

## 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 Fr Walsh 0114 2680716

You will need the [MARRIAGE SCHEDULE](#) from the register office giving you the required permission to get married.

Please get this schedule months before you get married and give it to the priest shortly before the wedding is to take place. Within days after the wedding takes place you return with the recently signed schedule to the Register Office and they will present you with your marriage certificate.

The marriage fees at St Vincent's are a minimum of £150 for the church and priest /registrar and £70 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 cohabiting may not receive Holy Communion until you've been to confession and after the marriage has taken place in church.*

**Organists:**

Steve Foley

Hugh Finnigan  
(Kieran Fallon)

**Flowers:**

Theresa Finnigan