

## MARRIAGE AT ST VINCENT'S

You will need certificates of your Baptism and, if you've been confirmed, Confirmation. (The certificates should be recent copies - not more than six months old). Please contact the Parish Priest of the church of your baptism for these items.

You will need a Letter of Freedom from the Parish Priest of the church of your baptism (catholic party only) or from other parishes you resided in from the age of 16. Please give the above letters to the priest who is responsible for your wedding.

Your parish priest will need fill out the required documentation (pre-nuptial questionnaire) and have some pre-marriage talks with you. The Diocese also lays on marriage preparation evenings which couples are asked to attend.

**Marriage preparation in the Diocese:**

Contact Sue Tym

You will need the **blue certificates** from the register office giving you the required permission to get married.

Please get these blue certificates months before you get married and give them to the priest shortly before the wedding is to take place.

The marriage fees at St Vincent's are a minimum of £120 for the church and priest /registrar and £60 for the organist.

Feel free to buy your own flowers and arrange them yourselves or, if you so wish, our church florist will arrange them for you if she is available.

The Readings for your wedding service should be taken from Sacred Scripture and not replaced by secular readings. The full list of Scripture readings for your wedding are on my website. The music should be sacred in character (I have two CD's of wedding music) and not of a secular nature. Borrowing hymn books from the church is not recommended as we rarely get them back even from very well-intentioned people.

If one of the parties is not baptised a special permission is required from the bishop before the wedding can go ahead.

*(One of the best ways to prepare for your life together is for the couple to attend Sunday Mass. 'Living together' before marriage (unless as brother and sister) contravenes Church teaching and normally necessitates a trip to confession before the marriage takes place. Catholics living in this situation may not receive Holy Communion until the situation is regularised through being married in the Catholic Church.)*

**Organists:**

Steve Foley

Hugh Finnigan  
Kieran Fallon

**Flowers:**

Theresa Finnigan