklet costs. \$50 is payable before you start Prepare Enrich course and the residual is payable by the time of the wedding rehearsal. A further \$100 is added if you request a church musician for your wedding. Additional cost may be added for extra service sheet, fresh flowers etc if requested.

Can I invite a minister or priest from another Church to officiate at my wedding in this parish?

Please discuss this with the parish priest, before you make any invitation. In most situations we welcome other minister to participate.

What about videos and photos and all that?

Video and photos during the wedding are encouraged as long as those taking them do so unobtrusively. We are happy to discuss all these matters with you. We want to help you make your wedding day and the rest of your life together special and memorable.

Can we have music other than the Church Organ?

Yes, but please discuss this with the parish priest. We do not have a