

The costs of a wedding are very considerable and the true value of the commitment to the Christian ideals in marriage might be reflected in an honest appraisal of overall costs. Some couples might consider it appropriate to make a donation to the Parish of a fraction of the overall costs. 5% of the total outlay would provide a “wedding present” to the Church ensuring its continuing presence within the community.

Payment may be in cash or by a cheque and should be made at or before the Wedding Rehearsal to the Parish Wedding Co-ordinator.

CHARGES FOR FLOWERS AND ORGANIST’S FEE

Payments for the Organist and for the flowers should be made (in cash) in clearly marked envelopes, and given to the Organist and the Parish Wedding Co-ordinator the day before the Wedding.



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GETTING PREPARED AND READY FOR YOUR WEDDING: A GUIDE

BOOKING THE DATE

We normally require at least six months notice. Weddings on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are not permitted. Check your dates before finalizing them.

You should check your dates with the parish Priest BEFORE you book your reception arrangements. This is most important; there may be other weddings booked at the Church. Only the Parish Priest can confirm bookings; all other arrangements made with other clergy are provisional.

CIVIL REQUIREMENTS

By civil law you will need to see the civil Registrar at least eight weeks before the wedding date. The Registrar will issue you with a document – “The Schedule”, without which the marriage cannot take place.

PREPARATORY COURSE

The first thing to be done is the Prenuptial Enquiry. Catholic partners will need to have records of baptism and confirmation. Both parties need Letters of Freedom showing that they are free to marry. Usually we like letters from both sets of parents, indicating freedom to marry. For a Catholic, **Letters of Freedom** are required from the Church at which he or she was baptised: this will have been entered in the Parish registers. **These should be sought within three months of the date fixed for the Wedding.**

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

During the course you will look at the Catholic teaching about sacrament marriage and related issues.

WEDDING SERVICE

If both parties are Catholic there is normally a Nuptial Mass. In a marriage between a Catholic and a non Catholic the Marriage Service may be celebrated without a Mass.

Catholics are encouraged to use the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) as a preparation for their wedding day.

REHEARSAL

A Rehearsal for the Service will normally take place the day before the Wedding, usually at the same time as the Wedding or later in the afternoon, as is convenient.

MUSIC

It is your responsibility to provide an Organist, although with appropriate notice it may be possible to engage an organist who plays in the Parish. The recommended organist fee is £100, but some organists may charge more.

FLOWERS AND CONFETTI

An arrangement can be made for a good florist.
Confetti is NOT permitted within the Church buildings.

CAMERAS

The use of Cine cameras by members of the congregation of video recorders and other cameras is not permitted during the Service by members of the congregation. If you have engaged, or nominated a photographer to make a film or take photographs, then he or she must make contact with the Officiating Priest before the day of the service.

It is expected that the photographer should be unobtrusive. He or she should not move about during the service.

Flash photography is not permitted during the service.

At the Signing of the Registers there will be an opportunity for the designated photographers to take photographs. During the exit of the Wedding Party, photographs may be taken freely.

CHARGES AND FEES

There is no charge for the Sacraments of the Church.

A stipend may be given to the officiating priest; £100 would be a useful marker.

Charges are made to cover the use of the Church, being contributions to its maintenance, heating and lighting and the expenses of preparing documentation.

If one of the parties is a member of the Parish community the charge may be £150, or a little more.

If both parties are from outside the parish then the charge starts at £350, but depending on the work involved it may be more.