

Planning the ceremony:

The Wedding ceremony can be a beautiful and very special occasion to remember, it does however require some thought and planning.

An excellent resource to assist you is a book by Fr. Padraig McCarthy called "A **Wedding of your own**". This contains a complete selection of prayers, scripture readings etc. from which you can choose. It is available from Veritas in Middle Abbey Street or Cathedral Books in Sackville Place.

A good online resource is www.gettingmarried.ie which has a selection of readings/prayers and a booklet template for you to complete.

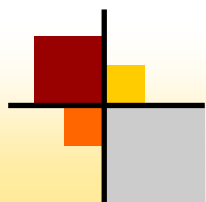
When you have had an opportunity to study the above, the priest officiating at your ceremony will be happy to assist you in your choices.

Flowers

If you wish to have the Altar decorated with floral arrangements please liaise with one of the priests of the parish.

Offerings to the Church

Offerings towards the running costs of Holy Trinity Church, the Sacristan, the Priest Celebrant and the Diocese, are covered by one payment of €250 to be paid when completing the **Provisional Booking Form**. If you are bringing your own priest with you, any offerings to him are separate from the above.



An Engaged Couples' Prayer:

Lord Jesus,

You have called us to be united in your love, we thank you.

We thank you for the gift of each other, for the joy and happiness we share.

We thank you for family and friends who support and encourage us.

We thank you for our faith in you, may it sustain and strengthen us through the ups and downs of our lives.

May the love we experience between us become the bond of our commitment.

As we prepare for our wedding day, deepen that love, and make it as the love you have shown us, a love that will never end.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

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Wedding Information Leaflet
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Congratulations!

Congratulations on your decision to marry. The priests of Holy Trinity Parish wish you every joy and happiness. Your decision to marry in Church is a public statement of your faith in Jesus Christ, and in celebrating the Sacrament you are inviting Jesus to be present at the heart of your new life together.



First things first.

Experience has shown that couples who undertake some form of pre-marriage preparation are better equipped to face their future together.



Accord is the Diocesan Marriage care agency who provide pre-marriage courses.. All couples being married in the parish are

expected to attend one of these courses.

Accord can be contacted at their Harcourt Street Headquarters Tel: 01 478 4400 or on their website www.accord.ie

Early booking is essential as courses are in great demand and fill up quickly.

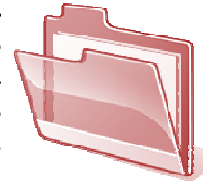
Booking the Church.

Holy Trinity Church should be provisionally booked at the earliest moment possible by contacting one of the priests and filling in a **Provisional Booking Form** available in the Sacristy. The booking is provisional until your freedom to marry is established (see next section).

Paperwork required.

A certain amount of paperwork is involved in your preparation. This is to establish your freedom to marry and to record your details for church records.

Your paperwork is the responsibility of the priest of the parish in which you are currently residing, not where you grew up.



He should forward the completed papers to the priest at Holy Trinity Parish who is looking after your preparation, they should arrive at least one month in advance of the wedding.

You will need to provide the following to the priest looking after your papers;

- A Certificate of Baptism (issued **within six months** of the date of your wedding).
- A Certificate of Confirmation.
- A document known as a "Statement of Freedom to Marry" to be completed by a member of your immediate family and signed & stamped by their local priest. This form can be obtained from the Parish Office or sent to you by email.
- If you are marrying a non-baptised person or a member of another Christian Church you will need to seek a dispensation from the Archbishop. Your priest will discuss this with you.
- The priest of your parish will supply and complete the pre-nuptial enquiry form with you.



State requirements.

You will need to give notice of your intention to marry to the **Civil Registrar**. A form is available for this purpose from, Registrar-General of Marriages, General Register Office, Government Offices, Convent Road, Roscommon, or by going to their website www.groireland.ie



Foreign weddings should be processed through the Department of Foreign Affairs, Consular Section, 80 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, Tel; 01 408 2568.

It is imperative that this be done as early as possible to avoid legal complications.

Music

Music can add a great deal to your ceremony. It can create a prayerful and dignified atmosphere of religious celebration. It needs to be carefully planned.

Please bear in mind that the only music permitted in the church is specifically religious music, the rest can come later at your reception.



Please ensure that any singer or musician you engage is aware of these guidelines.

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