

MARRIAGE AT ST VINCENT'S

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You will need certificates of your Baptism and 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.

The priest will give some pre-marriage talks with you. The Diocese also lays on marriage preparation evenings as well. Your parish priest will need to fill out the required documentation (prenuptial questionnaire) long before the wedding.

Marriage preparation in the Diocese: Contact Sue Tym on 2554750. Email: suetym@btconnect.com

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 (crookes.catholicweb.com)

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 necessitates a trip to confession before the marriage takes place. Those co-habiting before marriage may not receive Holy Communion until the couple have been married in Church.

Organists:

Steve Foley 2305254 (Parish)

Hugh Finnigan 2341232 (cathedral organist)

Kieran Fallon 2653931 (from another parish)

Flowers:

Theresa Finnigan 2664457