

FLOWERS

WE HAVE STRICT GUIDELINES ABOUT FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH,

Please discuss the flowers for your wedding with Mrs. Maureen Kettell (0121 241 3424). If you use a commercial florist to arrange the flowers you should still contact Mrs. Kettell first as there are conditions.

PHOTOGRAPHS & VIDEOS

Both are permitted so long as they do not distract from the ceremony. It is courtesy for the Photographer you book to contact the priest/deacon in advance to discuss protocol.

CONFETTI

Please ensure that Biodegradable (Natural petals) confetti only is thrown outside the church.

FEES

Other than the fees required by the Registrar, and those negotiated for the Organ, choir and flowers there is a set fee for the use of the Church: £300:00 on weekdays or £350:00 Saturdays there is no set fee for the services of the minister. It is customary to make an offering, but the amount entirely at your discretion.

AND FINALLY

Congratulations again on your engagement. All of us on the parish team at Holy Trinity wish you both every happiness for now and for the future.

THE NEXT STEP

Contact a Priest or Deacon at Holy Trinity and arrange to see him at the parish Office, phone 0121 354 1211. or send the attached form (Page 2) to the office:

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YOUR MARRIAGE AT

HOLY TRINITY

and

SACRED HEART

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Personal Details

Groom _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Telephone _____/Mobile _____

Email _____

Religion _____

Occupation _____

Bride _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Telephone _____/Mobile _____

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Religion _____

Occupation _____

PROPOSED DATE _____ TIME _____

- 4. 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8. "If I am without love....."
- 5. Ephesians: 4:1-6 "One Body and one Spirit..."
- 6. Ephesians 5:2, 21-33 "Follow Christ by loving as he loved you"
- 7. Philippians 4:4-9 "I want you to be happy"
- 8. Colossians 3:12-17. "Over all these.... Put on love...."
- 9. Hebrews 13:1-4 "Marriage is to be honoured by all....."
- 7. 1 Peter 3:1-9. "You should all agree among yourselves..."
- 8. 1 John 3:18-24. "Our love is to be something real and active."
- 9. 1 John 4:7-12. "God is love."

Alleluia Verses

- 1 Everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God
- 2 God is love; let us love one another as God has loved us..
- 3 As long as we love one another God will live in us.....
- 4 Anyone who lives in love lives in God and God in him.

Gospel

- 1. Matthew 5:1-12 "Rejoice and be glad....."
- 2. Matthew 5:13-16. "You are the light of the world."
- 3. Matthew 7:21, 24-29. "He has built his house on rock."
- 4. Matthew 19:3-6. "What God has united, man must not divide."
- 5. Matthew 22:35-40. This is the greatest & the first commandment
- 6. Mark 10:6-9. "They are no longer two, but one body."
- 7. John 2:1-11. "This was the first of the signs given by Jesus"
- 8. John 15:9-12. "Remain in my love."
- 9. John 15:12-16. "What I command you is to love one another."
- 10. John 17:20-26. "May they be completely one."

There are a number of suitable moments during the service for hymns. Please choose hymns which most of your relatives and friends will know, no matter how much you may like them; otherwise you may end up singing or miming a duet together!!

READINGS YOU MAY CHOSE FROM:

First Reading:

1. Genesis 1:26-28, 31. "Male and female He created them."
2. Genesis 2:18-24. "They became one body"
3. Genesis 24:48-51, 58-67. "Isaac loved Rebekah...."
4. Tobit 7:6-14. The Lord of heaven favour you, my child.."
5. Tobit 8:4-8. "Bring us to old age together."
6. Proverbs 31 10-13 ' A perfect wife - who can find her?
- 7 Song of songs 2:8-10, 14, 16, 8:6-7. "Love is strong as death."
- 8 Ecclesiasticus 26:1-4, 13-16.."Happy the husband of a good wife"
- 9 Jeremiah 31:31-34. "I will make a new covenant"

Responsorial Psalm.

1. Ps.32:12, 18, 20-22. "The Lord fills the earth with his love."
2. Ps.148:1-4, 9-14. " Praise the name of the Lord."
3. Ps.144:8-10, 15, 17-18. "How good is the Lord to all."
4. Ps.102:1-2, 8, 13, 17-18. "The Lord is compassion and love."
5. Ps.127:1-5. "Blessed are those who fear the Lord"
6. Ps.33:2-9. "I will bless the Lord at all times."

Second Reading

1. Romans 8:31-35, 37-39. "Nothing can come between us...."
2. Romans 12:1-2, 9-18. "Offer your bodies as a holy sacrifice"
3. 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,.."Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit."

ENGAGEMENT

There is a special Blessing for engaged couples. We would be very happy to arrange for this blessing either at Mass or less publicly. Just ask your priests or the Office.

LET US KNOW SOON—ARRANGE THE CHURCH FIRST!

