

GETTING MARRIED

THE ESSENTIAL CHECKLIST

Church Requirements:

- Meet priest in parish of area in which you reside to set a date for the wedding and discuss requirements.
- Set Wedding Date (You must give 3 months' notice – 6 months' if under 18yrs)
- Inform priest of:
 - Name & parish of the priest who will assist at your wedding.
 - Name of church chosen for the ceremony.
- Book the church well in advance.
- Book Pre-Marriage Course 6 months in advance of wedding date.
- Discuss ceremony details with celebrant.
- Choose Readings/Bidding Prayers for the ceremony.

Documents Required:

- A current Baptismal Certificate – written in the last six months.
- A Certificate of Confirmation (may be included in Baptismal Certificate).
- Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Form – available from priest who will complete it with you.
- “*Freedom to Marry*” document. See below or available in Parish Office. (This replaces the requirement for *Letters of Freedom*)
- A Pre-Marriage Course Certificate.
- Any Relevant Dispensation – if prospective spouse is not Roman Catholic or if the marriage is in a non-Catholic church.
- If you want the Pope's Blessing, you will need a letter of recommendation from your priest. The Blessing takes 12 weeks to obtain. A brochure is available from Veritas.
- If you wish to get married in Rome, inform the priest in good time and he will provide further information.

State Requirements:

- Complete Green Form under:
The Family Law Act 1995 – “Changes in Irish Marriage Law”
(Additional requirements for the solemnisation and registration of a valid marriage in accordance with Irish Civil Law).
Must be completed within 3 months of Wedding Date
- Guidance on Marriage Procedures in Northern Ireland can be obtained from:
General Register Office, Belfast – Tel: +44 (0) 4890 252 000 or a Registrar of Marriages in your district.

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Statement Concerning the Freedom to Marry
of

Name: _____

Name of other Party: _____

Date of Marriage: _____

Place of Marriage: _____

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1. Please state your relationship to the bride/groom*: _____

2. To the best of your knowledge has he/she ever been married either religiously or civilly before? _____

(yes/no)

If yes, please give details: _____

3. Do you know any reason which could prevent this marriage taking place? _____

(yes/no)

If yes, please explain: _____

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Name and address of person making statement: _____

_____ Tel: _____

Signature: _____

SEAL Priest Witness: _____

Date & Place: _____

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**To be completed by father, mother, brother or sister of the party in the presence of a priest who will witness his/her signature.*