

## *Preparing for your Wedding*

### *Prayer for Engaged Couples*

*Lord, we thank you for your many blessings*

*Especially for the gift of life and love.*

*May we be generous in giving time to one another*

*And in putting our talents and energies at your service.*

*Help us to find a moment's pause in the business*

*Of each day listen to your Spirit,*

*Calling us to grow in love and faithfulness. Amen.*



***St Peter's Church***

***Phibsborough, Dublin 7***



If you have any queries or questions please contact the Parish Office

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## Church Booking

When a couple have decided to marry, both should see the priest of the parish in their home district (i.e. the parish where they normally reside). The wedding usually takes place in the parish of the bride. It is advisable to make arrangements about the date and time well in advance in order to avoid disappointment. In the Dublin Diocese weddings are not permitted on Sundays, Holy days of obligation, Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday.

A minimum of three months notice of the intended wedding is required.

## Documents Required

- \* **Baptismal & Confirmation Certificates.** Certificates should be issued within 6 months of the date of the wedding
- \* **Freedom to Marry.** Proof of one's freedom to marry in the Catholic Church can be established by one of the following: letters of freedom, statement of freedom to marry or sworn affidavit.
- \* **Mixed Marriages.** Marriage of a Catholic and a non Catholic or a non Christian. Please consult with the priest to verify paperwork required.

## State Requirements

State requirements. You will need to give notice of your intention to marry to the Civil Registrar: Civil Registration Service, Joyce House, 8/11 Lombard Street East, Dublin 2. Opening Hours: 09.30-16:30 Mon- Fri (through lunch). Tel: (01) 863 8200 (Serving of three month notice for marriage is by appointment only). website [www.gov.ie/gro/](http://www.gov.ie/gro/)

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.

## Pre-Marriage Preparation Courses

A Dublin Diocesan Directive requires all couples intending to marry to attend a pre-marriage course. You will, no doubt, have made long term plans for your wedding reception and the entertainment of your guests. It would be regrettable if you overlooked preparation for a home, parenthood, love and understanding. It is very strongly recommended that each couple prepare for marriage by attending one of the many courses provided at various centres in the diocese. It is advisable to arrange to attend one of these courses about one year before the date of your wedding. Information and booking forms are available from ACCORD, 7 Dalymount, Phibsborough, Dublin 7. [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) Tel. (01) 868 0028.

## Arranging the Liturgy of your Wedding Mass

It is certainly the wish of every couple that their wedding day be a memorable occasion. The priest would be delighted to assist in planning the service with you and if desired will arrange a rehearsal so that you may be relaxed and confident on your wedding day.

## Other Arrangements

- \* **Priest for Weddings.** If there is a priest friend whom you wish to perform the Marriage ceremony and offer Mass on this great day, please do not hesitate to inform the priest of the parish who will make him very welcome. Visiting priests must present their celebret to the parish priest or sacristan.
- \* **Music and Singers.** Music can create a prayerful and dignified atmosphere of religious celebration. Please note 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.
- \* **Flowers.** If you wish to have the Church decorated with floral arrangements please ask the florist etc to consult with the sacristan before decorating the Church. St Peter's Flower Arrangers would be more than happy to help you with your arrangements - the cost will depend on requirements.
- \* **Photographs:** We would appreciate if you could inform your photographer to be as discreet and as un-obstructive as possible during the Marriage Ceremony. Photographers and others recording should consult with celebrant in advance of the wedding (no less than 24 hours).

## Church Offering - €400.00

Every effort is made to have the Church in perfect condition on your wedding day.

**Booking Deposit** €100.00 (non refundable)

**Balance** €300.00 (to be paid one week in advance of the wedding)

## Webcam

Please contact the parish office (01) 838 9708 if you would like your Marriage Ceremony live streamed.

## Confetti/Rice/Petals

Confetti /rice/petals are not permitted in the Church or Church grounds.