

CHURCH REGULATIONS

Congratulations on your engagement and forthcoming wedding! We are thrilled that you would consider our church as the location for this ceremony. Before confirming this, please take a moment to read our Church Regulations below to make sure we are suited to your celebration. Please know these regulations are made with the safety and integrity of the church and our many parishioners in mind. We welcome you to call or email us with any questions at all that you may have.

Timeliness and Consideration

To ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for all, we kindly request that the bride arrives at the Church prepared to walk down the aisle at the scheduled time. The groom is encouraged to arrive at least 40 minutes prior to the ceremony to meet with the celebrant and ensure everything is in order. Your punctuality is greatly appreciated and allows for the seamless flow of events while respecting the schedules of other gatherings.

Celebratory Traditions

We kindly ask that confetti, rice, bubbles, flower petals, balloons with helium, animals, and similar items not be brought and used within the Church or on its premises. This consideration helps maintain the sanctity and cleanliness of the space. Consider printing this note on your wedding invitations to inform your guests graciously. Concessions can be made for flower girls spreading petals as part of the Bridal procession - however we ask these are then cleaned away at the end of the ceremony.

Floral Arrangements and Decorations

You are welcome to adorn the pews with decorations for your ceremony and have floral arrangements around the sanctuary of the church. However, we request their removal following the service. If you choose to donate flowers to the church, we gratefully accept them. Any larger decorations such as arches etc should be discussed with the Parish to ensure the dignity of the space, and to ensure appropriate plans can be made for their removal after the ceremony.

Candles

While marriage candles are permitted, please refrain from using real decorative candles aside from those designated for the ceremony. To prevent wax drippings, kindly provide a dish beneath the candle. This precaution safeguards our carpet and pews.

Parking

There is no on site parking available at the church however being so centrally located means there is ample street parking, as well as parking at Westfield Chatswood (a 7 minute walk) and Chatswood Chase (directly across the road from the church), and Chatswood Concourse (around the corner).

Post-Ceremony Considerations

Following the celebration, we kindly ask that the church be left in its original condition, free of decorations and litter. This ensures a seamless transition for any subsequent events and lightens the workload for our dedicated volunteers. Your cooperation in maintaining our sacred space is deeply appreciated.

Refreshments and Outdoor Usage

Food and drinks are not permitted inside the Church or on the forecourt.

Thank you for your attention to these guidelines. Your cooperation ensures a harmonious celebration for all involved. Please proceed to sign your acceptance of these terms below.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE CHURCH REGULATIONS

We agree to comply with the Church Regulations for weddings at Our Lady of Dolours church, Chatswood.

We agree to provide a copy of the guidelines to third parties assisting us with our wedding (e.g. wedding planners, florists, photographers, hire cars).

We undertake to rectify any damage we, our guests or our hired helpers may cause at Our Lady of Dolours church, Chatswood, associated with our wedding.

Please sign to indicate your agreement with the Church Regulations:

BRIDE - PRINT NAME

GROOM - PRINT NAME

BRIDE SIGNATURE

GROOM SIGNATURE

DATE

DATE

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