At least six months notice of a marriage is normally required by the Church, so please get in touch with one of the Priests or Deacon here at Holy Trinity as soon as possible. Please speak to us before you make any arrangements. Do not organize a reception somewhere on a certain date, and then expect the Church to be available. We cannot guarantee that the date you prefer will be free. The Service at the Church is by far the most important part of your Wedding Day. Start by arranging that first, and fit everything else around it.

CAN WE GET MARRIED AT HOLY TRINITY?

Generally speaking, you can get married at Holy Trinity if one or other of you lives in the parish. The Civil Law states that the Church you get married in must normally be in the Registration District where you or your partner lives. The Church's Canon Law states that your marriage is to be celebrated in the parish in which either of you is residing (Canon 1115). It is not enough that you quite like our Church, or that you have a soft spot for Holy Trinity—or even that you are an old friend of the parish priest!

CIVIL REGISTRAR: The Priests and Deacon at Holy Trinity are authorized persons for Weddings. You need to give formal notice of your marriage to the Superintendent Registrar of the District or Districts where you live. You cannot give notice of marriage until a year before the Wedding, but it is good to see the Registrar as soon as possible after that date once a firm date and time has been agreed with the Church.

If one of you lives in a Different Registration District, notice must be given to that Registry Office as well. This is something you have to do in person. No one else can do it on your behalf.

Take with you your Birth Certificate and a Passport or some other Identity Document (not a photocopy).

**The address of our local Registry is:
Superintendent Registrar for Marriages
Holliday Wharf, Holliday Street,
Birmingham B1 1TJ**

Tel: 0121 675 1000 or 0121 675 1004 (appointments)

WITNESSES

You require two witnesses for the Registration of the Marriage (often the best man and chief bridesmaid)

ARE YOU FREE TO MARRY?

The Priest or Deacon conducting your marriage is required to thoroughly check that you have not been married before. He will ask for a list of the places where you have lived for 2 years or more since you were 16. Please supply a letter from your parents, if at all possible, stating simply that to the best of their knowledge you have never been married before.

ARE YOU BAPTISED AND CONFIRMED? You will also be asked for the date and place of your Baptism and Confirmation. Please have this information available (the Parish Priest where you were Baptized can provide you with a copy and a 'Letter of Freedom' stating that you have not been married in a Catholic church beforehand. If you have not been Confirmed you are strongly encouraged to take this opportunity to prepare for and receive this important Sacrament. Getting married is a special way of living out the meaning of your Baptism and Confirmation. If you are not a Catholic but have been Baptized please bring a copy of your Baptism Certificate to the Minister

IS ONE OF YOU NOT A CATHOLIC?

For a Catholic to be truly and validly married, the marriage has to take place in a Catholic Church unless a dispensation is given by the Bishop. This is the case even if you are marrying someone who is not a Roman Catholic. There are various permissions and dispensations to be granted depending on your situation.

There is, however, one thing that you need to discuss very carefully with each other if one of you is not a Catholic. If you are a Catholic, you will be asked to declare—in the presence of your partner—that you are ready to uphold your Catholic Faith and that all the children of your marriage will be baptized and brought up in the Catholic Church. Is this something you have talked about? How do you both feel about it? It is important to be open and honest about this, as it can cause problem later.

PREPARATION TOGETHER

Marriage is a huge step and a great calling, and it is important that you prepare for it as fully as possible. Once you have made your initial contact with a Priest or Deacon here, you will have at least four sessions with him as a couple to explore the meaning of Christian Marriage.

This is essential and at Holy Trinity we also require you to take part in a Marriage Preparation Day along with other engaged couples. The Priests or Deacon or our Professional Catechists will explore the Christian meaning of Marriage.

On the Preparation Day (which is usually on one Saturday or Sunday before your Wedding) a number of married couples will help you look at some of the "secular" aspects of marriage. Your marriage cannot go ahead without this essential preparation.

Finally, there will be a rehearsal near to the Wedding Day itself.

ORGANISING THE SERVICE

Eventually you will have to decide whether or not to have your wedding during Mass (Nuptial Mass)or Wedding Service. Discuss this with the Priest or Deacon. We would encourage you to choose the music, Scripture Readings and various other options, so that it is very much *your* Wedding.

The possible choice of readings is listed below. The parish hymn book has a selection of suitable hymns. It would also be good to compose your own "bidding prayers" for the wedding. You can choose members of your family or friends to read the Scripture readings and bidding prayers. A Catholic priest or deacon must read the Gospel.

MUSIC

There are Organists who may be available for your wedding.

The Traditional choir sings at 11.00 am Mass.

The Fees are: Organist £100:00; Choir: £100:00.

You must give them plenty of notice

You may wish to have a Soloist for your special day.

Soloists fees by arrangement. Contact details available from Fr Michael

You may wish to have your own musician. Contact them as soon as possible and please ask them to contact the priest to discuss arrangements.