



St. Mary's Church
WALKERVILLE

1983 St. Mary's Gate, Windsor ON, N8Y 1J8

Weddings at St. Mary's Anglican Church

Anglican Church Requirements

The canons of the Anglican Church of Canada require that 'those who intend to marry must give notice to the minister at least sixty (60) days before the day proposed for the wedding'. It is helpful to provide greater than sixty days' notice so that the building may be reserved and that the priest can conduct interviews with the couple in a timely fashion.

Weddings are not normally scheduled during the penitential season of Lent, unless there are extenuating pastoral circumstances. Because Sunday is the Lord's Day and the primary service is that of Holy Communion, weddings are not typically held on Sunday. Weddings may not take place during Holy Week (the week leading up to and including Easter).

Rector

The Rector of St. Mary's is the Reverend Allie McDougall. All wedding at St. Mary's are officiated by Mother McDougall unless otherwise permitted by her. If you are writing to the Rector, you may address the envelope to "The Reverend Allie McDougall". When speaking to the Rector, you may call her Mother McDougall or Mother Allie. After introductions have been made, the Rector may invite you to call her by her first name.

Government Requirements

Marriages are performed under the authority of the State: that is, Provincial laws regulate the legality and validity of any marriage. Those laws are binding, and so, in this case, the clergy person acts as an agent of the State. Marriage licenses, which can be obtained at City Hall, are only valid for 90 days and they must be obtained at least three (3) working days before the wedding.

For those who are regular members of St. Mary's Church, provincial regulations allow that the Banns of Marriage (a public announcement) be read in the church on three Sundays prior to the wedding date, and that the licence may be issued from the church office. Couples must be in attendance when the Banns are read.

Who May Be Married?

Anyone who is legally permitted to marry in the civil Province of Ontario may seek marriage in the Anglican Diocese of Huron, including couples who are of the same sex. Same sex couples are welcome to partake in the full service of Holy Matrimony offered by the church or have their civil

union blessed, according to their preference. Opposite-sex couples who have been civilly married are also welcome to have their union blessed.

For divorced persons whose former spouses are still living, canon law requires that the couple fill out an application that demonstrates their understanding of Christian marriage, the reasons for the breakdown of the previous marriage(s), and the care/custody agreements pertaining to any children produced from the previous marriage(s). The priest will provide this application if needed and review it to determine if marriage in the church is appropriate. Divorced persons may not have the Banns read and must obtain a provincial marriage licence.