



The Catholic Parish of Sacred Heart and St Columba

Our Catholic Parish is a Christian community which welcomes all to walk together in a spirit of compassion, justice and hope.

OVERSEAS MARRIAGES

We have many people getting married overseas and usually the religious paperwork is submitted here (by us) to the Melbourne Archdiocese who then send it to the Diocese where you are being married. The government paperwork is usually organised through the priest marrying you. Ideally you should submit paperwork 3 months prior to the date of your marriage.

PROCESS

- A pro forma will be emailed to you - complete and email or post back to the office
- Provide the name and full postal address of the priest marrying you, name of local Ordinary and name of overseas Diocese.
- The intent to marry form and freedom to marry form (& any dispensation forms) will be prepared
- Fr John will contact you to arrange a time to meet
- Meet with Fr John to sign the required forms
- Bring required documents, originals and a copy (to be left with Fr John) as per below
- Pay \$100 paperwork fee to Fr John or parish office
- Documentation will be sent to the Melbourne Archdiocese
- Melbourne Archdiocese will send processed documentation to the overseas Diocese who then forward it to your Priest.

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

Attending a Pre-Marriage Course is an important part of your marriage preparation. Fr John recommends CatholicCare's FOCCUS course but other options are available which you can discuss with him. A copy of the certificate of attendance is required for the paperwork.

<http://www.ccam.org.au/ServicesCourses/RelationshipEducationCourses/Pre-MarriagePrograms.aspx>

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES:

These should be certified and of recent issue, obtained from the Church where you were baptised.

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES

A Certified copy for Catholic Party

PASSPORT or BIRTH CERTIFICATES:

A Certified copy of birth certificates. For those born overseas, certified copies of your passport are needed.

PREVIOUS MARRIAGE:

If either the bride or groom has been married previously, evidence of dissolution/nullity is required.

INTERNATIONAL POST:

The Archdiocese also asks you to provide an Australia Post International Express Envelope when you/we submit your paperwork. Please bring this along when you meet with Fr John.