



St Patrick's Cathedral Parish

This form is for when you meet with your celebrant to decide your Liturgy for your wedding.

PREPARATION FOR YOUR WEDDING!

Some Principles

* **The Sacrament of Marriage is one of the sacred rites of the Church.** It is not just a family affair, but a solemn and formal occasion during which the couple vow publicly to love each other faithfully for the whole of their lives. They make this commitment before God and the parish community. Through the words, actions and music the Church proclaims the meaning of Christian Marriage to the bride and groom as well as to those who gather.

* **A Church wedding is a liturgical celebration of the whole community.** All who gather to pray for the couple should be able to participate in a full and active manner.

* **The Sacrament of Marriage can be celebrated in a number of forms.** The choice of celebration is sensitive to the circumstances of the couple and the composition of those attending the ceremony. For example, as the reception of communion is the high point of the Mass, where only a very small proportion of those gathering are Catholic, it would be more appropriate to celebrate outside Mass. Where most of the assembly are Catholics who regularly participate in the Eucharist, it would be appropriate to celebrate the marriage within a Mass. Where neither partner has any affiliation with the Church nor desire to celebrate their wedding in the context of Christian prayer then another form of civil celebration should be sought.

* **The readings, prayers and music are all a part of the liturgical prayer** and as such, should reflect the meaning of marriage in a Christian context and enable all present to pray. Couples choose a Church wedding because they believe that what they are doing is something sacred, and they want to celebrate their marriage in the midst of God's people.

Booklets

* The careful preparation of a simple Mass booklet or Order of Service can help guests to participate more fully in the ceremony. It should include the general outline of the ceremony and any responses that are needed. **Couples need not print prayers and readings.** These are meant to be listened to. Only those words which the guests need to say or sing should be printed. Couples sometimes want to fill up the booklet by printing the full texts, however it would be better to include a prayer or reflection for private use for this purpose. Print the reference of the readings (Mark 3:23-25), but not the whole reading. It is helpful to include the names of those people who minister in special ways during the ceremony (ushers, welcomers, readers, musicians, attendants, the celebrant etc.)

Copyright is not an option but a legal and moral requirement. There are strict laws which protect composers and publishers. St Patrick's has a Copyright Licence which covers the use of certain liturgical songs within the Cathedral. Separate permission must be sought by the couple for songs not included in the parish licence and music not covered will not be permitted.

Please note that we try to treat composers with justice: Breaches of these guidelines place the responsibility and liability (fines and/or litigation) upon the persons concerned.

Planning for your Wedding using "When We Marry".
This book will be supplied.

WEDDING CEREMONY

Personal Details

Date of the Wedding: _____ **Time:** _____

Full Names

Groom: _____ **Bride:** _____

Best Man: _____ **Chief Attendant:** _____

Address of Bride: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address of Groom: _____ **Phone:** _____

RITE FOR CELEBRATING MARRIAGE INSIDE MASS

Entrance Rite

Entrance Song

Greeting

Opening Prayer (Pages 83 – 85) Page: _____ Number: _____

Liturgy of the Word (Pages 49 – 78)

First Reading Page: _____ Number: _____ Name of Person Reading: _____

Responsorial Psalm

Sung

Second Reading (Pages 62-69) also (Pages 79-82) Page: _____ Number: _____ Name of Person Reading: _____

Gospel Acclamation

Sung

Gospel (Pages 69-78) Page: _____ Number: _____

Homily

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Giving of Consent (Pages 103-104) Page: _____ Number: _____

Sung Acclamation (optional)

Blessing and Exchange of Rings

Blessings (Page 105) Page: _____ Number: _____

Exchange (Page 106) Page: _____ Number: _____

General Intercessions (Pages 96 – 101) Page: _____ Number: _____ Name/s of Person/s Reading: _____

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Prayer over the Gifts (Page 86) Page: _____ Number: _____

Eucharistic Prayer Preface (Pages 90-91) Page: _____ Number: _____

Eucharistic Prayer

Acclamation

Lord's Prayer

Nuptial Blessing (Page 92-95) Page: _____ Number: _____

Sign of Peace

Communion

Prayer after Communion (Page 87) Page: _____ Number: _____

Concluding Rite

Solemn Blessing Page 88-95 Page: _____ Number: _____

Signing of the Register

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WEDDING CEREMONY

Personal Details

Date of the Wedding: _____ Time: _____

Full Names

Groom: _____ Bride: _____

Best Man: _____ Chief Attendant: _____

Address of Bride: _____ Phone: _____

Address of Groom: _____ Phone: _____

RITE FOR CELEBRATING MARRIAGE OUTSIDE MASS

Entrance Rite

Entrance Song

Greeting

Opening Prayer (Pages 83 – 85) Page: _____ Number: _____

Liturgy of the Word (Pages 49 – 78)

First Reading Page: _____ Number: _____
Name of Person Reading: _____

Responsorial Psalm Sung

Second Reading
(Pages 62-69) also (Pages 79-82) Page: _____ Number: _____
Name of Person Reading: _____

Gospel Acclamation Sung
Gospel Page: _____ Number: _____
(Pages 69-78)

Homily

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Giving of Consent (Pages 103-104) Page: _____ Number: _____

Sung Acclamation (optional)

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Blessings (Page 105) Page: _____ Number: _____

Exchange (Page 106) Page: _____ Number: _____

General Intercessions (Pages 96 – 101) Page: _____ Number: _____
Name/s of Person/s Reading: _____

Nuptial Blessing (Pages 92-95) Page: _____ Number: _____

Concluding Rite

Lord's Prayer

Solemn Blessing Page 88-95 Page: _____ Number: _____

Signing of the Register

Music

All music must be discussed with the Director of Liturgy as soon as the booking is made. The booklet must be approved by the Administrator or the Director of Liturgy before it is printed, (for copyright reasons). Tapes and CDs are not normally recommended. This is for two reasons: firstly, as liturgy is the action of those present, live music is preferable; secondly, some of the greatest disasters occur with pre-recorded music!

The suitability of music can be gauged by the following criteria:-

- Is it suitable for a liturgical celebration?
- Will it enable those present to pray?
- Does it support the meaning of the part of the celebration in which it is placed?
- Does the quality and style of the music match the solemn and formal nature of the Rite of Marriage, and or the Cathedral itself?
- Is it good music which all present can sing or appreciate?
- Would the music be better for the reception?

Rite of Marriage Within Mass	Rite of Marriage Outside Mass	Should be Sung	Optional or Instrumental
Entrance Rite Processional and/or Entrance Song Gloria	Entrance Rite Processional and/or Entrance Song Gloria	X X	X
Liturgy of the Word Responsorial Psalm Gospel Acclamation	Liturgy of the Word Responsorial Psalm Gospel Acclamation	X X	
Rite of Marriage {Song of Thanksgiving} Intercessions	Rite of Marriage {Song of Thanksgiving} Intercessions		X
Liturgy of the Eucharist Preparation of Gifts Eucharistic Prayer:- Holy, Holy Memorial Acclamation 'Great' Amen Communion Rite:- Lord's Prayer Nuptial Blessing Sign of Peace Lamb of God Communion Song Thanksgiving Song		X X X X X X	X X X
Concluding Rite {Signing the Register} Closing Song	Concluding Rite Our Father {Signing of the Register} Closing Song	X	X X

Please take the time to read and reflect on this material. We want your day to be happy, but we particularly want your wedding ceremony to be an event that remains forever in your mind because of its beauty, dignity and the power of the ritual.