



# Why Get Married in Church ?

Many people get married in Church because they want to recognise that marriage is a gift from God. When two people exchange their marriage vows in the presence of the Church, they are not simply "joined together" in the married state, but God gives them a special grace to support each other in their union. Because of this, marriage becomes a sacrament of God, and as such cannot be broken by human means. Jesus said himself, *that which God has joined, let not man divide.*

Marriage is a lifelong commitment to each other and to God. It is not to be embarked upon without serious thought, because when you get married, there are a lot of sacrifices to be made, but many blessings also to be received!

## Marriage Preparation Course

**We organise a Marriage Preparation Course each year which is run by people from Marriage Care - a Catholic organisation which promotes marriage and family life. The course runs at various times during the year and is compulsory for all people being married in the Cathedral or St Augustine's, unless some other arrangements are made in consultation with the Clergy.**

**A fee for this course is payable directly to Marriage Care.**

## The Sacrament of Marriage



Marriage between the Baptised is a Sacrament, a sign of the Covenant of love between God and His people. By the solemn vows a couple confer this Sacrament and God gives them the Grace to be faithful to the promises they have made.



## Marriage is a vocation

Marriage is a specific way of living out the Christian faith. Through their faithful love and through the generous living of Christian family life husband and wife witness to their faith and help to strengthen and build up God's family, the Church.

**Marriage is not a private matter and it is a sign to the world of God's presence with us**



## The Practicalities of Marriage

The rehearsal will take place within a fortnight prior to the wedding. The people who should attend the rehearsal are the bride and groom, the best man and head bridesmaid and those who will be taking an active part in the Wedding Service (i.e. readers etc.).

***By the time of the rehearsal it is imperative that the Marriage Licences from the Registrar be ready and already have been presented to the priests.***

***All fees for the marriage are due in full three months before the wedding takes place.***

A practical point for those marrying at The Cathedral! The bride will enter through the Derby Road side of the Cathedral and leave through the garden side. Wedding cars may wait in the Cathedral Yard (but drivers must remain with the vehicles to prevent anyone from being blocked in!)



## Marriage fees 2018

Weddings at the Cathedral £415.00, £300.00 to Cathedral Funds, £75.00 as a stole fee, and £40.00 Registrar Fee. Weddings taking place at St Augustine's will be £220.00

Preparation of couples marrying elsewhere £75.

For non-Cathedral member of the Clergy officiating at the Wedding there will be a charge of £300.00 towards Cathedral Funds and £40.00 Registrar Fee.

**~ Please note ~**

**fees are subject to change.**

If for any reason money is a major problem, this will be renegotiated to meet your needs.