

# THE CATHEDRAL SLIGO



## INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE IN OUR PARISH



### BOOKING FORM FOR MARRIAGE IN THE CATHEDRAL

Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Booked: \_\_\_\_\_

Day of the week of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Priest Officiating \_\_\_\_\_ Booking Fee attached € \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred contact Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Groom \_\_\_\_\_ Bride \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Family Address \_\_\_\_\_ Parents/Family Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**We look forward to assisting you in whatever way possible on  
this sacred day in your lives**

## **NOTES ON COMPLETING THE CATHEDRAL BOOKING FORM**

- ◆ Inform the priest officiating of the date and time of your wedding day. Don't presume that he is free and make sure he is on the list of Solemnisers
- ◆ To avoid any confusion include the officiating priest's name, address and contact number on your Booking Form.
- ◆ Each couple is to see their own local priest for preparatory paperwork. He will forward completed paperwork to the Cathedral
- ◆ To avoid last minute upsets or complications - paperwork should be complete two months before marriage date.
- ◆ Pre-marriage course - Phone Accord Tel: 9145641 or Esker, Athenry, Tel: 091 844 549. Attend a course ideally six months before marriage day.
- ◆ Legal Civil law Requirement is at least three months notice to The Office Of Births/Marriages and Deaths Markievicz House, Sligo and receive Marriage Registration Form (MRF).
- ◆ Sacred Music / Religious Music only in the Cathedral please. (List will be forwarded to you).
- ◆ Booking Fee of €200 if either family of bride or groom live in parish / €300 non-parishioners must accompany Booking Form.
- ◆ Stipends to sacristans are payable directly on the day of marriage.
- ◆ Choose readings / Ceremony texts with officiating priest and arrange a practice on a day or two before the marriage.
- ◆ If there is another marriage on the same day couples will be required to co-operate, if necessary, by slight change of time of ceremony. Check with the Cathedral when you are about to order wedding invitations.
- ◆ Marriage ceremonies must commence on time as otherwise later ceremonies are unfairly delayed. Please allow time for pre-ceremony photographs either at home or in the Cathedral porch.
- ◆ Photographers and video cameras are to be used discreetly please.
- ◆ It is considered appropriate that floral arrangements in the sanctuary remain there after the ceremony.
- ◆ No weddings are celebrated on Sundays.
- ◆ Please note that priests may not always be able to attend wedding receptions because of other duties (e.g. Saturday night Vigil Mass etc.)
- ◆ Speak with your priest regarding issues such as different Faith or Christian denomination of a party to the marriage.
- ◆ Civil requirements include the taking of a verbal declaration and the completion of the Marriage Registration Form and its return to the Registrar.



*In Christian Marriage -  
our human love becomes a  
sign in the world of  
God's Love.*

## ST. MARY'S PARISH

Thank you for taking the time to read this Information Brochure. Our Parish is committed to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, preaching His message in our community and celebrating His message in all our Parish Liturgies. We invite you to participate as fully as you can in the life of our Faith Community. Our weekly Newsletter details various Parish Liturgies.

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### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

*Catechism of the Catholic Church – Article 1601*

The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptised persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament.

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### GETTING MARRIED IN THE CHURCH

*What is needed?*

The first thing a couple need to do is contact the local parish clergy.

The church where they wish to marry must also be booked.

The Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Forms should be completed, for which the following are required:

- Baptism and confirmation certificates
- Proof of freedom to marry.
- Marriage preparation certificate.
- Permissions and dispensations where applicable.
- If either party has been previously married, it is essential that freedom to marry be established before any marriage arrangements are confirmed.

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES – SLIGO TOWN PARISHES

CHURCH:	VIGIL	8.30	9.30	10.00	10.30	11.00	11.30	12.00 noon	12.15	12.30	7.00
CATHEDRAL	7.30 p.m.	8.30			10.30			12.00 noon			7.00 p.m.
ST. ANNES	7.30 p.m.			10.00						12.30	7.00 p.m.
ST. JOSEPH'S	7.30 p.m.					11.00					7.00 p.m.
DOMINICAN FRIARY	7.30 p.m.		9.30			11.00			12.15		
CARRAROE	7.30 p.m.		9.30				11.30				

### DAILY MASS TIMES – SLIGO TOWN PARISHES

<b>CATHEDRAL:</b>	Monday – Saturday: 8.00 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.	Monday – Saturday: 8.00 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.
	First Fridays:	7.00 p.m.
<b>ST. ANNE'S:</b>	Monday – Friday:	10.00 a.m. 6.15 p.m. Saturday: 10.00 a.m.
<b>ST. JOSEPH'S:</b>	Monday – Saturday:	10.00 a.m.
<b>DOMINICAN FRIARY:</b>	Monday – Saturday:	10.30 a.m. & 1.05 p.m.
<b>CARRAROE:</b>	Monday – Friday:	10.00 a.m.



## SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

For couples wanting to get married in the Church this is also a great opportunity for them to reflect and deepen their commitment to faith in Jesus Christ and to the living out of this faith as part of the faith community we call Church. Weekly attendance at Mass and reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to the Wedding are considered essential to this journey of faith and to the proper Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage.

### PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

It is the policy of the Diocese that all couples preparing for marriage should undertake a Pre-Marriage Course preferably six months or more before the celebration of the Sacrament. A certificate will be issued at the course and your priest will require this when completing Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Forms. The Accord Course and the Redemptorist Course in Athenry are the only Courses approved by this diocese. Their contact details are as follows:

Accord, Charles Street, Sligo Telephone: 071 9145641  
 Website: [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) e-mail: [accordsligo@eircom.net](mailto:accordsligo@eircom.net)  
 Esker Retreat House, Athenry, Co. Galway Tel: 091 844549  
 Website: [www.eskercommunity.net](http://www.eskercommunity.net)

### RITE OF MARRIAGE / READINGS/MARRIAGE BOOKLETS

Couples have a choice regarding the format of this ceremony and the readings from Sacred Scripture for the celebration of the sacrament.

Your priest will be able to assist you and we recommend the following booklets for you to peruse:

The Celebration of Marriage (VERITAS) ISBN0-86217-011-7  
 Readings for your Wedding (VERITAS) ISBN1-85390-253-5  
 Your Wedding - ISBN 978-0-85231-349-7 (Redemptorist Publ.)  
 The Accord website: [www.gettingmarried.ie](http://www.gettingmarried.ie) is also very useful.

### MUSIC FOR WEDDINGS

For the celebration of Marriage, especially when part of a Mass, the Cathedral insist on Church music throughout the Ceremony. A list of appropriate music is available from the Parish Office or the Sacristy and will be forwarded to you when you book your Wedding.

**1664.**Unity, indissolubility and openness to fertility are essential to marriage. Polygamy is incompatible with the unity of marriage; divorce separates what God has joined together; the refusal of fertility turns married life away from its 'supreme gift', the child (GS 50 § 1).

**1665** The remarriage of persons divorced from a living, lawful spouse contravenes the plan and law of God as taught by Christ. They are not separated from the Church, but they cannot receive Eucharistic communion. They will lead Christian lives especially by educating their children in the faith.

**1666** The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called 'the domestic church', a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity.

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## CHECK LIST

### WHAT THE SOLEMNISER NEEDS TO DO:

- \* Make sure he is on the list of Solemnisers.
- \* If he is not on the list he must become a Temporary Solemniser.
- \* Ensure that the couple have received the Marriage Registration Form (MRF) before the wedding takes place.
- \* Check that all details on the MRF are correct/
- \* Make sure that the couple makes the verbal declaration of no civil impediment in the presence of the two witnesses and himself.
- \* Ensure that the MRF is signed by the couple, two witnesses and himself.
- \* Comply with all diocesan regulations regarding the time and place of the marriage.

### WHAT THE PARISH CLERGY NEED TO DO:

- \* Complete the Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Forms in the usual manner.
- \* Inform the couple of the requirements to meet the civil registrar at least 3 months before the wedding to give notice of their intention to marry.
- \* Inform the couple that the priest they have chosen must be on the List of Solemnisers.
- \* Give delegation to the visiting Solemniser.

### WHAT THE COUPLE MUST DO:

- \* Contact the priest chosen to preside at the wedding ceremony (Solemniser)
- \* Meet one of the parish clergy to complete paperwork.
- \* Book the church where they wish to marry.
- \* Attend Pre-Marriage Course.
- \* Meet a civil registrar at least 3 months before the wedding to give notice of their intention to marry.
- \* Receive the Marriage Registration Form (MRF) from the civil registrar.
- \* Bring the MRF to the solemniser.
- \* Make the verbal declaration of no civil impediment not more than 2 days before the wedding.
- \* Return the signed MRF to any civil registrar not later than 1 month after the wedding.



## **CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

### **PARISH CLERGY**

**Most Rev. Christopher Jones,  
D.D., Bishop of Elphin**

**Canon Tom Hever, ADM. &**

**Curates: Rev. Pat Lombard, C.C.**

**Chaplain to the Polish Community:  
Rev. Andrezej Szulczynski**

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### **PARISH ENQUIRIES:**

**St. Mary's Presbytery, Temple Street, Sligo**

**Parish Office: Maura / Amanda – Tel: 071 9162670**

**Parish Website: [www.sligocathedral.ie](http://www.sligocathedral.ie)**

**E-Mail: [sligocath@eircom.net](mailto:sligocath@eircom.net)**

**Elphin Diocesan Website: [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)**

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### **SACRISTY:**

**Betty / Ciaran – Tel: 071 9161261**

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## **WHAT IS CHURCH TEACHING ON THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE?**

***THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
TELLS US THIS.***

### **IN BRIEF**

***1659*** St Paul said: 'Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the Church. This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the Church' (Eph 5:25, 32)

***1660*** The marriage covenant, by which a man and a woman form with each other an intimate communion of life and love, has been founded and endowed with its own special laws by the Creator. By its very nature it is ordered to the good of the couple, as well as to the generation and education of children. Christ the Lord raised marriage between the baptised to the dignity of a sacrament. (cf. CIC, can. 1055 §1; cf. GS 48 § 1).

***1661*** The sacrament of Matrimony signifies the union of Christ and the Church. It gives spouses the grace to love each other with the love with which Christ has loved his Church; the grace of the sacrament thus perfects the human love of the spouses, strengthens their indissoluble unity and sanctifies them on the way to eternal life (cf. Council of Trent: DS 1799).

***1662*** Marriage is based on the consent of the contracting parties, that is, on their will to give themselves, each to the other, mutually and definitively, in order to live a covenant of faithful and fruitful love.

***1663*** Since marriage establishes the couple in a public state of life in the Church, it is fitting that its celebration be public, in the framework of a liturgical celebration, before the priest (or a witness authorised by the Church), the witnesses and the assembly of the faithful.