

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY IMMACULATE

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PREPARING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

1. DOCUMENTS

Baptism Certificates are required from both parties. For the Catholic it must be a new certificate (not more than 6 months old) as it will include Freedom to Marry.

2. REGISTRAR

In addition to arranging your wedding with the priest you must also notify the Register Office in your registration area. Do this in good time. There will be a fee to pay

3. READINGS

Choose one reading from each of the four sections – Old Testament, New Testament, responsorial Psalm, Gospel (the Old Testament reading is optional)

4. MUSIC

Our organist is Daniel Shermon – phone: 07843 946631, email: daniel_shermon@hotmail.co.uk . Please contact him even if you will be bringing your own organist. The current organist fee is in line with the Royal School of Church Music recommendation.

5. PHOTOGRAPHY

This is allowed in the church during the ceremony provided it is not obtrusive.

6. FLOWERS

Contact Mrs Mary May – phone 377390. Please contact her even if you have a flower arranger of your own. The cost will be agreed between yourselves depending on your requirements.

7. FEES

Organist in line with Royal School of Church Music recommendation.

Church – there is no fixed fee, but you are asked to give an offering which is according to your means and which relates reasonably to the other costs of the whole wedding. We would suggest that it should be no less than the organist.

The Best Man should have these fees in separate marked envelopes.

8. CONFETTI

This is allowed outside the church.

9. PREPARATION

Every couple is expected to attend a number of sessions preparing them to receive the sacrament of Matrimony. In a mixed marriage some talks are also given about the Catholic Faith – not to try to convert the non-Catholic, but to help him/her to know exactly what he/she is in for in marrying a Catholic! And to clear up any possible misunderstandings and to answer any questions.

These few notes are given in the hope that they will provide a useful check list. If there is anything else you want to know, please do not hesitate to ask. All we want to do is help make your wedding day as happy as possible and your marriage a lasting, happy and successful one.

GOD BLESS YOU!

“What is Love?” *Tony Beckwith*

If love is a mystery
who should I choose
to help me unravel all the clues?
to have and to hold me
til death do us part
and love me mysteriously
with all their heart

If love is a journey
what should I pack
as I take to the road or the railway track?
something borrowed,
something blue
some for me and some for you

If love is a party
who to invite
to wine and dine and dance all night?
to watch the magical moonlight wane
and toast the dawn with pink champagne

If love is a compass
who'll be my north
to point my way from this day forth?
to steer me, guide me
keep me straight
that I might find my true estate

If love is a challenge
I must decide
who'll be standing by my side
to scale the mountain, to swim the sea
to share in my adversity

My love is here
it's time to go
and now instinctively I know
to pack all the sweetness
that I can find
and leave my selfishness behind

For love is a lifetime
love is a flame
love is when both of us
feel the same

If love is eternal
and love is true
then now and forever
I choose you