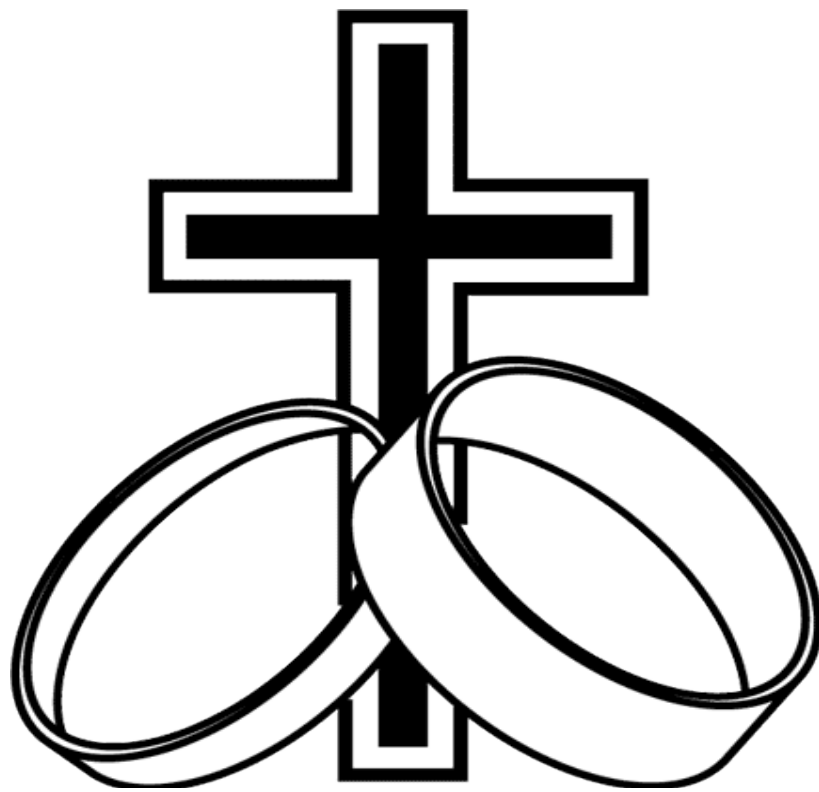


Your Wedding



Castlemaine Parish

The Marriage Ceremony

The ceremony is prepared with the priest who will celebrate your wedding and he will be able to guide you in your planning. You will choose bible readings and a Gospel and prepare Prayers of the Faithful

Music: Music adds significantly to the wedding ceremony. Care should be taken however that the music is suitable to the Church, to prayer and to the wedding ceremony. Music chosen should follow the Diocesan Guidelines.

Check out all music with your Priest well before your wedding day.

Photographs and Recording: Photographer and recording personnel should dress becomingly. They should remain outside the sanctuary during the wedding ceremony and should remember to protect the prayerfulness of the occasion by not causing distraction.

Flowers: The use of flowers and plants if arranged in good taste, can heighten the joyous Festive spirit of the marriage ceremony. They should not obscure the design of the altar.

Candles: For insurance purposes, we ask people not to use candles outside the sanctuary area.

Rehearsal: This is a very important part of the preparation for your Wedding Mass. All who have an active role in the ceremony should be present. Please book this with the Parish Office.

No rice or confetti etc. may be tossed in the Church grounds.

Papal Blessing: If you wish to get a Papal Blessing, please download and complete a request form on line at www.vatican.va

Keel/Kiltallagh Parish Office

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Many congratulations on your engagement. We pray that his time of preparation may be a blessed time for you and your families. We hope the following information will be helpful to you as you prepare for your wedding in our Parish.

Church Requirements for your Wedding

Ask the priest of your choice to celebrate your ceremony, be it the parish priest or a priest from another parish. Please check with the priest of your choice that his is free to celebrate your ceremony. He may have another engagement on that day so invite him to preside at your wedding as soon as possible.

If the priest you have chosen is not in ministry in Ireland, please check that his is officially registered as a Solemniser by the Irish State. If he is not, the Parish Office will help you on the required procedure.

If one of the parties is from outside Castlemaine parish, he/she must complete Form 2 in the parish they reside. This form is given to the Parish Secretary along with the completed Booking Form.

Pre-Marriage Course

All couples are required to do an approved Pre-Marriage course with ACCORD.

ACCORD Courses may be arranged through the Pastoral Centre, Rock Road, Killarney (064) 6633612, or Castle St. Tralee (066) 7122280. Early booking is essential. If you live elsewhere in Ireland or abroad, contact your parish for information on local pre-marriage courses.

Pre-Nuptial Form and Certificates

Each person getting married must have this form completed by the priest of the parish where you reside.

The following are required for the completion of the Pre-nuptial form:

- (i) Certificate of Baptism - issued within the past six months.
- (ii) Certificate of Confirmation. (iii) Letter of Freedom.
- (iv) Pre-marriage Course Certificate.

When couples reside overseas, all documentation will be processed via the priest of their local parish and the local Bishop to the Bishop of Kerry. Ample time should be given for this.

Civil Requirements for your Wedding

A minimum of three months' notice must be given to the State.

The couple must meet in person with a Civil Registrar (anywhere in the 26 counties, by appointment only) and advise the Registrar of the date, Place and Celebrant of your marriage.

The local Registrar's Office is at St. Joseph's Road, Killarney (064) 6632251. You may book a Marriage Notification Appointment with a Registrar on www.crsappointments.ie
There is more information on this process on www.groireland.ie

When all the civil requirements have been completed, you will receive a Marriage Registration Form (MRF) from the Registrar.

It is the couple's responsibility to return the MRF to any Civil Registrar's Office, either in person or by post within **one month** of the marriage.

Your Offering to the Parish

The suggested offering is €200, payable to the Parish Office at the time of booking your wedding.

It does not include a donation to the priest who will be celebrating your wedding ceremony.

Websites that may help you in planning your wedding:

www.accord.ie

www.gettingmarried.ie