

Some practical points

Flowers: Flowers can be ordered and arranged by our parish florist to a very high standard. and at a reasonable rate. Please contact Patricia at :0851082152. Alternatively couples may employ their own florist..

Music: Music can add greatly to a Wedding and should be chosen carefully. Your priest will be happy to recommend singers / musicians.

Please note that only Music composed for church use is permitted.

Offerings: Like any organization the church has overheads which must be met and it is customary on the occasion of a wedding to make an offering to the church. Our suggested offering is €100 for regularly contributing parishioners or €200 for those neither resident in nor regularly contributing to the parish. A gratuity of €50 is paid to the sacristan whose attendance for your wedding is additional to normal duties. These offerings should be attended to at the rehearsal. If a visiting priest is officiating at your wedding any gratuity to him is a separate matter

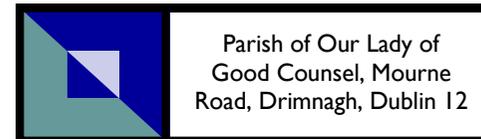


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Getting Married



An information leaflet for those planning to marry in our Parish.

Congratulations!



Your decision to be married is an occasion of great joy for you as a couple, your families and friends and indeed the wider Christian Community.

Marriage is a public celebration in which two people declare before the Lord and his people their pledge to be united in the Sacrament of Marriage for life. God blesses your decision and seals your love with the grace of the Sacrament.

PREPARE

Like any major life decision Marriage requires thought and preparation. It has been found that a Pre-marriage preparation course is a really useful way of taking time as a couple to reflect on the important life choice you are about to make.

Accord is the Marriage care and support

agency of the Dublin Archdiocese. They run courses in various venues throughout the diocese for couples like yourselves.

Accord can be contacted on 478 4400 during normal office hours or on their website www.accord.ie

It is strongly recommended that couples to be married in our parish should have completed a pre-marriage course.

You can discuss this with one of the priests.

PAPERWORK REQUIRED

You will need to complete some paperwork prior to your wedding day, this is to establish your freedom to marry and will be done with one of the priests.

You will need to provide the following:

- A Certificate of Baptism (dated not more than six months before the date of the wedding)
- A Certificate of Confirmation (Often noted on the Baptism Certificate)
- A Letter of freedom from any parish you have resided in for more than six months since reaching 18 years

You will then complete a document known as a pre-nuptial enquiry form with the priest of

your parish and all these documents are retained to be kept on file in the parish.

CIVIL LAW REQUIREMENTS

The notes above refer to the church requirements only, it is also necessary to comply with the civil law in Ireland in order for your marriage to be registered. Couples should contact the Registrar of Marriages, Joyce House, Lombard Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 6787114 or on their web site:

www.groireland.com.

You will be required by the civil registrar to nominate the priest /solemniser who is to perform your wedding ceremony but please do not do this until you have checked with the priest.

Planning the Ceremony

Marriage in the Catholic Tradition is normally celebrated in the context of a Mass. If you regularly attend Mass this will, no doubt, be your preferred option. You may however opt for Marriage without a Mass which consists of a shorter ceremony comprising prayers and readings. You can discuss this with the priest who will happily assist you in every aspect of preparing for your big day. Take a look at the **Getting Married** section on www.catholicireland.com