

WHO: Mary Chigwidden, 25, Nurse, and Ben Thurlow, 33, Pharmacist.

HOW: With 130 guests, Mary and Ben celebrated their big day in a formal manner, made modern with colourful decorations and spectacular harbourside locations.

WHERE: Following a traditional yet romantic wedding within the vast interior of Kincoppal's Chapel in Sydney's Rose Bay, Mary and Ben held their reception at the Sydney Royal Yacht Squadron, Kirribilli.

Mary wore a stunning fur coat – the ultimate winter accessory – while travelling between the ceremony and reception venues.



Mary Chigwidden & Ben Thurlow

The harbourside setting chosen by the couple provided a view that not even a little rain hampered. Mary's bridesmaids wore strapless, floor-length dresses in a flattering dark blue that suited each woman's individual features and style.



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Mary's dress featured criss-crossing panels of ruching, which she made complete by wearing a cathedral-length veil.

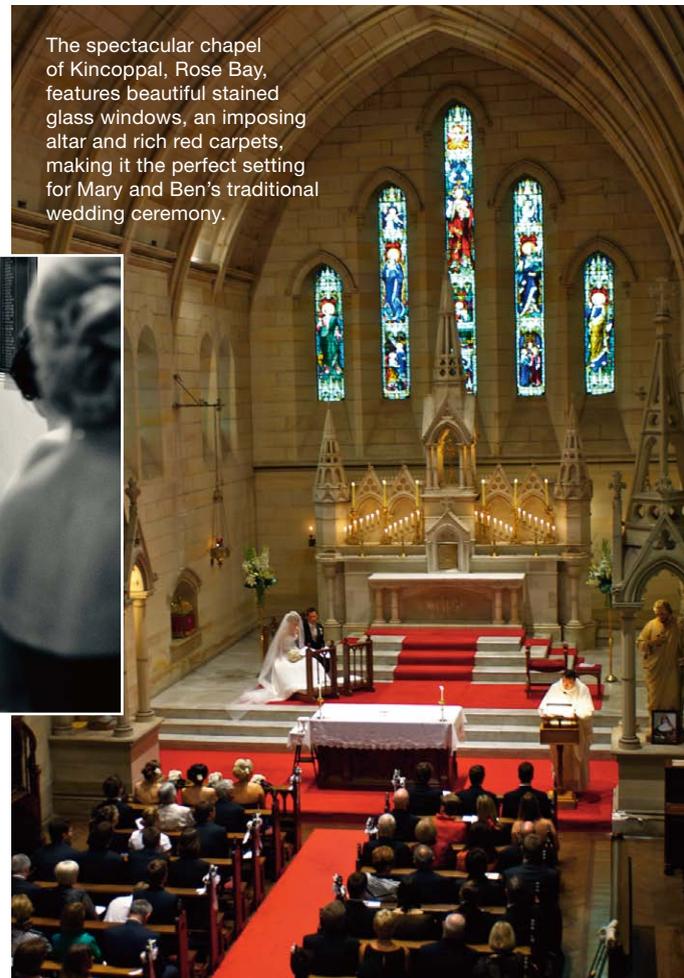
The simple, traditional approach to the wedding made for an elegant day, and despite a hint of rain, the couple's unabashed love for one another was inherently uplifting.



The spectacular chapel of Kincoppal, Rose Bay, features beautiful stained glass windows, an imposing altar and rich red carpets, making it the perfect setting for Mary and Ben's traditional wedding ceremony.



The couple's wedding cake was decorated with flowers and fruit, and trimmed with blue ribbon that matched the dresses of Mary's bridesmaids.





An intimate moment captured between husband and wife. A silhouette of love.



Your perfect wedding contacts

PHOTOGRAPHY David Henry Photography, davidhenryphotography.com.au

DRESS Abbey Bridal, Sydney CBD, abbeybridal.com.au

GROOM'S SUIT Ben and his groomsmen hired their suits from department store Myer

BRIDESMAIDS' DRESSES Exclusively Bridesmaids, Miranda, exclusivelybridesmaids.com.au

FLOWERS Plumbago Flowers, Willoughby, plumbago.com.au

CAKE Bill Penrose of Sweet Connoisseur, Wahroonga, sweetconnoisseur.com.au

CEREMONY Chapel of Kincoppal, Rose Bay, 02 9388 6080

RECEPTION Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, rsys.com.au



Preparing for the big day: Mary and her bridesmaids, looking gorgeous, enjoy a laugh before the traditional ceremony and stylish reception.



The happy couple is full of joy after their nuptials as they pose for photos at a stunning shoot location high above Sydney Harbour on a dramatic cliff face.