

Weddings at St Joseph's Chapel

About the Chapel ...

The triangular block with frontages on Kensington Terrace (now Portrush Road), High Street and Charles Street (now Phillips Street) was purchased by Mary MacKillop in 1872, thanks to the assistance of Bishop Reynolds and the generosity of Joanna and Robert Barr-Smith.

In 1876, Mary MacKillop had this present building erected to help provide accommodation for the growing number of women joining the new Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph. It consisted of a Chapel on the ground floor, with living quarters below, and sleeping quarters above. The top floor was an extension of the present choir loft.

Mary herself lived here at Kensington for 11 years until she was banished from South Australia by the same Bishop Reynolds in November 1883.

St Joseph's Chapel is indeed sacred to her memory, and that of the many Sisters of St Joseph who have lived and prayed here at Kensington since those early years.



Chapel Usage Policy ...

St Joseph's Convent Chapel is a private Chapel of the Sisters of St Joseph.

The Chapel is managed by Mary MacKillop Precinct, in collaboration with the Sisters of St Joseph.

The Chapel is available for use by members of the public: church and school groups, other organisations as outlined below. It is also available for wedding celebrations.

♦ Key Personnel:

- The Mary MacKillop Precinct *Receptionist*: manages all requests and bookings for the Chapel
- The *Chapel Co-ordinator*: the Sacristan who assists users of the Chapel
- The *Mission and Site Co-ordinator* of Mary MacKillop Precinct

♦ Availability and Booking Procedures:

- The Chapel is available from February to December for weddings.
- Wedding bookings are for a period of two hours.
- Wedding dates and/or times cannot be changed by the wedding party or celebrant without the knowledge or consent of the Mary MacKillop Precinct Receptionist.
- All bookings are considered tentative until the Receptionist receives a copy of the completed application form, which must be signed the Celebrant. A duplicate is to be sent to St Ignatius' Parish Norwood Office.

♦ Practicalities:

- **Rehearsal time:** Please finalise this at least *two weeks* before the wedding date
- **Flowers:** Floral arrangements may be delivered to the chapel on the day of the wedding
- **Music:** There is an organ available in the choir loft, and a CD/iPod system in the body of the Chapel.

Arrangements re all of the above are made through the Receptionist, who will liaise with the Chapel Co-ordinator.

◆ Terms and Conditions:

- St Joseph's Chapel and grounds are designated as a **smoke and alcohol-free** site.
- The Convent garden may be used for photographs
- Confetti or rice are definitely **NOT** permitted, either inside the Chapel or within Mary MacKillop Precinct
- Those who book St Joseph's Chapel are required to:
 - begin your event and vacate the Chapel at the scheduled times
 - follow the emergency procedure as instructed by the Chapel Coordinator
 - take reasonable care and avoid adversely affecting their own safety and well-being
 - respect security procedures and instructions
 - report all hazards, incidents and/or accidents to the Chapel Coordinator
- The onus for any loss or damage to any part of St Joseph's Chapel or garden will be on the user.

◆ Fees for the use of St Joseph's Chapel for a wedding:

- Josephite or Mary MacKillop College Old Scholar: \$350
- Other: \$400
- There is a Bond of \$250, which will be refunded provided all conditions are fulfilled
- A Tax Invoice for the combined Chapel Fee and Bond will be sent to you at the time your booking is confirmed. This is payable within 14 days.
- Please note: it is customary to pay a 'stipend' (fee) to the priest celebrant. We suggest that you discuss this matter with him.

◆ Cancellations:

- Please notify Mary MacKillop Precinct as soon as possible should there be need to cancel your booking.
- If notification is received a month or more before the scheduled date, payment will be refunded in full.
- A fee of \$100 will be charged for any cancellation received less than a month before the date booked. The remainder of the booking fee, plus the bond, will be refunded.

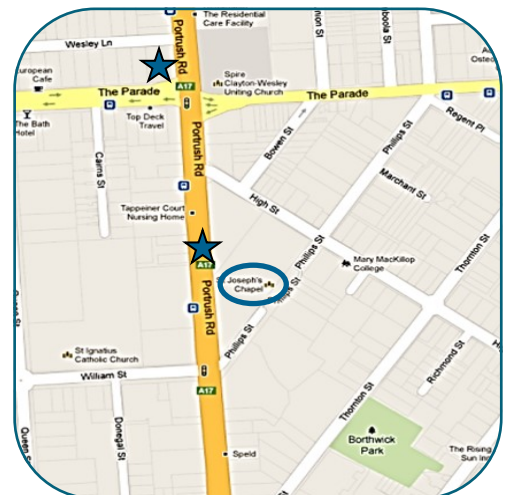
Other Important Information ...

◆ Disabled access:

- St Joseph's Chapel has wheel-chair access: a ramp leading to the back door
- The toilet facilities situated next to the nearby Mary MacKillop Museum have provision for those with disabilities.

◆ How to find St Joseph's Chapel:

- **Parking:** wedding vehicles can enter through either the main gates at 286 Portrush Road, Kensington, or the driveway at #4 High Street, Kensington.
We regret that there is no on-site parking available for wedding guests
- **Pedestrian access** to the Chapel is from *either* the main driveway, #4 High St Kensington, or the side gate in Phillips St.



Enquiries and Bookings:

Contact: Mary MacKillop Precinct Reception

- Phone: 08 8130 5900
- Email: infos@sosj.org.au
- Office Address: 4 High Street, Kensington 5068
- Postal Address: PO Box 57, Kent Town 5071

*We wish you every blessing
as you prepare for your wedding,
and pray that your life together
will be filled with happiness and
an ever-deepening love for each other.*