

The Catholic Church congratulates you on your decision to marry and warmly invites you to attend the Marriage Preparation Programme.

At your wedding you will make a commitment 'to promise to be true to each other, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, and to love and honour each other all the days of your life.'

Our aim is to assist you by sharing knowledge and skills to enable you to build a solid foundation for a lasting marriage.

We are a team of priests and married couples that help prepare annually, over 300 couples for the sacrament of marriage and are here to support you in your preparation.

“Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh.”

– Genesis 2:24



**True love is about growing as a couple,
Learning about each other,
And never giving up on each other.**

These courses are very popular, it is important to book as early as possible to ensure a place on the course.

Please book at least six months prior to your wedding day.

The Marriage Preparation Programme:

- Offers some insight into the dynamics of intimate relationships.
- Takes a realistic look at the challenges of commitment and offers strategies for success.
- Provides an understanding of the sacramental nature of Christian marriage
- Is approved and supported by the Catholic Bishop of Auckland.
- All couples are welcomed regardless of religious background

Marriage Preparation Programme

Inventory – ‘Commit’

The inventory of statements called ‘Commit’ is an introduction to marriage preparation. It is a useful tool for you as a couple to discover your areas of strength, challenges and areas of growth. There are 144 statements that you are asked to respond to. This is the first session; takes approximately 1.5 hours. At this first session you choose dates for the following courses.

Commit Follow up

At the Commit Follow up session, you will meet with a trained facilitating couple, in their home. The couple will guide you through your responses in a safe and non judgemental environment. This session takes approximately 2-3 hours. If you would like more time you could come back at a later time to complete looking at your responses.

Marriage Preparation Courses

These 12 hour courses are led by a married couple. Courses are held either on one night a week for six weeks or over two consecutive Saturdays. These courses involve you drawing on your experiences and family background to identify issues you see as important to your marriage.

At the end of your course you will receive a completion certificate for the 12 hours marriage preparation course you have attended.

Anniversary Workshop

Anniversary workshops for couples will be held 4 times a year. The workshops will be an opportunity to take time out not only celebrate your anniversary but to revisit topics key to great relationships.

Marriage Preparation Programme 2018 Dates for First Session Only

You only come to one of these evenings.
You will choose dates for your follow-up
courses at the first session:

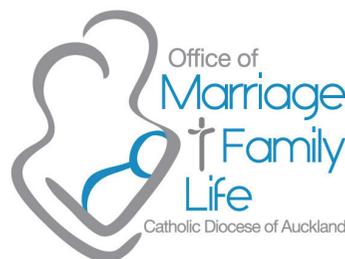
Venue: St Columba Centre
40 Vermont St, Ponsonby
Time: 7.05pm to 8.30pm

2018	Tuesday	Sunday
January	23	-
February	13	25
March	13	25
April	10	29
May	8	27
June	12	24
July	10	22
August	14	26
September	11	23
October	9	28
November	6	18
December	-	-

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The Art of Marriage

A good marriage must be created.
In marriage the little things are the big things.
It is never being too old to hold hands.
It is remembering to say 'I love you'
at least once each day.
It is never going to sleep angry.
It is having a mutual sense of values and
common objectives.
It is standing together and facing the world.
It is forming a circle of love that gathers in
the whole family.
It is speaking words of appreciation and
demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.
It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.
It is giving each other an atmosphere in which
each can grow.
It is a common search for the good and the
beautiful.
It is not only marrying the right person.
It is being the right partner.



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Getting Married



PRE-MARRIAGE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Catholic Diocese of Auckland

*A wedding is a day,
a marriage is a lifetime*