

Floreat Wembley Parish



MARRIAGE PREPARATION INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS!

The decision to marry is one of the most significant life decisions that we make.

The central words of the marriage ceremony spell out the immensity of the commitment you make to each other in the presence of God, the Church and your family and friends:

I take you....to be my husband/wife.

I promise to be true to you
in good times and in bad,
in sickness and in health.

I will love you and honour you

All the days of my life

As this commitment is such an all-encompassing one on which rests your future happiness, wellbeing and growth, the Church asks that you spend quality time these next few months giving further serious consideration to this decision.

The danger is that this vital time is dominated with real concerns of less important matters. While these need to be addressed, the significant matters — your relationship and commitment to faithful and lasting love — need to be your main focus during this time.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION INVOLVES:

1. The commitment of both parties to a preparation programme.

Catholic Marriage Education Services, Perth
offers **Pre Marriage Education.**

<https://cmfs.org.au/marriage-courses/pre-marriage-education/>

Choose one of the following;

Together Forever (\$250) (Group Course)

<https://cmfs.org.au/marriage-courses/pre-marriage-education/together-forever/day-and-evening-courses/>

FOCCUS Plus (\$300) (Individual Couple Course)

To enrol into this course please ring their office on
(08) **9241 5000.**

FOCCUS Premium (\$350) (Group and Individual Course). To enrol into this course please ring their office on (08) **9241 5000.**

Have one or both of you been married before?

If either of you have been married before, it is a requirement of the Archdiocese that you attend an initial interview session with a counsellor.

Please ring (08) **9241 5000** to make an appointment.
The counsellor will also discuss with you which course best suits your circumstances.

2. Discussing with the Celebrant - and completing the necessary Church and Government Marriage papers.
3. Planning the marriage ceremony - with the Celebrant.
4. There is also the opportunity to discuss and explain aspects of the Catholic faith.
We ask your co-operation in keeping the appointments that form the basis of this programme.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents need to be sighted by the proposed Celebrant:

Baptism Certificate

a recent copy not more than six months old.

Confirmation Certificate (*if applicable*)

Birth Certificate or Passport

a full certificate is needed

Other Certificates are needed in particular circumstances:

Death Certificate of previous spouse.

Divorce Certificate (Decree Absolute)

A letter from the Marriage Tribunal of the Catholic Church stating details of Annulment.

FLOWERS

You have the option of

either

buying flowers yourself and delivering them to the church by 9am Saturday morning to have them arranged.

or

Paying for the flowers to be bought and arranged.

Please contact Parish Office on 9387 1158

The above information applies to St Cecilia's Church in Floreat and Our Lady of Victories Church in Wembley.

MUSIC

Please discuss the fee with the above people.

Please discuss any other arrangements with the Parish Priest.

PHOTOS

Photos may be taken providing the ceremony is not impeded. A video camera may be used - again, providing movements do not intrude on the ceremony.

WEDDING BOOKLET

This is a booklet outlining your ceremony which is given to guests when they arrive at the church.

If you wish to create your own booklet, the Celebrant will assist you with the planning but the typing, printing etc. are your own responsibility.

CONFETTI

Please do not use confetti in, or outside the church. Ensure that your guests are informed of this directive. Rose petals and rice are acceptable as long as they are used outside and away from the entrance.

CELEBRANT'S FEE

This is made in the form of an offering - at your discretion - usually given on the wedding day or prior to it.

[As A Guide to help you decide on an appropriate amount: Perth Marriage Office charges \$350 Ex GST for the couple to sign the marriage register and legally register their marriage. This option does not include the exchange of rings or personal vows (\$50 - \$200).]

EXPRESS AFFECTION EVERY DAY

Dr. Nathaniel Branden is a California psychologist whose advice about marriage has appeared in several national magazines. When couples come to him asking, *"Are there specific ways in which couples who remain happily in love behave differently from couples who don't?"*

Branden says, "Yes!" He points out that couples who stay in love never take their relationship for granted, but they express their affection for each other every day in various ways.

They frequently say "I love you."

They are physically affectionate, holding hands, hugging, cuddling.

They express their love sexually.

They verbalize their appreciation and admiration.

They share their thoughts and feelings, learning to self-disclose what's on their minds and hearts to each other, confiding in each other.

They express their love materially, giving little gifts to each other.

They create time alone together.

**MARRIAGES OUTSIDE THE
FLOREAT WEMBLEY PARISH**

It will be your responsibility to check local customs and
arrange:

Time of wedding
Time of rehearsal
Flowers and all other details, e.g. music

Floreat Wembley Parish Office
47 Pebbles Road Floreat WA 6014
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Phone: 9387 1158

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St Cecilia's Church
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Our Lady of Victories Church
364 Cambridge St. Wembley

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