

Our Lady & St Brendan's Church



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St Brendan's Parish, Tralee.



*Preparing for your
Wedding Ceremony*

Wedding Preparation

Notice to the Priest: At least three months notice of your marriage should be given to the priest in the parish where the bride lives, so that the pre-nuptial enquiry form may be completed with him.

The groom should also give three months notice to the priest in his parish, so that his pre-nuptial enquiry form may be completed with the priest in his parish.

Booking of the Church: If you wish to have your wedding ceremony in *Our Lady & St Brendan's Church* or *Balloonagh Convent Chapel* please contact the Parish Office. When booking the church for your wedding, a fee of €200 is payable to the secretary, to cover the use of the church as well as an offering for the sacristan who will assist at your ceremony.

Notice to the State: The State obliges you to give a minimum of three months notice. To notify the Registrar of your intention to marry, you may book a Marriage Notification appointment at www.crsappointments.ie or contact; Civil Registration Service, St Joseph's Rd., Killarney (064) 6632251. For further information visit www.civilregistrationservice.ie

Pre-Marriage Course: An ACCORD pre-marriage course should be completed as part of the marriage preparation. In Tralee, pre-marriage courses may be arranged through ACCORD, tel. 066-7122280 or ACCORD.ie. You may attend ACCORD courses in other venues. Early booking is essential. It is advisable to have completed the pre-marriage course six months before your wedding ceremony.

Certificates: Baptismal and Confirmation Certificates are required to complete your pre-nuptial enquiry form. The Baptismal Cert should be issued within 6 months of your wedding ceremony.

Letter of Freedom: This indicates that you are free to marry. It is necessary to obtain such a letter if either of you have previously lived in another parish for six months or more. Discuss this with your priest.



Music: There is a good variety of suitable music and hymns to enhance your wedding ceremony. The celebrant for your wedding ceremony should be consulted about your choice of music.

Liturgy: The wedding ceremony should be prepared by the couple, with the priest who will celebrate the wedding. Family members and friends usually participate in the liturgy, (Readings, Prayers of the Faithful and Offertory Procession). Those taking part are encouraged to attend the rehearsal.

Flowers: Flowers should be arranged in consultation with the sacristan. We request that confetti is not scattered in the immediate vicinity of the church. While flowers on pedestals along the main aisle can look nice they usually affect the view of the sanctuary for the guests.

Candles: Candles can add to the church atmosphere. However consideration needs to be given to the safety of guests at all times. Candles should be used in the sanctuary only and are not allowed in the seated area of the church.

Papal Blessing: The order form for Papal Blessings may be obtained from the Parish Office. Couples can order the Papal Blessing from Veritas, Dublin or The Friary Book Shop, Killarney.

Offering for the Priest: The wedding offering is part of the priest's income. The amount of the offering to the priest is at your own discretion. The priest who will celebrate the wedding ceremony will also help with the preparation including the booklet and rehearsal.

Out of consideration for all, the ceremony should begin on time.

